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Unkempt hotel irks officials



BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The former Plymouth Radisson Hotel, now vacant, is not being maintained as it should be by owner Col-

umbia Sussex Corp., Plymouth Township officials say.

The township in January filed suit in Wayne County Circuit Court to get the hotel owner to provide better up-

keep on the hotel on Northville Road south of Five Mile.

A settlement conference on the suit is scheduled for Dec. 9.

"We went to court asking that they make the fire suppression system be made operational and in order to do that they had to repair some pipes and put some minimal heat on," said township attorney Tim Cronin.

"They were also required to make the building secure, and maintain

some type of security guard," Cronin said, adding the guard would be asked to monitor the building occasionally.

The township government also maintained the situation was detrimental to the health, welfare and safety of the community.

"We had complaints of youngsters getting in the building and they were

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Festive decorations



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth color: *David Zeese of Frankenmuth puts the finishing touches on a Christmas tree at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The tree was originally created for Zehnder's and will be on display at the museum through Christmas. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.*

Parking program takes off

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Those who work downtown take up too many prime parking spaces near downtown businesses, the city's Downtown Development Authority says.

So to create more parking near downtown stores, the DDA is starting a pilot program to get business employees and owners to park in a lot off Penniman Avenue, instead of street parking spaces near Penniman stores.

DDA representatives asked the city commission on Monday to support the effort by allowing creation of a DDA committee that would set policy on employee parking.

Mayor Doug Miller said commissioners agreed to the DDA request to remove 16 parking meters in that Penniman Avenue lot, "so those spaces can be designated employee parking," he said.

The DDA could issue permits for employees to use spots in the Penniman lot, according to the plan. The DDA also plans to publicize the program, to get employees and owners to comply.

The DDA parking committee will include a city commissioner, Miller said.

The committee will also set parking fees, which will be brought before the city commission for final approval.

Penniman Avenue was chosen as the street to begin the employee parking plan. "Their (DDA) studies show Penniman is one area of the city where parking is used on a regular basis for long-term parking," Miller said.

According to a DDA parking study, workers employed by the more than 100 businesses downtown "occupy a significant portion of the available parking spaces within the downtown district."

Ninety-six percent of the businesses responded to a survey showing "that as many as 1,000 employee cars would utilize private and public parking spaces" downtown, the draft stated.

MEAP 'coaching' concerns parents

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Scores on the standardized MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) test are up across the board in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools this year, but at too high a price, according to some parents, teachers and administrators.

At the school board's public hearing Monday, parent Bea Cline com-

plained that her daughter's class didn't begin its 1993-94 curriculum until October because weeks at West Middle School were spent reviewing for the math and reading MEAP tests.

MEAP coaching, as some call it, took place in schools throughout the district. Some elementary teachers complained there was no aide or substitute teaching time available, be-

cause all resources were devoted to preparation for the MEAP.

"I was furious," Cline said. "I thought the whole purpose of the MEAP was to show what students have learned up to this point. You spend all this time reviewing these grand totals. My daughter is an A student, and I can tell you she wouldn't have passed the MEAP without this review."

Cline's daughter, Danyell, said her school's entire schedule was switched to accommodate MEAP review. "We spent an hour on math and an hour on reading three or four times a week," she said. Danyell said students were given "pre-tests" with problems similar to those on the MEAP.

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Comedian's humor comes right from the heart

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Comedian Joel Zimmer of Plymouth will likely recall his childhood when he takes the stage Monday, Dec. 6, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle.

He's one of the featured performers in the benefit for the Epilepsy Center of Michigan. As a child, Zimmer had three epileptic seizures.

Medication brought the seizures under control, and Zimmer took his last dose of medication at age 14. He can find humor in the situation.

"When I had my first seizure, my dad put his fingers in my mouth and discovered I was teething," he said.

Zimmer is part of "The First Annual Laugh Revue" that benefits the Epilepsy Center. A pre-show reception is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and show time is 8:30 at the Royal Oak club.

"I was always interested in comedy, for example in junior high I joined the Columbia record and tape thing, you know you get six tapes for a penny or something, and five were comedy tapes — Bill Cosby and Rich Little," Zimmer said.

While a student at the University of Michigan, he saw touring comedians at the Main Street Comedy Showcase, and at a U-M club where young comedians performed.

"I did some warm-up, and comics who were more established took me to clubs, it kind of

snow-balled from there," he said.

On his style, Zimmer said, "It's mostly observational comedy, I do some impressions — the Art Van salesman, Casey Kasem."

In October, he quit his day job at U-M Hospital — he was a pre-med student — and began touring. "An agency recently picked me up out of Boston that books a lot of colleges," Zimmer said.

He played this past weekend at "Chaps" in Kalamazoo, and has played at other colleges in the Midwest. Following the benefit on Monday, he performs at an East Lansing club Dec. 8-11.

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Greens for sale



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Holiday spirit: Jane Kovacs carries a Christmas wreath as she and other members of the Plymouth Garden Club ready greens for the annual Greens Mart Sale, to be held 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth.

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unsupervised," Cronin said, adding a minor fire had occurred at the hotel.

The court has issued a preliminary injunction ordering Columbia Sussex to repair the fire suppression system and to provide monitoring by a security guard.

"The question is whether it's going to be permanent," Cronin said.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said there have been inquiries to the township of fines regarding the property, "but there haven't been any proposals."

There are two possible roadblocks to someone seeking to develop the property. First, Columbia Sussex owes the township more than \$60,000 in water fees, \$390,000 in property taxes and \$86,000 in taxes on equipment — costs a buyer might be asked to assume.

Second, Columbia Sussex and property mortgage holder Prudential Insurance Corp. of Chicago, Ill., are at odds over who is responsible for those payments.

Spokespeople representing the two companies have in the past declined to comment on the situation regarding the hotel. They were unavailable for comment Monday or Tuesday.

The hotel has one of the largest ballrooms in the state and 195 sleeping rooms.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hotel troubles: The vacant Radisson Hotel is not being maintained, Plymouth Township officials say. The township has filed suit in Wayne County Circuit Court to get the hotel owner to provide better upkeep.

A Plymouth developer last year announced plans to convert the building to senior citizen housing, but he abandoned the plan several months later due to a lack of investors.

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and Dec. 30 to Jan. 1 at the Main Street Comedy Club in Ann Arbor.

To come up with new material, Zimmer said he brainstormed while working at his home computer terminal. "Anything can be made into a joke if you have the right angle on it," he said.

"I usually try to write four or five times a week, specifically for new material."

Zimmer has also been seeking some work doing commercial voiceovers.

The Epilepsy Center of Michi-

gan reports that epilepsy affects more than 90,000 people in Michigan. With daily medication, many can live free of seizures.

For ticket reservations, call the center at 351-7979.

Performing: Plymouth comedian Joel Zimmer will perform at a benefit for the Epilepsy Center of Michigan Monday, Dec. 6, in Royal Oak.



CSX cited for blocking traffic

CSX Transportation was cited three times for delaying traffic Monday in Plymouth. The first train obstructed motorists 10:48-10:55 a.m. at the Ann Arbor Trail crossing. The second blocked traffic at the Farmer Street crossing 7:50-7:56 p.m. The third obstructed traffic at the Ann Arbor Trail crossing 10:49-10:55 p.m.

Money stolen
A 28-year-old Livonia man told

Plymouth police that while he was playing hockey at the Plymouth Cultural Center Sunday night, someone entered the locker room and stole his Christian Dior wallet containing \$40 in cash and credit cards. He doesn't suspect any of his teammates.

The victim, a Food Emporium employee, said an Over-30 hockey game was ending as his team took

the ice. A second hockey player, an unemployed Livonia man, 24, said he found money missing as well. He had 35 \$1 bills rolled up and tucked in his pants. Police advised the victims to call if they changed their minds about their teammates.

The thefts took place sometime after 11 p.m.

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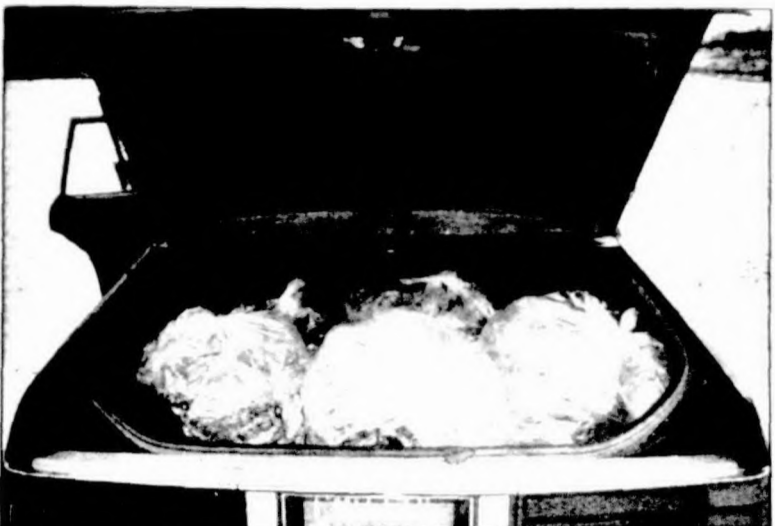
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Officer watch: Police officers watch as marijuana burns.



Trunk load: Marijuana and other substances confiscated by Plymouth Township police since 1988 were burned.



Pot smoke: The marijuana burn was a well-guarded affair.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESNAHAN

Pot goes up in smoke

A burn of marijuana and other illegal substances confiscated by Plymouth Township police over a three-year period took place Tuesday behind the township Department of Public Works building.

Officer Eric Mayernik said 140 pounds of marijuana, cocaine, heroin and LSD with an estimated street value of \$300,000 was burned in the 10 a.m. operation.

"It was collected between 1988 and '91," Mayernik said, and stored at the township police station.

A police cruiser with its trunk and back seat stuffed with eight large plastic bags filled with the

illegal substances — mainly marijuana — pulled up as a township firefighter set up wood pallets on the snow-covered gravel about 100 yards behind the DPW building.

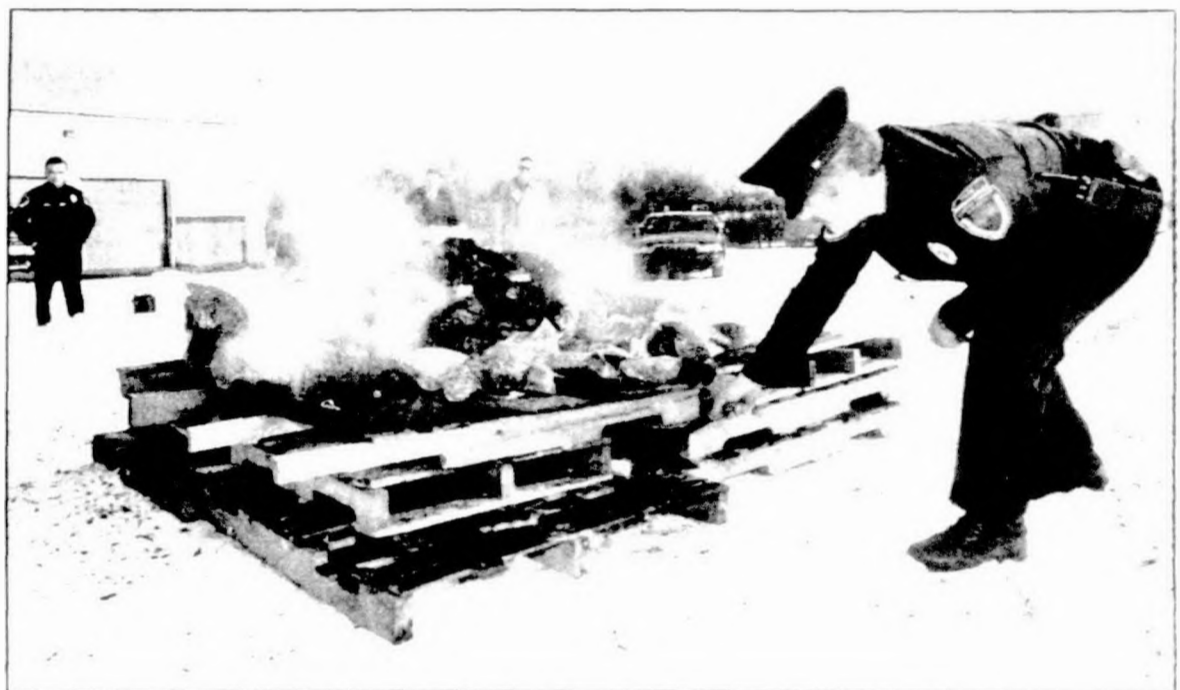
Mayernik slit open the bags and emptied the material in a three-foot-high pile on top of the pallets. Next, a firefighter emptied a can of diesel fuel on top.

The pile was then lit with two police flares.

Fed by air coming up from underneath the pallets, the fire burned quickly. About 10 officers, firefighters and DPW workers gathered to watch as the pile was reduced to ashes in about 15 minutes.



Rake time: Firefighter Charles Mann pokes at what's left.



Pot burn: Firefighter Paul Rainey pours diesel fuel on the marijuana.

Yule Cheer Club donors display spirit of season

We can't exactly say that the donations are rolling in to our Plymouth and Canton Observer Christmas Cheer Club.

But the pile of gifts you've donated so far is growing.

Most recent contributors to the Cheer Club are Tom and Barbara Tucker of Plymouth, Rosita Smith of Plymouth, Stephanie LaGosh of Plymouth, Cathy Rakoz of Plymouth, Ed Andryziak of Plymouth and Andy and Sarah Stolaruk of Plymouth.

This is our third year for the Christmas Cheer Club.

We're asking folks to donate new, unwrapped toys and canned and boxed food by bringing it by the Observer office at 744 Wing in Plymouth.

Then, about a week before Christmas, the Plymouth Salvation Army will bring the van by and collect your donations for distribution to needy kids and families in Plymouth and Canton.

We know the holidays are a busy time. Still, we hope you can find a few minutes to pick up an item and drop it by our office just east of Main and south of Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.



Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus

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- To donate to the Cheer Club drop off your donation at our office at 744 Wing St., Plymouth. Our business hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We accept new, unwrapped toys and canned or boxed food. We will not accept cash or checks. Also, neither new or used clothing will be accepted. For more information, call us at 459-2700.

We like to take down the names of Christmas Cheer Club donors and print them in the paper. Of course, anonymous donations are

most welcome. So please keep our Christmas Cheer Club in mind. And Merry Christmas!

Second Marine Division on the lookout for members

A concerted search is on for former marines who have served with or been attached to the Second Marine Division, the division famous for its participation in historically significant engagements such as Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, Cuban crisis, Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Desert Shield and more recently, Somalia.

The Second Marine Division Association is conducting a search for participants in the above, plus those who served with the division or were attached to the division, at any time, or are currently in the Corps.

The association is not only a social organization, where old friendships are renewed, but has a successful scholarship program, assisting the dependents of both

active and former Marines of the Second Marine Division.

The association has a current membership of more than 8,000. Annual reunions are held, the 1994 reunion being in Valley Forge, Pa., in September.

For additional information, contact Carl Wiegel, 217 Audubon Street, No. 1204, Hot Springs, Ariz. 71913-6011. Phone, (501) 623-3823.

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LIBRARY WATCH

A variety of services/activities are offered at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. These include:

■ Youth department
Mr. Wizard and his staff will investigate the science of energy. Children in first through eighth grades are invited to join the staff of Mr. Wizard Studios in the program "Everyday Energy in Action" 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10. For more information, call 453-0750.

A special collection of Christmas books are now on limited loan, two books per library card for one week. These books are located in the Youth area.

■ Best Seller List
Books available on the best seller list are "Nightmares and Dreamscapes" by Stephen King; "Sacred Clowns" by Tony Hillerman; "Without Remorse" by Tom Clancy; "The Scorpio Illusion" by Robert Ludlum; "Honor Among Thieves" by Jeffrey Archer; "Charms For the Easy Life" by Kaye Gibbons; "Seinlanguage" by

Jerry Seinfeld; "Reengineering the Corporation" by Michael Hammer and James Champy; "The Last Brother" by Joe McGinniss; and "Listening to Prozac" by Peter D. Kramer. Add your name to the reserve list or use the book rental collection.

■ Literary Groups Meeting
The Writer's Club will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the second floor meeting room. For more information, call Brian Anderson at 416-0418.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, the Contemporary Books discussion group will discuss "The Bridges of Madison County" by Robert Waller. The book tells the story of the effect of a middle-aged Iowa farm wife's four-day affair with a wandering photographer.

A Great Books discussion group is currently meeting every other Monday. If you wish to join this group, call Karen Barrie at 453-2454.

■ Board Meeting
The Plymouth District Library

Board will hold its regular scheduled monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, upstairs at the library. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to attend this meeting should contact the library at 453-0750 (voice) or 453-6712 (TDD) if auxiliary aids or services are needed. Advance notice is required.

■ Holiday Hints
A large number of cards are on display at the library. Many local and national nonprofit organizations have provided samples of their cards. Some order blanks will need to be copied.

Remember to use the library's collection of Consumer Reports to select the perfect holiday gift.

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■ Community Literacy Council
To improve your reading skills or help others learn to read, call 451-6555.

Whodunit?

Lowell students solve mystery

Did the butler really do it? That's what seventh- and eighth-grade students from Lowell Middle School had to determine recently while participating in a "How to Solve a Mystery?" game.

The program was designed to encourage the use of problem-solving skills, critical listening skills, critical thinking skills, and questioning strategies.

"The purpose of this activity was to teach students how to gather data, organize it and draw conclusions based on their research," said Patricia Patton, Lowell Middle School principal.

Coordinated by Sue Evans, eighth-grade teacher, and Dan Carr, seventh-grade teacher, this experience gave students an opportunity to work cooperatively in groups. To bring the game to life for students, Evans dressed as "Inspector Lowell" and Carr dressed as "Lieutenant Carr."

To support this activity, par-

ents, family members and other volunteers donated their time to serve as the suspects in this learning game. Volunteers were Colleen Brown, Becky Copenhaver, Dave Molnar, Rita Morse, Yvonne Mroz, Karen Stafford, Kris Stewart and Karen Tripp-Oppl.

During four 15-minute rounds, students questioned each suspect to gather the necessary information to make their decisions. After each round of questioning, students met in groups to organize and plan strategies to help determine "who did it?"

MEAP from page 1A

George Belvitch, principal at Isbister Elementary, said his own child was involved for a number of weeks in MEAP review and "I questioned that, too," he said. "The MEAP has become a high stakes test. It's encouraging to me to hear there may not be a MEAP in the near future, simply because it's a political football."

"Children are used to indicate whether a school is a quality school," he said. "There is much more to school for children than MEAP tests. We need to focus on many of the other things so teachers and administrators can relax a

little at the beginning of the school year and not spend hours, days and weeks preparing 8- and 9-year-olds for tests.

"It's wrong to do that to children and to put professional educators through that. We don't want to hear the words 'high stakes test' from the board any more."

Judy Ireson, principal at Eriksen Elementary in Canton, said a maximum of four weeks is spent at her school reviewing MEAP material.

Administrative intern and elementary school principal Becky

Moore said the district's format "reviews what children have learned in kindergarten through third grade, plus test taking strategies."

"The intent is basically to see

what knowledge kids do have. I think some of the instruction that comes from the state is review. It's my understanding," said Superintendent John Hoben, "that the MEAP is going out" and will be replaced by proficiency tests."

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Angela Hospice open house will showcase new facility

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Sister Mary Giovanni Monge helps terminally ill patients participate in their last joys of life.

Now Monge, founder and president of Angela Hospice Home Care Inc., is celebrating the opening of a new facility at 14100 Newburgh. The center's previous location was 36995 Five Mile Road.

"It's the first-of-its-kind in Michigan, a free-standing facility built specifically for hospice patients," Monge said.

The new center was officially dedicated on Nov. 21. A public open house is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Sunday.

"Within a day or even an hour's worth of care, the patient and caregiver may go through a lifetime of emotions," Monge said. "For the patient, it may be the joy of simply knowing the love of family or the feeling of a gentle caress as they drift asleep. For the family or caregiver, it may be the joy of a late night conversation with the loved one about memories long forgotten or a simple squeeze of the hand to ensure them that the care they are providing is sweetly embraced."

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■ Sister Mary Giovanni Monge founded Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. in 1985, under the sponsorship of the Felician Sisters of the Presentation Province. She invites area residents to tour the new facility at an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday.

nar given by Dr. Cicely Saunders, founder of the hospice movement in England, Monge realized that southeast Michigan was lacking in services to care for the terminally ill without taxing monetary resources and insurance.

After 11 years of research and participation, Monge founded Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. in 1985, under the sponsorship of the Felician Sisters of the Presentation Province.

The number of patients grew from 20 in 1986 to 158 in 1992. This year more than 200 patients and families have received Angela Hospice Care, said Tracy Schroen, hospice director of public relations.

Some 850 people have been served. Some 50-60 patients are served daily in their homes now.

The facility will begin accepting in-house patients after Jan. 1.

Monge was born Patricia Ann Monge in 1944. She was the third of 12 children — four girls and eight boys.

Her parents live in St. Damian's parish, Westland. She attended all eight years of elementary school at St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia. She

attended high school at the Felician Academy in Detroit.

By the eighth grade, Monge chose a religious career. She was especially buoyed when she learned she could be both a nurse and a nun at the same time.

"I felt like I was in heaven," Monge said.

She entered the postulancy June 13, 1963, 10 days after her namesake, Pope John XXIII died. She made her final vows on Aug. 8, 1970.

Most of her 25 years in religious life were spent at the Motherhouse in Livonia, working as nurse's aide and director of nursing in the infirmary.

Monge earned her associate's degree in nursing from Schoolcraft College in 1974, bachelor of arts in gerontology from Madonna College in 1977, bachelor of nursing in 1981 and master of science in administration in 1985 from Madonna College.

For five years, she was a member of the nursing faculty at what is now Madonna University, a member of St. Mary's Hospital nursing staff for one year and she taught hospice education for two years.

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Deer-car crashes on the rise

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Deer-auto collisions are on the increase in the area, and that's no accident, contends The Fund for Animals Inc.

The Fund for Animals is a national animal protection organization based in Silver Spring, Md.

"It's no accident that the state with the largest number of hunters in the country also has one of the largest deer populations," said Wayne Pacelle, national Fund director. "The Department of Natural Resources, responding to pressure from the hunting community, has deliberately managed the deer population to create more targets for hunters."

"The DNR and the Natural Resources Commission — which are dominated by hunters — have approved practices, including habitat manipulation, baiting, buck hunting and predator killing, to inflate deer densities throughout Michigan during the past 25 years," he said.

DNR wildlife officials were unavailable for comment.

Deer-related auto accidents have increased by 127 percent since 1981, according to the Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan, Pacelle said.

In Canton, deer-auto collisions are on the increase, said Canton police Lt. William Lenaghan. "Normally, we have a dozen. With the amount of building — we have 32 new subdivisions going in — we're now somewhere around 35. It's up because the construction is starting to move the herds that were under deep cover more toward the highways," said Lenaghan, who has been in three deer-auto accidents and near-accidents up north.

A year ago on the Fourth of July, a deer crashed through the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. Other than that, there've been very few deer-related accidents in Plymouth, said Officer Richard Webster. "But once you get off of Sheldon Road where the Ford plant is, there still are some undeveloped areas and industrial parks. That's where they come through. They're used to traveling that way and have habitats off North Territorial Road. With all the developing, they have to go somewhere."

So far this year in Northville Township, there've been 24 carnal accidents, most of them involving deer.

Plymouth Township Sgt. Robert Smith said while statistics weren't readily available, deer-

auto accidents seem to be seasonal, which concurs with The Fund for Animals research which shows November is the peak month for deer-auto accidents.

"I'd say they occur almost exclusively west of Sheldon," Smith said. "Deer have been seen, though, near Haggerty. It all depends on where they want to go for cover."

Groups like The Fund for Animals "want to ban hunting altogether and leave the herd the way it is. These types of things come up every year during hunting season," added Smith. "Anti-hunting groups surface during heavy hunting season, which starts around September for small game and goes on into the winter months. I'm not a deer hunter myself, but I don't harbor any ill feelings toward hunters."

The Fund for Animals is critical of the DNR's deer range improvement program.

"For 23 years, the DNR has implemented a deer range improvement program designed to create ideal deer habitats throughout the state. The state has spent more than \$25 million to convert more than one million acres of land into prime deer habitat. The stated goal was to more than double the size of the state's deer

population," says Pacelle.

The Fund also takes issue with baiting. "Michigan is one of a handful of states throughout the U.S. to sanction the unsporting practice of deer baiting, where hunters place unlimited quantities of food in the woods to attract and shoot deer while they are feeding," he said.

Buck hunting contributes to the problem, he added. "Though the DNR is now issuing more doe permits, it has encouraged, and continues to encourage, the killing of male deer. This has radically skewed the natural sex ratios of deer populations throughout Michigan. By increasing the proportion of females in a population, the reproductive potential of a population is substantially increased."

Last year, added Pacelle, the Natural Resources Commission approved unlimited statewide hunting of coyotes. Coyotes prey on deer, especially fawns, and any reduction in the coyote population increases deer survival.

The Fund warns drivers to be careful because the activities of more than 742,000 hunters "panic and drive deer and cause them to cross roadways. Because of hunting activity, this is the peak time for deer-auto collisions."

Charges sought in radio theft

Management at Johnson Controls, 49200 Halyard in Plymouth Township, plans to seek charges against two men suspected of taking a car radio from a car parked at the firm's parking lot Monday.

According to the report filed by township police, an employee found the items were missing from his car at 5:30 a.m. Police followed footprints in the snow from the crime scene to a home in the nearby Plymouth Hills Trailer Park, the report said.

There, police confronted two suspects who had the equipment.

While the car owner didn't want to press charges upon getting the missing items back, Johnson Controls management told police they would seek to press charges against the two men, who allegedly were trespassing.

The suspects are a Plymouth man, 20, and a Garden City man, 18, the report stated.

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Readers' questions answered on school finance

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Answers to readers' questions about the latest public school finance plan by the House bipartisan team:

Q. Would home sales still be taxed?

A. Yes. For years the tax has been \$1.10 per \$1,000 of value. The tax got attention when, on Oct. 5, Gov. John Engler proposed to raise it to \$40. The House team of 14 proposes to raise it by \$10 to \$11.10.

Q. As a parent, I'm concerned about restoring funding per-pupil. How much will the property tax change in my district?

A. Under the House team plan, all 562 school districts would be able to levy 16 mills on homestead property or face a cutoff of state aid.

The caller lives in one of 35 relatively wealthy districts that would have to levy additional millage to restore current funding. Most are in southern Oakland County or on Great Lakes shorelines. Their funding wouldn't be fully restored unless voters agreed to the additional millages. Here are the data:

In the Observer & Eccentric area of Oakland County:

■ Avondale — now levies 32.35 mills, would be cut to 16 mills, would be allowed to seek 0.81 voted for a total of 16.81 — a net property tax cut of 15.54 mills.

■ Birmingham — now levies 27.75 mills, would be cut to 16, would be allowed to seek voter approval for 9.02 for a total of 25.02 — a net cut of 2.73 mills.

■ Bloomfield Hills — now levies 24.40, would be cut to 16, would be allowed to seek 5.93 for a total of 21.93 — a net cut of 2.47.

■ Farmington — now levies 32.77, would be cut to 16, would be allowed to seek 9.1 for a total of 25.1 — a net cut of 7.67.

■ Southfield — now levies 34.5, would be cut to 16, would be allowed to seek voter approval for 11.13 mills for a total of 27.13 — a net cut of 7.37 mills. Southfield's voted rate would be highest in the state.

■ Troy — now levies 31.06, would be cut to 16, would be allowed to seek 4.87 for a total of 20.87 — a net cut of 10.19.

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Northville would be allowed to levy extra millage. Northville now levies 29.49, would be cut to 16, would be allowed to seek 0.19 for a total of 16.19 — a net cut of 13.3.

Q. Why do renters receive a \$40 million income tax break under this plan?

A. House Taxation Committee co-chair Willis Bullard Jr., R-Milford, replied:

Nobody believes landlords will reduce rent when their property taxes are cut. Under the homestead credit portion of the income tax, 17 percent of rent is deemed to be the renters' share of property tax.

The cut is designed to give renters a break and is expected to induce renters to support whatever constitutional amendment might be placed on the ballot.

At this writing, the bill containing the renter benefit had not

been drafted.

Q. Is the homestead credit left intact?

A. Yes, but it will be reduced because property taxes will be reduced. Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, said the cost of rebates to the state will plummet from the current \$800 million to \$80 million.

The homestead credit — alias the "circuit breaker" — is a state income tax rebate you get when

your homestead property taxes exceed 3.5 percent of income. For senior citizens, the rebate is 100 percent of the excess; for others, 60 percent.

Q. Will pensions of retired governmental workers be taxed?

A. Not under this proposal, said Bullard. Engler's proposal would have required a tax after Jan. 1, 1994, but "we can't get it out of committee. Democrats won't give it a single vote."

He added: "My pension, the governor's pension and teachers' pensions are not taxed. It's not fair."

Q. Under the House team proposal, districts that spend

\$5,000 to \$6,500 would get a 3-percent increase in the 1994-95 school year. Three percent of what — of spending or revenue? Around here (Livingston County), many districts dipped into their fund balances (bank accounts) to balance their budgets this year. So their spending is higher than their revenue.

A. Bullard says there has been a lot of argument on this point, but so far the prevailing view is that it should be a percentage of revenue.

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OBITUARIES

SALLY A. PELADEAU

Services for Sally A. Peladeau, 52, of Garden City were Monday, Nov. 15, at St. Raphael Catholic Church, Garden City. She was born Aug. 18, 1941, in Hamtramck. She died Saturday, Nov. 13, in Livonia. She was employed for 15 years with Canton Township as a building clerk. She was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband, Henry J. Peladeau of Garden City; one son, Mark C. Peladeau of Garden City; one daughter, Marlene M. Peladeau of Garden City; one sister, Patricia A. Ousoren of Harrison Township; and her mother, Eugenia Makarewicz of Mt. Clemens. The Rev. Edward Prus officiated. Memorial contributions may be given in the form of Mass offerings. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth.

MARILYN B. KELLY

Services for Marilyn B. Kelly, 63, of Plymouth were Friday, Nov. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery. She was born Feb. 11, 1930, in Detroit. She died Monday, Nov. 15, in Palm Beach, Fla. She came to the Plymouth community in 1957 from Redford Township. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She was a former member of the Plymouth Garden Club. She was a homemaker and enjoyed bowling and golfing. She is survived by her husband, John G. Kelly of Plymouth; one son, John R. Kelly of Novi; one daughter, Lisa Nicol of Novi; five grandchildren; and one sister, Patricia Shanahan of Hartland. The Rev. John Sullivan officiated. Memorial contributions may be given for audio tapes for the Plymouth District Library.

DORIS O. KEITH

Services for Doris O. Keith, 90, of Westland were Saturday, Nov. 20, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was in Southfield Cemetery. She was born Sept. 20, 1903, in Sunfield. She died Wednesday, Nov. 17, in Westland. She came to the Westland community in

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1980 from Detroit. She was a homemaker and member of Redford Evangelical Lutheran Church. She is survived by one son, William H. Keith of Canton; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. The Rev. Jack R. Williams officiated. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of choice.

LEAH M. COREY

Services for Leah M. Corey, 78, of Plymouth were Monday, Nov. 22, at Lynch Funeral Home, Horseheads, N.Y. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Horseheads. She was born Aug. 16, 1915, in Elmira, N.Y. She died Thursday, Nov. 18, in Ann Arbor. She came to the Plymouth community 1 1/2 years ago from Milford. She formerly lived in Elmira Heights, N.Y. She was a homemaker and retired seamstress. She is survived by one daughter, Barbara Bergin of Livonia; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Lawrence Kniffin of Glendora, N.J.; and one sister, Rosemarie Skoglund of Bensalem, Pa. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of choice. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

LUCILLE M. MCKELVEY

Services for Lucille M. McKelvey, 82, of Chelsea were Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Vermeulen Funeral Home. Burial was in Denton Cemetery, VanBuren Township. She was born Nov. 30, 1910, in Albion. She died Thursday, Nov. 25, in Chelsea. She was a homemaker. She is survived by two sons, Robert P. McKelvey of Tempe, Ariz. and Clark McKelvey of Plymouth; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and one sister, Irene Weeks of Chelsea. The Rev. Ralph Janka of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and Dr. Frederick Vosburg officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to

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MARIE J. ESSER

Services for Marie J. Esser, 83, of Novi were Saturday, Nov. 27, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Burial was in Michigan Memorial, Flat Rock. She was born Sept. 3, 1910, in Pittsburgh, Pa. She died Thursday, Nov. 25, in Novi. She came to the Canton community in 1985 from Taylor. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Alfred Catholic Church in Taylor. She was a member of the 3rd Order of Francis and was a Eucharist minister.

She is survived by three daughters, Marie T. Hoffman of Canton, Anne E. Brzezinski of Taylor and Eileen C. Gilkas of Northville; four sons, Tony J. Esser of Canton, Paul F. Esser of Northville, John R. Esser of Canton and David V. Esser of Canton and 18 grandchildren.

The Rev. Richard Perfetto officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimer's Detroit Chapter. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

GERTRUDE S. DEETZ

Services for Gertrude S. Deetz, 70, of Plymouth were Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. She was born March 17, 1923, in Stockholm, Sweden. She died Monday, Nov. 22, in Livonia. She came to the Plymouth community in 1968 from Ann Arbor. She was a member of the Swedish Club, the Plymouth Puppeteers of America, and the Detroit Puppet Club. She was a volunteer at the University of Michigan Hospital. She was a commercial artist at Ford Motor Co. She did puppet shows in the Plymouth area. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Ralph A. Deetz of Plymouth; one stepson, William Deetz of Minnesota; one sister; three grandchildren; and her father, Augusta Seabery of Sweden. The Rev. Dan Warren officiated. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of choice.

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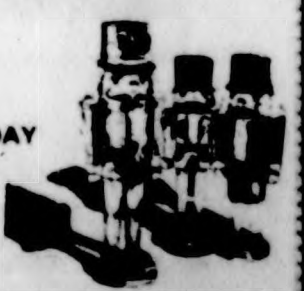
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Teacher health care debated in Lansing

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Backers of the Michigan Education Association say its health insurance operation is superior to commercial insurers'.

Battleground is a state Senate panel considering bills requiring school districts to buy health insurance on the basis of competitive bids. The bills, by Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, are aimed at breaking up the alleged monopoly of MESSA (Michigan Education Special Services Association).

"Commercial carriers would skim the good risks and leave us the bad risks," said Dale Robertson, a lobbyist for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which is allied with MEA against the bills.

"Our competitors compete by avoiding risks. They cherry pick. But this puts us (MESSA and Blues) at a competitive disadvantage because we cover a lot of groups. It's spread across geography."

GOP determined

But Welborn and Sen. Gil DiNello, R-Macomb County, seem determined to push the bills as a method of cutting school costs, an idea supported by Gov. John Engler. Sen. William Faust, D-Westland, is a member of the subcommittee but has missed both sessions.

It works like this: MEA units bargain with school districts, not only for health care benefits but over who will be the third party administrator. MEA's choice is MESSA, its own subsidiary. Although school districts pay the premiums, MESSA handles the money and is the policyholder.

MESSA buys mostly from the Blues, a non-profit corporation not covered by state insurance laws. About two-thirds of Michigan public school employees are covered by MESSA health care contracts.

The Blues and MEA oppose Welborn's bill to make them re-

veal their loss experience, including claims exceeding \$5,000.

MESSA refuses to release its loss experience by school district, as Robertson said, because it calculates on the basis of broad geographic regions, not bargaining units, and covers everyone.

As Blues vice president Paul Austin explained: "In health care, if you can eliminate 3 percent of the high risks, you can lower the cost (premium) by 50 percent. . . We don't differentiate between good and bad risks. . . MESSA doesn't experience rate (individual districts). It spreads the risk over a larger pool."

"We don't vary rates by age and gender. We take all comers," added Blues vice president Bob Kasperek.

'7 weaklings'

DiNello, the former Democrat who now battles with organized labor, said many elected school boards are composed of "seven weaklings who don't have the guts to stand up to the MEA."

Kevin Harty, a Lansing attorney for school boards, said "not many" MEA units have struck over the MESSA, but there have been teacher "slowdowns" during bargaining in support of MESSA. Harty said MEA has been unable to motivate its members with any other issue as much as MESSA.

Asked if Welborn if school boards had raised "slowdowns" as an unfair labor practice by the union, Harty said, "Most of our clients don't want to spend the money chasing down something for which there's no remedy."

Asked if he ever had seen a contract between the Blues and MESSA, Harty said no because "they said it's a trade secret."

Supporting the bills, Tom White, lobbyist for the Michigan Association of School Boards, said requiring MESSA and the Blues to reveal loss experience would "level the playing field" between them and commercial insurers.

14 area state legislators took MEA PAC dollars

Mackinac Center, a politically conservative group attacking the Michigan Education Association, provided a list of area lawmakers who received campaign contributions from MEA in 1992.

Of 19 senators, 10 were Republicans and nine Democrats. Area senators receiving MEA PAC funds were Michael Bouchar, R-Birmingham, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Oxford, Jack Fax-on, D-Farmington Hills, Robert

Geake, R-Northville, and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn. Of 74 representatives, 28 were Republicans and 46 Democrats. There was no breakdown of the amount going to each party. Area representatives receiving

MEA PAC funds were Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Justine Barnes, D-Westland, Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, William Keith, D-Garden City.

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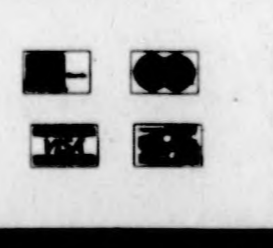
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MADD begins red ribbon campaign

The Wayne County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving kicked off its annual red ribbon campaign last week.

The idea is to tie a red ribbon on your car somewhere to let others know that you don't condone drunken driving.

MADD president Darlene Hodges said more than 100 people attended the breakfast at Livonia's Embassy Suites where Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett, Livonia councilwoman Laura Toy and victims Helen Molnar and Victoria Totten spoke.

The demand for red ribbons, Hodges said, is greater this year than last year. "We got

overwhelmed this year and we can't keep up with the demand," she said. "We're still trying to get volunteers to cut more." (Call 422-6233 to volunteer your services.)

Between Nov. 1-19, MADD distributed 441,000 ribbons. To get your ribbon, call MADD and they will mail one to you, or pick one up at area public schools, police stations, Kroger and Spartan supermarkets, St. Mary Hospital, area churches and Caldwell Florist in Livonia.

In 1992, more than 17,000 people died nationwide in alcohol-related traffic accidents, according to the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration. That's down from more than 19,000 deaths in 1991.

In 1992, alcohol-related traffic deaths made up 45 percent of the total traffic deaths nationwide. As a percentage of the total, alcohol-related deaths tend to rise during holidays, representing:

- 75 percent of 1992 New Year's Day traffic deaths.
- 56 percent of 1992 Memorial Day and Independence Day traffic deaths.
- 53 percent of 1992 Labor Day traffic deaths.
- 56.5 percent of 1992 Thanksgiving traffic deaths.
- 49.5 percent of 1992 Christmas

traffic deaths. Wayne County MADD has scheduled its annual candlelight vigil memorial service remembering drunken-driver victims for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Detroit.

A candle will be lit and a bell tolled in honor of each victim. The public is invited to attend.

Also, on Saturday, Jan. 22, Wayne County MADD will have a fund-raiser bowling tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. The entry fee is \$15. First, second, third and fourth place prizes are \$150, \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively.

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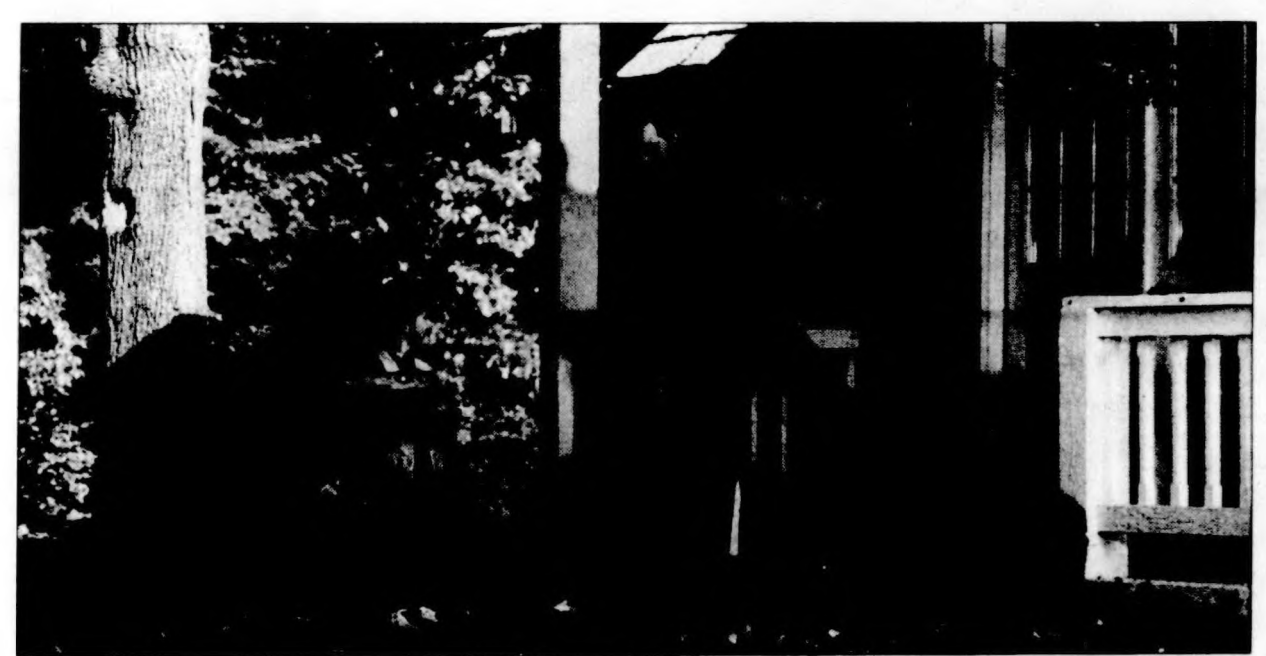
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Consultant considered

City engineer Ken West has retired, and city officials could choose to use an outside consulting firm to perform some engineering duties, city manager Steve Walters said.

After 15 years with the city, West retired Nov. 1. In coming weeks, "The city commission and I will be talking about the organization of the building and engineering department," Walters said.

To use an outside consultant for some engineering tasks would save money, Walters said. The city engineer had made an annual salary of \$46,000 plus fringe benefits, Walters said.

Santa train

The CSX Santa Train returns to Plymouth at the main track on Main Street across from Bode's Restaurant from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18.

Santa will meet with kids young and old during his appearance sponsored by the CSX Detroit Plymouth Operation Red Block Team, which wishes all a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Adopt a family

The Plymouth Salvation Army is seeking individuals, families, clubs, churches and various groups to help provide Christmas to families in need through the Adopt A Family program.

The program goal is to provide families with toys, gifts, clothes and a Christmas food basket. Those interested can call the Salvation Army at 453-5464.



BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton firefighters know that the holiday season's no time to forget about fire safety. Christmas trees, in fact, can present a potential fire hazard, as can the space heaters and wood-burning stoves used during the colder months.

When it comes to artificial Christmas trees, city of Plymouth fire Chief Al Matthews is a believer.

"If you've seen one live Christmas tree fire, you'll never get another live Christmas tree," Matthews said. "The artificial trees just take all the guesswork out of the safety factor."

That belief's shared by Art Winkel, fire marshal for the Canton Fire Department. Winkel recommends that people buy artificial trees with fire-resistant qualities built in.

"They're not fireproof, but they don't burn readily," Winkel said.

Tags on artificial trees will indicate what fire-resistant properties those trees have. Trees should be decorated only with Underwriters Laboratories-approved lights (with wiring in good condition). Lights should never be attached to a metal tree; instead, color wheels, which stand near and shed light on a tree, are available, Matthews said.

For those who do opt to buy real trees, several fire-safety suggestions come in handy. "Make sure the tree you get is a fresh tree," Winkel said. Branches on a fresh tree will bend, rather than break, and needles won't be as inclined to fall out.

When you bring your fresh tree home, it's recommended that you cut one to two inches off the bottom on a diagonal slant. The tree should immediately be put in water. Matthews

said a solution of 50 percent water and 50 percent beer is recommended, as the beer will slow the rate of evaporation.

Other holiday fire-safety tips include:

- Never leave Christmas tree lights on when you're not home or while sleeping.
- Don't use hot-burning lights on a tree.
- Use the right lights for the right socket, and don't overload electrical outlets.
- Never use real candles on a tree.
- Add fresh water to the tree holder daily.
- Don't place the tree in a hallway or other area where it will block an exit.
- Use a sturdy, stable holder with a wide base.
- Keep the tree at least six feet away from heat sources, such as fireplaces, heat ducts and space heaters.
- Keep the tree away from curtains and other flammable items.
- Dispose of the tree within 10 days after Christmas or whenever excessive dryness sets in.

"I have two artificial trees, one for the basement and one upstairs," said Matthews, who has owned those trees for many years. "You have to be constantly conscious of the safety factor with real trees."

Firefighters encourage residents not to forget about fire safety during

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Holiday season's no time to ignore fire safety



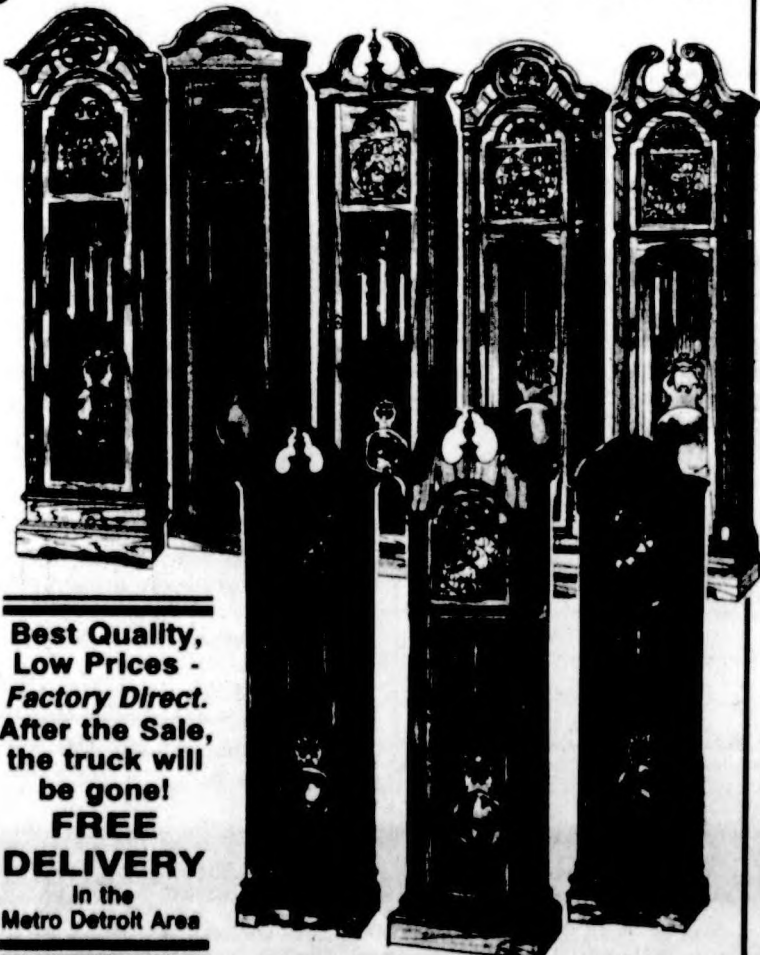
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House OKs charter schools, area lawmakers split

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Rep. William Keith couldn't understand why Gov. John Engler was so excited about House passage of a charter schools bill.

"The governor's bill has been watered down, modified, into public school academies. He didn't even get the name 'charter schools,'" said Keith, D-Garden City, who has chaired the House Education Committee half of his 22 years in Lansing.

"The governor wanted a commission of his friends to issue charters, like the Jobs Commission did with retraining for Steelcase — tantamount to corporate welfare. Under his bill, the departments of Social Services, Corrections or any other could have issued charters," Keith said after Monday's long floor battle.

Instead, only public school districts, intermediate (county) dis-

tricts, universities and community colleges will be able to issue charters.

And those bodies, instead of issuing charters to anyone, may issue them to a group in which at least 50 percent of the board members are certified teachers.

Keith didn't mention it, but the compromise he helped engineer dealt a sharp blow to the religious right in requiring use of an "outcome based" curriculum.

"Their (MEA's) big fear was that we wouldn't return all the money (\$6.9 billion in repealed local property taxes from Senate Bill 1). They're getting a 6 percent increase."

'Most extensive'

Nevertheless, Engler called the academies bill, now before the Senate, "the most extensive, expansive charter school bill in the country."

And the right wing Coalition for Better Schools, headed by Amway president Dick DeVos, said "Michigan will benefit from innovative new schools" but favored "more sweeping reforms."

The House approved the bill 65 to 34 with dissents coming from five Republicans and 29 Democrats.

Observer area lawmakers opposed were Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, and Justine Barns, D-Westland.

Bankes, whose Livonia and Redford school districts have been cool to choice and charters, said: "The way to improve public education is by fully funding and strengthening the current system, not by creating another level of bureaucracy and calling it 'charter schools.' . . . (It) fails to guarantee the same quality education for all of Michigan's children."

Barns has opposed most of the

reform bills, fearing they will hurt public schools.

'Some creativity'

Voting yes besides Keith were Republicans Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, Deborah Whyman of Canton and Democrat Richard Young of Dearborn Heights.

Vorva, a particularly vocal supporter of charter schools, said, "Somewhere, you'll get some

creativity. But we should have allowed creative people other than certified teachers to start them. That isn't union busting."

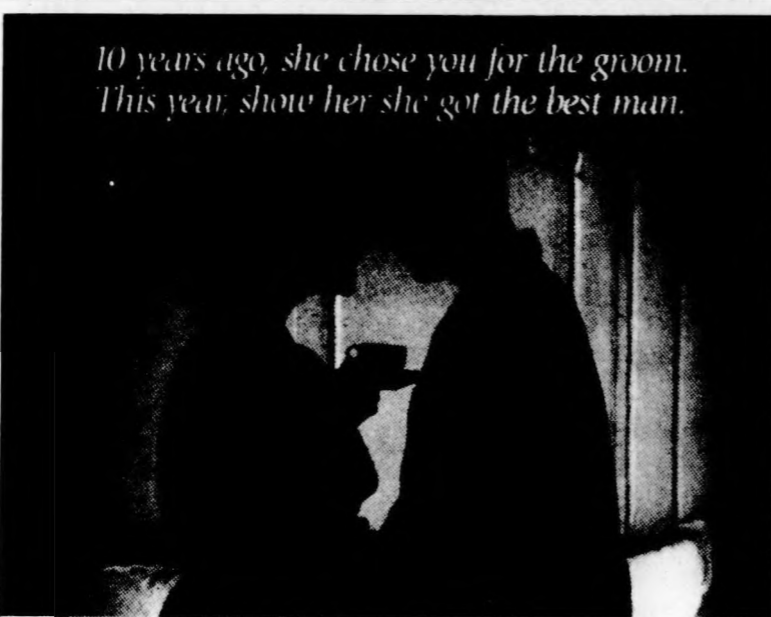
Vorva supported amendments by Rep. David Jaye, R-Utica, that would have exempted academies from using certified teachers and certified administrators. They went down 16 to 84 and 37 to 61, respectively.

The academies bill doesn't

spell out the purposes of academies. Advocates say they could be chartered for specialized academic or even disciplinary programs. They could cover all 12 grades or just a few.

An academy could not levy taxes. It would not be a legal school corporation but would operate as a nonprofit corporation with a board of directors and bylaws. A majority of the board would be certified teachers.

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Feiten: Good choice

Selection process was flawed

The choice of Susan Feiten to replace Dean Swartzwelter on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is a good decision, but the selection process left much to be desired.

Feiten, a registered nurse, is a mother with children in the schools who has worked hard on school curriculum issues. Intelligent, outspoken and hardworking, Feiten is a fine addition to the board. Such a representative should bring a new awareness to a school board on which few members have children in local schools.

But while the board selected a good candidate from the field of 14 who applied for the position being vacated by Swartzwelter who resigned for health reasons, the process used was not open.

The board selected Feiten too quickly and even though the vote was in public, the public didn't have enough time to sort out the candidates. The school board needs to be reminded that membership is an elected position, not appointed.

Making the process more open to the public would have answered a lingering question: Why didn't either Steve Kilijanczyk or former State Rep. Jim Kosteva receive more serious consideration?

First of all, both are from Canton, which is under-represented on the board, with only Barbara Graham coming from that portion of the school district.

And while Kosteva made it to the final five candidates, Kilijanczyk was eliminated early from the running. There mere fact that Kilijanczyk was one of the top finishers in this past June's school board election should have made him a top candidate.

The Kosteva question is equally perplexing. We can understand that some board members may have been reluctant to appoint a partisan politician. However, Kosteva's experience in the Michigan Legislature would have done much to raise the collective awareness of the school board about state school financing.

The school board is naive about the how state government works and with the changes going on in state school funding, Kosteva could have been significantly helped the board.

We would urge Kosteva, Kilijanczyk and the other applicants to run for school board in June 1994, when two seats will be up.

Then there's the matter of the lack of public awareness about the appointment. The names of the 14 persons to apply were made public on the Wednesday prior to the board appointing Feiten on Nov. 22. That wasn't enough time for the public to become aware of who was seeking the position.

The school board made a good decision in the selection of Feiten. However, it's too bad that decision wasn't made more out in the open.

Place needy on your gift list

We've all heard the question: Why is it people only think about the needy during the holidays, not throughout the year?

There is no good answer. It is important to know, however, that gifts given to many area charities this holiday season will help needy Oakland and Wayne county residents all year long.

Toward that goal, there are plenty of area agencies poised to help the less fortunate, from now throughout 1994.

But they can't make a difference unless you help.

Here are but three regional agencies that could use your contributions:

■ Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Gleaners is continuing its annual holiday food drive, enabling contributors to buy cases of non-perishable items for distribution to area shelters and soup kitchens. Prices range from \$9.10 for a case of baby food to \$69.84 for a case of canned hams. Donations can be sent to Gleaners, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit 48207. More information is available by calling 923-2552.

■ Forgotten Harvest.

Forgotten Harvest, like Gleaners, helps supply food to the needy. While the agency collects an estimated 15 tons of food a month from grocers and food vendors, it needs financial support to keep its trucks rolling to shelters and soup kitchens. Donations can be sent to Forgotten Harvest, 24001 Southfield Road, Suite 205, Southfield 48075.

■ The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is probably the organization that first comes to mind when we think about holiday giving. But they do more than provide the familiar kettle-and-Santa setups in downtowns and outside shopping malls.

This year, local Salvation Army staffers are conducting a food drive at Hollywood Supermarkets throughout the metro area, as well as maintaining the "giving tree" toy donation center at the Oakland Mall Hudson's store, Troy. For more information on other Salvation Army activities, call 585-5600.

Other agencies helping out on a countywide basis include:

■ Food Bank of Oakland County.

The food bank directs surplus supermarket items, as well as items collected through numerous local food drives to some 50 shelters throughout the county. To donate, write Food Bank of Oakland County, P.O. Box 430636, Pontiac 48343. For additional information, call 332-7135.

■ First Step.

The Wayne County-based agency provides shelter and services to western Wayne and downriver families in need. Disposable diapers and sweatshirts are listed among First Step's most-needed items. Call 459-5900 to make a donation or learn more about the agency.

■ HAVEN.

Oakland County residents are encouraged to assist HAVEN — a domestic violence shelter serving those north of Eight Mile. To reach HAVEN, call 334-1274.

There are also many other worthy groups working locally on behalf of the needy. Likely, there's one right in your Wayne or Oakland county hometown.

Not everyone can support every one of these groups, worthy as they might be. But we encourage you to do what you can.

A little bit given now can go a long way toward making 1994 a better year for someone in need.



LETTERS

Own choice

I am writing in response to an article printed in the Nov. 25 issue of the Observer. The article dealt with Renee Reyer's "mission" to deprive the responsible youth of our area of their right to entertainment.

Reyer seems to think that all of America's youth are brain dead. Her analogy of comparing them to computers is almost accurate, except that the input should come from the parents.

If she worried about her children becoming able to make their own decisions about right and wrong, then she should keep them at home and let them watch "Barney the Dinosaur" tapes instead of going to school.

The world is not soft and cushy as you would like to raise your children to believe, Mrs. Reyer. What are they going to do when they are old enough to leave home and still think the world is a Barney video? If you don't believe in your children enough to let them make their own decisions, then look at how you raised them. It's all in your hands.

I'm not saying that your decision to not let your kids see "Wayne's World" is wrong. It's your decision. Let the rest of the world make its own decision. It's our right, too. I'm a 19 year old male, Eagle Scout, and full-time college student, and part-time cook, who had lots of parental input when it came to TV.

We spent a lot of time talking about whether things were right or wrong, real or pretend. It was those times that helped develop values, and gave me a sense of what the world is really like. I know that the world is not a sitcom, and there are problems that have to be dealt with. Will your kids be able to do the same?

Censorship is a right you have as a parent. But, that is in your house. Because of your "right," I cannot purchase a movie. It may seem trivial now, but what about when I can't check out a book from the library, or read an article in the paper about ideas contrary to yours. So much for democracy if it goes against what you think.

The problem with society is that there is no "age limit." When I grew up, there were things that I wasn't allowed to do until I was "older." So I waited, and eventually those things happened. That's what growing up is, and it is something that many kids aren't getting. Parents are letting them do things too early.

I applaud your taking a stand, as it is your constitutional right. But just remember, you can't step on other people's toes. The rights of the many have again been infringed on by the few. All Americans are not under 18, and they should have the chance to make their own choices.

Jason W. Kuczynski, Canton

Community pride

How do you define community pride? Is it a feeling? Is it a thought? I think that it's action. The action in this case is the construction of the new Santa House that sits on top of the fountain in Kellogg Park.

Russ Webster, owner of Penniman Deli, saw a need to have a permanent place to have Santa housed. An identifiable place that the citizen of the Plymouth area could be proud of. So he set to work, organizing an effort that needed to quickly assemble the necessary manpower and materials to make the dream come true. Through his efforts, five weeks later, the new Santa House stands as a symbol of community pride. The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority applauds his efforts.

The DDA would also like to thank Frank Kuszak, Greg Vitterman, Randy Maycock, Jim Portel, Chuck Russo, Don Hahn, Greg Westfall, and Jim Pursell for the construction help. Thanks also to Van Buren Electric for the electrical installation, to Frank Palmer for the use of his building for the construction of the Santa house and Eric Carn for design assistance.

I would also like to thank the organizations and individuals that contributed money for the construction. Major contributors were: Community Federal Credit Union, Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Other contributors were: Jane Bird, Malcolm D. and Janet Campbell, Paul W. and Martha E. Chamberlain, Michigan National Bank, Virgil F. and Carolyn S. Mueller and National Bank of Detroit.

Thank you Russ and thank you Plymouth. You're a great community.

Steve Guile, Director
 Plymouth Downtown Development Authority

Video woes

I was very upset to see the Canton Observer give front page coverage to the "Wayne's World Protest" in the Nov. 25 edition.

Last I heard this country is still a democracy and the citizens of this democracy are still able to make their own purchasing decisions. What makes Renee Reyer think she should decide for others what movies we should or can purchase? This movie is not being shown in McDonald's but is merely available for sale along with other titles.

I believe McDonald's put some thought into selecting a variety of movies for all different ages. If Reyer or anyone else doesn't like the movie or finds it inappropriate for their family they simply don't have to purchase it. What's next, maybe protesting Target, a family store, for selling PG-13 videos? I am quite capable of making my own decisions and I resent others trying to take that opportunity away from me.

Al Korduba, Canton

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: What do you want for Christmas?

We asked this question outside of the Plymouth District Library.



"I don't want anything. I'm trying to get rid of things."
 Louise duCharme
 Plymouth



"I found a sweater that I like."
 Debbie Gullede
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"A vacation."
 Barbara Gustafson
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POINTS OF VIEW

Oppose any hike in real estate transfer tax

Editor's note: The House Taxation Committee in Lansing is considering a bill to raise the real-estate transfer tax to \$11.10 per \$1,000 of price from the current \$1.10. Gov. John Engler has proposed an even steeper increase: to \$40 per \$1,000. Refer to Senate Bill 888 and House Bill 5110 when writing to your legislator, State Capitol, Lansing 48913.

In partial response to the call for school financing reform in Michigan, House Bill 5110 has been introduced, which, if adopted, would impose a 4-percent real estate property tax on the transfer of title to real estate in the state.

The proposed 4-percent transfer tax covers both new and used homes. It would be imposed on the seller of real estate when the title is transferred to the buyer or, in the case of land contracts, when the land contract is executed.

For example, if a used home is sold for \$100,000, the seller will be required to pay 4 percent, or \$4,000 as a Michigan transfer tax when the deed from the seller to the purchaser is recorded. New home sales are also covered so that if, for example, a builder sells a new home for \$200,000, the builder will be required to pay a Michigan transfer tax of \$8,000 when the deed from the

builder to the home buyer is recorded.

Even a person who builds a home on a lot they own must pay this new tax. Mortgage bankers, along with real estate sales people and professional home builders, oppose the new transfer tax as proposed as well as any increase in the Michigan transfer tax on real estate. Every resident of the state should also oppose this tax for a variety of reasons.

First, new and used home sales in our state will certainly be reduced as a result of the imposition of this large new tax. Second, it is likely that sellers of used homes and builders will try to pass this new tax cost on to home buyers in the form of higher prices, which will create unnecessary inflation for housing prices in Michigan.

Additionally, the new 4-percent transfer tax proposal is unfair. It is a regressive tax because it disproportionately affects low- and moderate-income home buyers who will be required to pay a larger portion of their income in order to buy a home. Also, senior citizens and other sellers may see the proceeds they receive from the sale of their homes reduced due to this new tax.

In addition, the tax would place a heavy burden on people who, for one reason or another, move frequently while imposing no burden at all on those who remain in their homes year

GUEST COLUMNIST



THOMAS R. RICKETTS

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after year. No other state has a real estate transfer tax anywhere near as large

as the one being proposed for Michigan.

According to the most recent data available, the proposed Michigan tax of 4 percent, or \$40 per \$1,000, is more than 10 times larger than the national average of .38 percent, or \$3.80 per \$1,000, for the 40 states that had a real estate transfer tax. It is also 36 times larger than the existing Michigan transfer tax of .11 percent, or \$1.10 per \$1,000.

The inequity of the transfer tax relative to other states could have far-reaching consequences for Michigan. Consider this example:

A young couple buys a home in Michigan in December 1993. The couple pays \$100,000 for the new home with a \$5,000 (5 percent) down payment. It has taken this couple five years to accumulate this down payment, not an uncommon period of time to save this much money.

In 1994, the young couple is transferred by their company and must sell their home. The home sells for \$100,000, the amount paid for it a year earlier. During the year, the couple made payments on their mortgage and reduced the mortgage amount by, say, \$1,000.

After paying off the balance of the loan, \$94,000, and then the 4 percent tax of \$4,000, they only have \$2,000 left

for a down payment on a new house — \$3,000 less than they started with. If the couple is moving out of state, the transfer tax offers them no incentive to ever move back. If they are moving elsewhere in Michigan, they would still be penalized for circumstances beyond their control.

Certainly, it is necessary to find new approaches to funding Michigan's school system. A reasonable increase in the so-called "sin" taxes, the Michigan income tax or the Michigan sales tax, which will place part of the tax burden on nonresident visitors to our state, are examples of alternatives to the onerous transfer tax being proposed. All of these avenues should be explored before we allow a new tax burden to be placed on Michigan's homes.

Thomas R. Ricketts is chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Standard Federal Bank, a \$9.8-billion savings institution headquartered in Troy and which operates offices in Michigan, northern Indiana and northern Ohio. The Bloomfield Hills resident has been with Standard Federal for more than 33 years. He serves on the Michigan League of Savings Institutions legislative and policy committees and is a member of Federal Reserve Thrift Institution Advisory Council.

Speed trackers can become SMART move for drivers

The cop car's lights were flashing. I saw them down the street at the entrance to my subdivision as I walked my dog one evening last week.

Of an inquiring (you might say nosy) nature, I included that leg of the subdivision in my walk, although I usually bypass it for a shorter route.

As I approached, in my guise of dog-walking, I saw that one of West Bloomfield's finest had pulled over the driver of a white Mercury of some denomination. The unhappy silhouette of a young woman could be seen through the driver's side window.

He was making the usual cop noises of asking for a driver's license and registration. But then, as I walked close by, headed for home, I heard in a more soothing tone: "Take it easy, it's okay."

I don't know what finally transpired, whether or not she was ticketed for whatever he pulled her off Walnut Lake Road for doing. But, it made me feel that at least he understood her anxiety and was doing what he could to ease it.

Like you, I distinctly remember every time I've been stopped for a moving violation. Once was for driving through a yellow light on Farmington Road. The second was for driving too fast on Lone Pine Road near Cranbrook School (you practically have to keep your foot on the brake to adhere to the speed limit there). And another on Lincoln near Seaholm High School in Birmingham — again for going ever so slightly (in my estimation) over the speed limit.

In each case, the sudden appearance of the police car, the flashing lights, the motion to pull over created a knot in my stomach. In each case, I was upset for the rest of the day. And in each case, I thought to myself that a warning from the policeman would have had the same impact on me as the ticket.

So that's why I got so excited when I read about the portable speed tracker recently purchased by police departments in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, operative in Farm-



JUDITH DONER BERNE

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ington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Auburn Hills, Livonia and Westland and under consideration by Beverly Hills.

Called SMART, short for Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Tracker and not to be confused with the bus system, it gives the posted speed, then the speed of the nearest oncoming car.

It's designed to be placed in residential areas and near schools to let drivers know how fast they are going.

It can be used by itself, near an unstaffed cop decoy car or a police officer can run its radar and issue tickets.

"If we can go without issuing tickets, that's fine," said Birmingham police Comm. Richard Dimock.

"I don't think most drivers mean to speed," said Hugh Cox, public safety director in Beverly Hills.

They understand that in a residential setting drivers can't compare their speed to other drivers and may not realize how fast they're going. And they believe once most drivers see they're going too fast, they'll voluntarily slow down.

Cost of each unit is \$8,000, thanks to the Oakland County Traffic Improvement Association, which had the foresight to buy them in bulk for resale to our communities.

So a unit essentially gives a community an extra traffic cop for a location each day — at much less cost.

And it gives me, you and our upset young lady the chance to realize just how that speedometer has crept up and to slow down on our own. We'd take that option in a heartbeat — no matter how nice the cop.

Judith Doner Berne is managing editor for The Eccentric Newspapers. You can reach her at 901-2563.

Keep court settlements open to public's view

If you mess up, hide the evidence. Then get a court order to seal it. That's what they do in both government and business. There ought to be a law against it.

Consider James Harkrader, who in 1989 sued two Livonia school administrators when he was denied tenure as a coach and teacher. He said one principal pressured him to use the principal's son more often on the junior varsity basketball team.

The case apparently was settled out of court. A reporter called Harkrader's home to find out what happened. No comment. Can't talk.

Typically, when a governmental or big business defendant pays off, it requires that the plaintiff, as a condition of payment, agree to keep the terms a secret and seeks a court order to seal the casefile.

That hurts the public. We as voters and taxpayers can't learn how badly our public officials are screwing up and misusing our tax money.

In 1989 John Briggs III sued Upjohn Co., maker of Halcion, in Muskegon, because the drug's side effects were a factor in his attempted suicide and resulting maiming. Briggs' attorney, Richard Toth of Southfield, engaged in a process called "discovery" to probe Upjohn's records. The parties agreed Briggs' side would return the 2,500 pages of documents. Upjohn contended the documents contained trade secrets.

Toth later asked the court to set aside the deal because the documents pertained to "the means and methods employed by (Upjohn) to obtain (Food and Drug Administration) approval for the marketing of Halcion in the United States, defendant's knowledge of the health risks associated with Halcion, and defendant's strategies for marketing Halcion in such ways as to minimize publication of these risks."

I hear the Upjohn line a lot. I strongly suspect the companies are lying.

Well, Upjohn won 2 to 1 in the state Court of Appeals last June. Judge Clifford Taylor took the



TIM RICHARD

narrow view that a deal is a deal, and that the trial judge failed to review the documents before lifting the gag order. Taylor and E. Thomas Fitzgerald said nary a word about health risks.

As I said, there ought to be a law. In Lansing, Rep. Michael Griffin, D-Jackson, addressed half the problem with House Bill 4577. Applied to governmental units, it says any deal to settle a claim or suit "that prohibits disclosure of the agreement or any terms of the agreement is against public policy and void."

Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, sought to amend the flaw by making the bill apply to all suits, not just those against governments. Five Republicans and one Democrat shot down Gubow's amendment in the House Judiciary Committee.

Gubow was right because: ■ Upjohn is a publicly traded stock. This writer owns shares and would appreciate knowing how management erred.


■ Others who believe they were harmed by Halcion shouldn't have to repeat the expensive "discovery" process that Briggs went through.

We need a law to prevent court ordered coverups.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His office number is (313) 349-1700.



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ROLL CALL REPORT

Parents can stop abortions

Here's how *Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Nov. 19*

HOUSE

Abortion Issue: By a vote of 350 for and 82 against, the House adopted an amendment limiting the scope of a bill (HR 796) to combat violence at abortion clinics. The underlying bill, later passed on a non-record vote, makes it a federal crime to block access to clinics or harm their patients or staff. The amendment exempts parents and legal guardians who are using normal measures to keep a minor from having an abortion.

A yes vote was to adopt the amendment. **Area representatives voting yes were: Carr, Kildee, Knollenberg, Levin. Voting no: Ford.**

Defense Budget: By a vote of 273 for and 135 against, the House gave its final approval of the Clinton administration's first military budget, a \$261 billion measure for fiscal 1994 that is down

about four percent from the comparable 1993 bill. Setting post-Cold War priorities, the bill (HR 2401) reduces active duty strength to 1.62 million troops toward a goal of 1.4 million by 1999.

The bill cuts missile defense spending sharply, to \$3 billion, while shifting the emphasis from space-based "Star Wars" defenses to ground-based interceptor systems that are portable from theater to theater. It caps the B-2 bomber program at 20 aircraft, grants a 2.2 percent military pay cut effective in January 1994, and gives the force of law to Pentagon policies against openly gay conduct by service personnel.

A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Area representatives voting yes were: Bob Carr, Dale Kildee, Sander Levin and William Ford. Voting no: Joe Knollenberg.**

Mining Claims: By a vote of 199 for and 232 against, the House rejected an amendment setting a tougher environmental test for allowing mining of federal land. The vote occurred during debate on a bill (HR 322) to reform the Mining Law of 1872. Under the amendment, the departments of Interior and Agriculture could have banned mining if they feared only "significant" ecological damage as

opposed to "permanent and irreparable" damage as the bill specifies.

A yes vote was to make it easier for the government to ban mining on public lands. **Area representatives voting yes were: Kildee. Voting no: Carr, Knollenberg, Levin, Ford.**

Mining Law Reform: The House passed, 316 for and 108 against, a bill to revamp the law governing the mining of hardrock minerals such as gold, silver, copper, zinc and platinum on federal land in 12 western states including Alaska. The bill (HR 322) overhauls an 1872 statute that was designed to spur settlement and economic development of the West.

Under the bill, the approximately 2,000 western mining operations must begin paying royalties to the Treasury on the minerals they extract. Claim holders no longer are allowed to obtain title to the land, which they now can do at a cost of \$2.50 or \$5.00 per acre. The bill also requires environmental reclamation of scarred lands, to be financed by royalty revenue.

A yes vote was to pass the bill. **Area representatives voting yes were: Carr, Kildee, Levin, Ford. Voting no: Knollenberg.**

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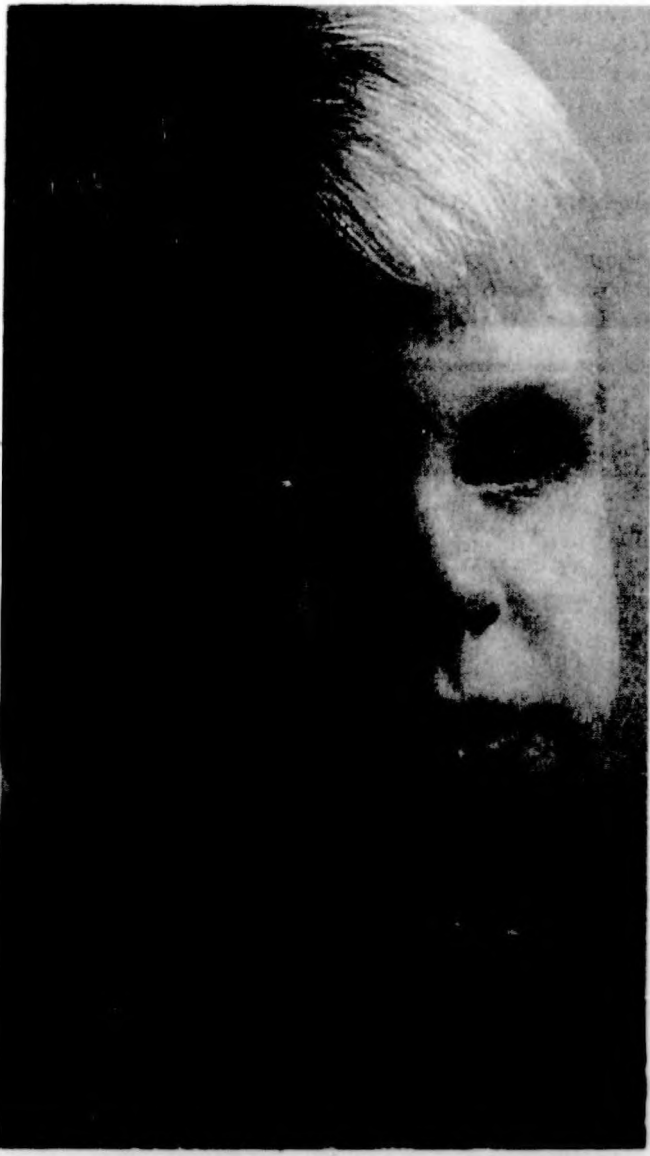
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Struggling start

The record may not reflect it, but Madonna University's women's basketball coach Bill Potter is convinced his team will be a regional contender in the NAIA by season's end.

The Lady Crusaders slipped to 1-4 with a two losses last weekend at the Grand Rapids Press Tournament, hosted by Aquinas College. On Saturday, they lost to Calvin College 66-64; on Friday, it was Oakland University that upended them, 70-58.

Against Calvin (ranked in the NCAA Division III), Madonna had two chances to win or tie in the final 30 seconds but couldn't convert. Shawn Bannon missed a three-pointer, and Jill Burt misfired on a two-pointer. Burt led the Crusaders with 15 points; Bannon had 14, five assists and five steals, and Stephanie Creley scored 11.

Rebounding was the difference: Calvin (2-3 overall) had a 50-28 advantage. Pam Wubben had 16 points and eight rebounds, and Judy Hollander added 15 points and 10 boards for the Saints.

In the loss to OU — one of the favorites to win the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference — Madonna got off to an 11-3 start but fell behind 31-23 by halftime. The Crusaders were never closer than five after that. Bannon's 23 points paced Madonna. Meegan Marlatt had 16. For OU, Doreen Belkowski scored 15, Kim Bailey 14 and Kelli Krajniak 10.

Good start

Three Canton boys competing for Farmington Hills's Conrad's Gymnastics Center performed well in their first meet of the season, last weekend at the Sunrise Gymnastics Academy in Toledo.

In the 16-18 year-old Class I division, Justin Semion was second overall with 38 points in six events. Semion, a senior at Plymouth Canton, was first in the floor exercise (7.9) and vault (8.6), was second on the pommel horse (3.8), high bar (6.2) and rings (7.8), and was third on the parallel bars (3.7).

Doug Stibel was the only competitor in the Elite Class (Olympic-level routines). He scored 50.4 points, with a 9.1 in the floor exercise, rings and high bar.

Chiefs facing a sizable task



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Short but sweet: Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner calls this team one of his shortest ever, but he hopes to guide the Chiefs to their fourth-straight Western Division title.



Despite being somewhat vertically challenged in the tallish Western Lakes conference this season, Dave Van Wagoner and his Canton boys basketball team isn't ready to give up the Western Division crown.

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner has developed a new strategy for his team this season. The Chiefs will try to make up for their lack of height by surprising the opposition — before they even reach the court.

"We will try to press them once they step out of the locker room and will then run at every opportunity," joked Van Wagoner. "This could be the shortest team I've had since I've been here, but if nothing else, we'll be fun to watch."

Seriously, Van Wagoner will have his coaching abilities put to the test this season with a short 11-player squad playing in a tallish Western Lakes conference.

But the Chiefs are proven winners. After finishing 18-5 in the 1991-92 season, last season's 10-11 record may fool some. Actually, the Chiefs won their third-straight Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title.

"That's our first goal for this season — win our fourth-straight division title," Van Wagoner said.

Van Wagoner is missing nearly half his team from last season, including his assistant coach, Charlie Paye, who is now Novi's assistant coach. The Chiefs will sorely miss 6-foot-5 Owen Crosby, who averaged 12 points last season and was third team all-Observerland. Crosby is now a defender on Western Michigan University's soccer squad.

Also graduated are swingmen Brad Pakievitch, Ryan Cox and Al Hollingsworth. To make matters worse, forward Bryan Whittle (13 points per game) transferred back to New York after just one year with the Chiefs. Whittle has already signed to play for

Marist College next season.

Paupore to pace Chiefs

Canton will rely on senior Matt Paupore to provide the leadership and offense. The 6-3 swing man led the Chiefs in scoring last season with an 18-point per game average and has improved his entire game, according to Van Wagoner.

"He has taken his game to a new level, both on offense and on defense," Van Wagoner said. "He is tougher and stronger and has made an effort to improve his defense."

Distributing the ball to Paupore will be point guard Ted Docks. The 5-10 junior missed over half of last season due to a broken toe, but is fully recovered.

"Ted could be the best point guard I've had in my 10 years here," Van Wagoner said. "He's probably the quickest I've had. He's a gym rat — always in the gym working on his game."

Van Wagoner received his holiday present early by learning all-Observerland wide receiver Ryan Ostach was returning to the basketball program after a year layoff. The Chiefs hope the 6-3, 200 pound senior will be as effective on the court as he was on the gridiron.

"He is a real shot in the arm for us," Van Wagoner said. "He looks a little rusty but gives us what we need, and he can really run the floor well."

Rounding out the starting lineup will be senior wingmen Tim Moritz (6-2) and Tadarious Rachal (5-10). Both are good defenders, with Moritz being a slasher and driver on the offensive end and Rachal providing enthusiasm.

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Madonna seeks title

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

The opportunity has arrived for Madonna University.

It's been a half-dozen years since the Livonia-based school started its push in intercollegiate sports. Now, another level has been reached: Today, a Madonna team will compete in an NAIA national tournament for the first time.

The sport, of course, is volleyball. The accomplishment is hardly unexpected; indeed, coach Jerry Abraham has had his last three teams on the threshold of the NAIA Tournament.

The 1993 edition finally broke through. It did not come easily, though. A pair of five-set wins, first over Spring Arbor in the championship match of the NAIA District 23 Tournament and then over Cincinnati Mount St. Joseph in the Bi-District playoff, were necessary.

"There was a lot of pressure put on us (this season) because Northwood was out, plus Julie (Wood) and I were coming in," said senior middle hitter Kari Van Deusen.

Northwood University ruled District 23 volleyball for most of the past decade, but switched to NCAA Division II this season. That left the door open for Madonna.

Going for gold

But, as Van Deusen noted, finding an open door and getting through it can be two different things. The Lady Crusaders managed it, compiling a 43-6 record along the way.

So now what?

"They've got their trip to the nationals, a five-day December vacation in San Diego. Whatever else they accomplish is icing — right?"

Wrong. "We're going out there to win it all," vowed Van Deusen. "We're going for the gold."

Abraham seconded that attitude, telling Van Deusen as she left practice Monday: "We're on a business trip, Kari."

NAIA NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT at Point Loma Nazarene, San Diego

Thursday, Dec. 2
Madonna vs. Nova (Fla.), 10:30 a.m.
(all times Pacific Standard)
Madonna vs. St. Andrew's (N.C.), 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3
Madonna vs. Westmont (Calif.), 9 a.m.
Madonna vs. Montevallo (Ala.), noon
(End of best-of-three pool play)
Quarterfinals, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4
Semifinals, 12:30 p.m.
Consolation final, 6:30 p.m.
Championship, 8:30 p.m.
(Quarters, semis, finals are best-of-five)

It's difficult to predict how the Crusaders will fare. Remember, only two starters from last year's team returned this season. And there are only two seniors.

Two freshmen, a sophomore and two transfers are among the top seven players. No one associated with the team — including the coach — has ever reached this level of competition.

That's the dark side. Here's the bright: Two players, Van Deusen and Julie Wood, have competed in a national collegiate tournament. Both played at Schoolcraft College, making two trips apiece to the NJCAA Tournament.

Also, Abraham has been to the past two NAIA Tournaments as an observer. "I've talked to a lot of coaches," he said. "I know some teams have gone out there and lost every game, after getting caught up in all the hype." He's learned enough to avoid that pitfall.

Third, Northwood's success at past tournaments is noteworthy. The Northwomen reached the tournament semifinals in '91 and have been to the quarterfinals on two other occasions. That speaks well for this region's strength in volleyball. And Madonna has battled Northwood for first place in District 23 for the past few years.

Talent is there

Madonna is seeded eighth among the 20 teams contesting for the championship, hosted by Point Loma Nazarene. Included in its five-team pool is No. 1 seed Montevallo College (Alabama), which comes in with a 42-3 record. Other pool foes are Westmont (Calif.), 25-9; Nova (Fla.), 29-6; and St. Andrew's (N.C.), 25-10. They are unseeded.

Abraham, like Van Deusen, is confident. "I'm really excited about it," he said. "We are definitely capable of doing it. I really think we can play with any of these teams."

"They're really playing strong right now. Getting over that hill in the Bi-District (against Mount St. Joseph's) gave them a whole lot more confidence."

The abilities of Van Deusen, Wood, setter Mazie Pilut (from Redford Bishop Borgess), outside hitter Kelly McCausland (Redford Union), middle hitter Julie Martin (Livonia Stevenson), and outside hitter Mo Paulin (Livonia/Farmington Hills Mercy) cement that confidence.

Van Deusen led Madonna in kills with 581 (a .415 kill percentage, 4.3 a game) and in blocks with 428 (3.15 a game) during the regular season. Martin was next in both, with 527 kills (and a team-best .463 average, 4.2 a game) and 310 blocks (2.5).

Paulin led the Crusaders in digs (801 total, 5.89 per game) and was third in kills (340, .332, 2.5), while Wood was second in digs (576, 4.5) while collecting 306 kills (.281). McCausland had a strong all-around season with 265 kills (.312, 2.0), 295 digs (2.2) and 251 blocks (1.96).

Pilut was extremely impressive at setter, totaling 1,675 assists to kills (12.8 per game). She also had 340 digs (2.6).

"The key is simple," said Abraham. "We have to maintain a good, sound defense, and pass and serve well. And we have to block at our best."

If the Crusaders keep focused on the goal at hand, those keys can be reached. Which could take them a long way toward an NAIA title, and another step up the athletic ladder for Madonna.

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Returnees lift Eagle hopes

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BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

Even though Plymouth Christian Academy's record wasn't overly impressive, the Eagles were at the top of their class last season.

Despite finishing in the middle of the pack in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, PCA made the grade by leading all classes in the state in cumulative grade point average (3.57).

"It shows that even though you can't win everything, you can win some things," PCA coach Daniel Brandel said.

Not only did the Class D school shine in the classroom, but PCA won a post-season award for sportsmanship and advanced to the district finals before being eliminated by MIAC champion Oakland Christian.

Brandel is optimistic that his eighth season as PCA coach will be successful on the court. After finishing 7-14 last season, the Ea-

gles return a host of young players, along with three transfers.

Gone from last season are all-MIAC performer and leading scorer Jason Neil (18 points per game), and reserve guards Ryan Bigelow and Sunil Baht. But returning are four starters, led by all-MIAC honorable mention guard Ryan Thomason. The 5-foot-11 junior averaged 10 assists and eight points per game last season.

"Ten of the 15 all-league players last year were seniors, so you could say that Ryan is one of the top five players in the league," Brandel said. "He's a great passer, great leader and a great competitor."

Thomason may be moved out of the point position by sophomore Jeremy Hsia who has improved his passing and has increased

confidence since last season. Thomason would play the second guard if Hsia starts.

The Eagles won't be soft inside as junior Aaron Jones (6-4, 185) hopes to improve on his 10-point and eight-rebound per game averages. Jones will leave PCA after this season because his father is being relocated.

"By the time the season ends, he may be the best center ever at PCA," Brandel said. "He has good speed and size. You won't find many with his quickness and height."

Sophomore forward James Neil will start at one forward and will be counted on for rebounds. Junior forward Dan House (6-2) is an outside and inside threat on offense and uses his long arms to be effective on defense.

Junior Chris McCoy and senior Matt Junker will see considerable time off the bench and senior guard Mike Gonzales will spell the guards and will be used when

the Eagles need offense. Junior Russ Robillard will also see time in the back court.

PCA will get even better when three transfers become eligible Jan. 21. Sophomore Mike Roose and junior Andy Roose will play guard or forward and are both tough underneath. Sophomore Dustin Hudgins (6-3) will rotate with Jones and Neil.

"This is the best team from top to bottom because all 12 are contributors," Brandel said.

The Eagles open their season by hosting the Eagle Kickoff Classic at Lowell Junior High on Dec. 7.

This season, the Eagles will play out of a new gym at PCA beginning Jan. 1. The gym is ready but still missing bleachers. The larger gym will help PCA, according to Brandel, because the Eagles have been practicing hard to improve on what has been a struggling running game.

Hunter leads bench

Van Wagoner is high on Canton's sixth man — sophomore wing Ron Hunter (6-2). Hunter was the junior varsity's leading scorer last season and is one of the most athletic players Van Wagoner has seen during his tenure.

"He will give us a big spark off the bench," Van Wagoner said. "He needs to be a little more consistent, but when it's all said and done, he may leave here one of the best players to play at Canton."

Junior Mark Sanborn (5-10) will backup Docks at the point. Senior Rob Radney (6-2, 175) will spell Ostach underneath, as will junior Brian Samulski (6-4). Also expected to see action are sophomore Todd Stonestreet (5-10) and junior Adam Cunningham (6-1).

"I feel we have a lot of quickness and a lot of heart," Van

Wagoner said. "The keys for us will be if we can defend well and if we can rebound, both offensively and defensively, with the other teams. If we can do that, we should be better than we were last year."

"These are a great bunch of guys, and they work very hard. If that correlates into wins, we'll have to wait and see."

Van Wagoner, who considers Plymouth Salem, Northville and Westland John Glenn as the teams to beat in the WLAA, will get his first real look of his team Tuesday when they open the season at Wayne Memorial.

"We always have the toughest nonleague schedule in the league," Van Wagoner said. "We like to line up the heavyweights, but I think it pays off once we get into the season."

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Flute fans take note of two special concerts

If you haven't been to Orchestra Hall to hear the Detroit Symphony perform during the holidays, "you don't know what you're missing," said Ervin Monroe of Bloomfield Hills, principal flute of the DSO.

We talked during a rehearsal break about his upcoming solo with harpist Patricia Masri-Fletcher in "A Holiday of Flute and Harp," to be presented 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Call 833-3700 for tickets and information.



Ervin Monroe

"It's very exciting," said Monroe who will be featured with Masri-Fletcher on Mozart's "Concerto for Flute and Harp in C major." "This piece has never been performed by the DSO. It's a very appealing combination of flute and harp. We're really looking forward to it."

Monroe who is serving his 25th year as principal flute of the DSO, and Masri-Fletcher recently performed together in the Southfield Concerts-in-the-Garden Series. They recorded a compact disc "After a Dream..." which features works for flute and harp arranged by the two artists. It's a big seller at the Orchestra Hall boutique, and is also available at Harmony House.

Here's another concert for flute fans. The Michigan Flute Orchestra will be performing at Southfield's Concerts-in-the-Garden Series 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Atrium of the Prudential Town Center, 4000 Town Center at 10 1/4 Mile at Evergreen. Continental breakfast served at 10:30 a.m. followed by concert. Call 354-4717.

If one of your children is an aspiring flutist, take note. Farmington Public Schools is holding their annual used instrument sale, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 in the East Middle School Cafeteria, 25000 Middlebelt. The sale is open to anyone wishing to buy or sell a band or orchestra instrument. Call 489-3412 for information.

Jewish Ensemble Theatre's presentation of Arthur Miller's classic drama, "The Price" continues through Dec. 26 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Tickets range from \$8 to \$19.50 with discounts available to senior citizens, students and groups, call 788-2900 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666. Discount preview performances 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, Saturday, Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Regular performances begin 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Call the theater for additional show times. A signed performance for the hearing impaired will be offered on Dec. 19.

The play is about two brothers who have been estranged for 16 years and must now meet in the attic of their childhood home to dispose of their father's belongings. Directed by JET Artistic Director, Evelyn Orbach, the cast includes Robert Grossman as Victor, one of the brothers.

'Christmas Carol' captures Dickens' spirit



HUGH GALLAGHER

The venerable Booth Colman returns for his 12th year as Scrooge. Colman is the consummate Ebenezer Scrooge as he hunches over his wad of pound notes and rifles through them with lightning speed. He snarls out "Bah! Humbug!" with vigor. But he is equally convincing as the contrite, sad and lonely Scrooge who vows to mend his ways and as the gleefully giddy Scrooge who sets out to "keep Christmas better than any man in this old world or any old world ever did."

The other annual highlight is Peter Hicks' ingenious set. Hicks makes masterful use of Meadow Brooks' comparatively small stage to suggest a variety of Victorian settings, each nicely individualized to fit the characters. The set rotates, opens and closes with the swirling motions of a busy London in the holiday season.

Director Charles Nolte, who adapted the Dickens' story to stage, keeps things moving smoothly about this miniature London, capturing in each ghost the essential meaning that Dickens intended. Generally, Nolte finds the right tone and language for each scene. In two places he falters. The scene with the schoolboy Scrooge is played at an odd slow motion when it should be lively with youth. The young, inexperienced actors are forced into a stilted Victorian tableau when they would be more at ease just being young. The later, surreal gathering of human vultures goes on too long,

ON STAGE

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Theater: Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester.

Curtain time: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4; 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9. Shows through Dec. 30, call theater for additional times.

Tickets: Range from \$18.50 to \$29, student, senior and group discounts available. Call the box office, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 377-3300 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.



Holiday classic: Adam Carpenter (left to right) as Tiny Tim and Booth Colman as Ebenezer Scrooge are featured in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol."

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though it is fairly well staged. The time would be better spent on the hurried ending. But these are small complaints. This is a top notch production of the oft told tale with fine performances from a large and highly competent cast. Especially noteworthy are James Anthony as the pitiful ghost of Marley, Joseph Reed as the robust Ghost of Christmas Present, Paul Hopper as the good Bob Cratchit, Mary Benson as his loyal and good-hearted wife and Philip Locker as the intoxicated with joy Fezziwig.

Across campus the Oakland University theater department is presenting the spoof "Inspecting Carol," which has some fun with professional theater groups that keep themselves afloat with their annual productions of "A Christmas Carol."

Hmm! Does that happen around here? Hugh Gallagher is production editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. He has reviewed films and plays for the past 20 years.

Local companies stage 'The Nutcracker'

Don't miss the music, color and excitement of Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet, the "Nutcracker" ballet. Here's a list of upcoming performances.

Michigan Classic Ballet company will present the "Nutcracker" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

Tickets for reserved seating are available at the Michigan Classic Ballet office at the Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 5526 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. Call 661-4349. Prices are \$15 adults, \$12 for seniors and children under 12.

Michigan Classic Ballet Company will also be presenting "Nutcracker" 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at South Lyon High School. Call 437-8105. Tickets for that performance are \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and children under 12. Group rates are available. Call 661-4349, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily for information.

Plymouth Symphony and Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company, present the "Nutcracker" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium. Tickets — \$14 adults, \$8 children, reserved seating. Call, 451-2112. There will be a Sugar Plum Fair Tea after the Sunday performance. Tickets are \$2.

Michigan Ballet Theatre's 28th annual "Nutcracker Ballet" with the

LSO presents holiday concerts

Livonia Symphony Orchestra with Contemporary Civic Ballet directed by Rose Marie Floyd, will present "The Nutcracker," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Churchill High School's Carli Auditorium, Newburgh at Joy Road in Livonia.

Guest artists are Katita Waldo and Mikko Nissinen from the San Francisco Ballet. Guest conductor is Volodymyr Schiesluc, a Ukrainian conductor with recognized accomplishments in the former Soviet Union. Call 851-4524, 421-1111,

or 464-2741 for tickets.

A Holiday Pops concert featuring the Livonia Stevenson High School Choir, will be presented 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Churchill High School in Livonia. Call 421-1111 or 464-2741 for tickets.

There's still time to reserve tickets for the Wassail Dinner Feast, featuring "The Twelfth Night Singers," in elegant costumes, at Madonna University in Livonia, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. The cost is \$35 per person, and include dinner. Call 591-5044 for tickets.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra, will be performed 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Louis B. Schmidt Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Tickets range from \$12 to \$15, call 486-1514. Tickets are also available at Hammel Music in Livonia.

Sugar Plum Fairy Reception after the 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, performance. Tickets are \$7. Call 427-9155 for information, and tickets for the Sugar Plum Fairy reception.

Oakland Festival Ballet performs the "Nutcracker" at the Birmingham Theatre, 231 S. Woodward, for 12 shows Dec. 10 through Dec. 19. Guest

artists Randi Ulevog, Robert Royce, and Dennis Lue of Detroit's newly formed Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, will appear in featured roles. The ballet is choreographed by Cornelia Sampson, founder of Oakland Festival Ballet Company, and director of the Rochester School of Dance.

Curtain times are 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. for Friday performances (Dec. 10 and 17); 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. for Saturday and Sunday shows, (Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 18-19). Tickets available through all Ticketmaster outlets and at the Birmingham Theatre box office, 644-3533. Seats for Friday matinees are \$10 each; prices for all other

performances are \$15 for children and seniors, \$17 for adults.

Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Company will be performing "The Nutcracker" 7 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Southfield High School, 10 Mile at Lahser. Tickets \$10, call 433-5515.

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company will be presenting two performances of "The Nutcracker" 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Churchill High School in Livonia.

Tickets are \$9 adults, \$7 students and senior citizens in advance. Tickets will be available for \$11 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 32625 Seven Mile, Livonia, Dance World, 19198 Merriman, Livonia, and at Livonia City Hall, Parks and Recreation office, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will present a special winter concert with the Livonia Civic Ballet Company, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at Laurel Manor, 3900 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Holiday favorites and selections from "The Nutcracker," will be performed. A pre-glow hors d'oeuvres reception will be held at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Call 422-6194.

Don Pedro's Mexican Restaurant advertisement featuring a sombrero illustration, address at 24366 Grand River, and menu items like Mexican Sampler for two at \$10.95.

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Michigan Ballet Theatre advertisement for Nutcracker Ballet, featuring an illustration of a ballerina, performance dates in December, and ticket information.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday Events lists upcoming holiday performances. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.

VOCAL MUSIC

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Twentieth anniversary Christmas concert, 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-4, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Call 455-4080.

FINLANDIA CHORUS

"I Love Christmas" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 featuring Finlandia Male Chorus of Michigan in a concert of traditional American,

Finnish, and German music at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 West Eight Mile, Farmington. Tickets at the door, refreshments served after concert.

BARBERSHOP

Dickens of A Carol featuring City Lights, a 75 voice barbershop chorus, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile at Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Doors open 7:30 p.m., reserved seating, call 625-6211.

MADRIGAL CHORAL

Holiday concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown. Call 552-9078, Tickets available at door.

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Holiday concert 6:30 p.m. Sun-

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Ring in the Holidays," concert 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10-11 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. Tickets \$5 general, \$4 students and seniors, \$3 children 10 and under. Call 471-4516.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

Annual holiday concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Harrison High School Auditorium on Twelve Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills. Tickets will be available at the door.

CHAMBER WINDS

Holiday Brass, Detroit Chamber Winds annual seasonal celebration will be presented 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills,

and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Call 362-2622.

COLLEGE

MUSIC CLUB

Schoolcraft College Music Club presents Today's Brass Quintet noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 in the Forum Building Recital Hall, F 530 on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

UNIVERSITY CHORALE

Wayne State University Concert Chorale, Men's Glee Club Winter Concert 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 at North Congregational Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway at Lasher in Southfield. Call 577-1795.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Community Choir will present "A Christmas Prelude," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth on the corner of Church and Main and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia. Tickets available at door.

Children's concert



Dancers: Henry Ford Community College dancers will bring to life the classic Christmas poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Tickets \$2, call 845-6314

Gemini to perform

"A Musical Celebration for Children and the Whole Family," will take place 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, when Gemini comes to Congregation Beth Achim, 21100 West Twelve Mile in Southfield.

Gemini, twin brother musicians Sandor and Lazlo Slomovits will delight the audience with their songs, folk tales, humor and an array of musical instruments.

At 5:30 p.m. you'll be able to celebrate Hanukkah with a traditional dinner for family and

friends. Rabbi Martin Berman will lead the children in lighting the menorah and Cantor Max Shimansky will present a program of songs.

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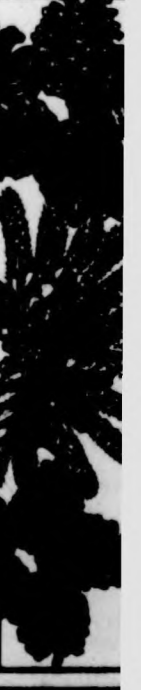
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Movie brings magic of 'The Nutcracker' to life



The world's most beloved ballet comes to the big screen this holiday season.

Angels and sugarplums, candy canes and mice, a prince, a young girl, a mysterious old man, and a Christmas tree that grows and grows, all set the stage for "George Balanchine's The Nutcracker".

The film, now showing at metro Detroit movie theaters, combines the grace of the New York City Ballet performance with the bright-eyed innocence of Macaulay Culkin to create an entertaining holiday offering for all ages.

Taken from the classic E.T.A. Hoffman tale, Balanchine's "The Nutcracker" is, according to Balanchine, "a serious thing wrapped in a fairy tale."

In the story, young Marie Stahlbaum is given a nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve by her

mysterious godfather, Herr Drosselmeier. That night the young girl finds herself in a strange world governed by Herr Drosselmeier. As toys, furniture and the Christmas tree grow, mice creep out of the shadows to haunt her.

The Nutcracker, who has been transformed into a live soldier, wages battle with the Mouse King and carries Marie off to a snowy forest where she awakens to find her Nutcracker has become a handsome prince. The two are led to a mystical, magical place.

"The Nutcracker" marked its 100th anniversary in 1992. Originally presented at the Maryinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, the ballet is the work of French-born choreographer Marius Petipa and the composer Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky. The ballet received harsh criticism at its beginning, but has lived on as a classic holiday treat.

The New York City Ballet first

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performed "The Nutcracker" in 1954.

Principal dancers of the New York City Ballet head the cast of the movie version. Darcy Kistler plays the Sugarplum Fairy, Damien Woetzel as the Cavalier, Kyrá Nichols as Dewdrop and Bart Robinson Cook as Herr Drosselmeier.

Jessica Lynn Cohen, 12, makes her debut as Marie. She was tapped for the role after producers watched hundreds of versions of the ballet. A strong athlete, Cohen rejected ballet lessons at the age of three. In 1989, however, she tried out for and was accepted by the School of American Ballet. She was 8 years old. Cohen performed the role of Marie for two seasons with the New York City Ballet and also performed in productions of "The Sleeping Beauty" and "Little Red Riding

Hood." She attends classes at the School of Ethical Culture in New York.

Culkin, a former student at the School of American Ballet, was the first choice of producers for the part of the Nutcracker Prince. Culkin had performed the ballet twice with the School, but in a different role. His father had performed the role of the Nutcracker Prince in the 1950s. Culkin is best known as the fearless youth in "Home Alone" and "Home Alone 2".

The original choreography, sets and costumes were preserved for this movie version of the ballet. The entire production was filmed on a theater stage at the Performing Arts Center at the State University of New York at Purchase.

The film was completed during a period of 25 days.

"George Balanchine's The Nutcracker", is an Elektra Entertainment/Regency Enterprises presentation.



Magical film: Bart Robinson Cook (right) as Herr Drosselmeier watches as his nephew, played by Macaulay Culkin, sees Marie, played by Jessica Lynn Cohen, put her beloved Nutcracker to bed.

ERIC LIEBOWITZ

UPCOMING MOVIES

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

■ **Opening Friday, Dec. 3:**

■ **"A Dangerous Woman"** — An emotionally charged love triangle revolving around a woman and her socially awkward niece with an inability to lie. Stars Debra Winger, Barbara Hershey and Gabriel Byrne.

■ **"Equinox"** — The story of identical twins, separated at birth 30 years earlier, and their individual struggles to survive in the city of Empire. Stars Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle, and Tyra Ferrell.

■ **"Rescue Me"** — A comedy/adventure about a young boy teaming up with a good hearted smuggler to rescue the girl of his dreams. Stars Michael Dudikoff and Ami Dolenz.

■ **Opening Friday, Dec. 10:** "Household Saints," — Exclusively at AMC Abbey, a mystical fable set in New York's Little Italy in the 1950s spans 22 years in the lives of three women in an Italian-American family. Stars Tracey Ullman, Vincent D'Onofrio.

■ **"Wild West"** — Exclusively at Main Art Theatre, an outrageous

comedy about a Pakistani British country-western band who dreams of becoming the latest rage in Nashville. Stars Sarita Choudhury and Ravi Kapoor.

■ **"Sister Act 2"** — Sequel to the original reunites lounge singer Deloris VanCartier (Whoopi Goldberg) with her twist n' shout sisters in an effort to form a choir out of a rag tag bunch of street tough kids.

■ **"Wayne's World 2"** — Our favorite cable access hosts, Wayne and Garth, try to state Aurora Illinois' marathon rock concert, Waynestock. Stars Dana Carvey, Christopher Walken, and Tia Carrere.

■ **"Geronimo: An American Legend"** — Focuses on the final months of the U.S. Army's campaign to capture the Geronimo. The film tells the classic story of the events leading to the surrender of the legendary Apache leader. Stars Jason Patric, Robert Duvall and Gene Hackman.

■ **Opening, Friday, Dec. 17:** ■ **"The Pelican Brief"** — A suspense thriller based on the best-selling novel of the same name by John Grisham. Stars Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington and Sam Shepard.

Send us recipes for 'his' specialty

We have no doubt that men can cook, so in the spirit of the movie, "Mrs. Doubtfire," we're offering oven mitts to the first 50 men who send us a recipe for their specialty.

We're looking for recipes for chili, spaghetti, soup, steak — entrees that are "his specialty," and desserts too.

We'll print the best recipes in the Taste section on Dec. 13. Men who submit the best four recipes of the bunch will also receive a "Mrs. Doubtfire," sweat shirt.

So come on guys, get cooking, and send us those recipes.

We'll print the best recipes in the Taste section on Dec. 13.

Send recipes to: Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150. If you have any questions, call 953-2105.

"Mrs. Doubtfire," now showing at metro Detroit movie theaters, stars Robin Williams as Daniel Hillard, an out-of-work voiceover actor, who will do anything to be with his three

children.

Unfortunately, the things that his kids love about him — his wild sense of humor, his carefree view of life — are traits which prevent him from being the husband his wife Miranda (Sally Field) needs him to be.

After 14 years of marriage she has asked for a divorce and has been granted temporary custody of the children, in spite of Daniel's emotional protests. So when Miranda advertises for a housekeeper, the clever but desperate Daniel, disguises himself as an elderly British woman, and gets the job.



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Nanny: Robin Williams in disguise as an elderly British woman in "Mrs. Doubtfire."

You'll want to hit the road with 'Josh and S.A.M.'

BY AP NEWSFEATURES

From Bing and Bob to Butch and Sundance to Thelma and Louise, movie couples have been hitting the road in search of — whatever. Of all the road pictures, none more bizarre has come along than "Josh and S.A.M."

Boy runaways are nothing new. But what about 7- and 12-year-olds who drive from Texas to Canada? It's a stretch, and along the way believability quotients hit new lows. But two gifted young actors, Jacob Tierney and Noah Fleiss, are so engaging that you're compelled to go along with them.

The first half-hour of "Josh and S.A.M." makes you think you have blundered into some sitcom about disjointed families. Josh and Sam are troubled boys tossed back and forth by their divorced parents. The mother (Joan Allen) lives in California and is more concerned with her French boyfriend (Ronald Guttman) than with her sons.

The Florida father (Stephen

REVIEW

Tobolowsky) has a new wife and two stepsons who taunt Josh as a "homo." Dispatched back to their mother, Josh and Sam have a forced landing in Dallas. After an adventure in which Josh fears he has killed a man, he and his little brother take off for Canada. The movie also takes off.

Josh has convinced Sam that he is, in fact, a S.A.M. (hence the confusing acronym of the title). It stands for Strategically Altered Mutant, a child donated by his parents to the Pentagon to be programmed as a future warrior. The only way to escape the programming is to reach Canada, outside the Pentagon's control.

The pair manage to drive their stolen red sports car, dodging concerned adults and suspicious cops along the way. They encounter a hitchhiking runaway (Martha Plimpton) who becomes their unwilling accomplice in the trek.



The end of the journey comes as no surprise, but it's suitably heartwarming.

With his soulful dark eyes and expressive face, Canadian Jacob Tierney carries the film with a wide range of emotion. He has real star quality. Newcomer Noah Fleiss acts like a veteran, without the preciousness of some child performers. Martha Plimpton affords an ideal counterpoint to the bickering brothers.

Frank Deese's script meanders like the country roads the boys travel, but he has written two believable roles for the young actors. Film editor Billy Weber in his directing debut handles the youngsters with understanding. Credit also should go to Don Burgess for his photography of the West's scenic beauty.

"Josh and S.A.M." was produced by Castle Rock Entertainment for Columbia Pictures. The producer was Martin Brest.

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Shuttle maneuvers worth tracking

SKY WATCH



RAYMOND E. BULLOCK

There will be two events of note in early December: The most complex space shuttle mission to date will be launched, and the Geminid meteor shower will put on its annual display. The odds of the former getting off the ground on schedule are about as good as having clear weather conditions to observe the latter.

The goal of the shuttle mission will be to repair the earth-orbiting Hubble Space Telescope. In perhaps one of NASA's greatest blunders, the telescope was launched with mismatched optics, making a portion of the telescope unusable.

The challenge for the shuttle crew will be to install corrective optics to solve the problem as well as replace the solar-cell arrays, gyroscopes and various aging electronics, and adding a wide-field and planetary camera. Of the seven crew members, four will be "space-walking" during five six-hour excursions. Like all shuttle missions, this is not something that skywatchers can view directly, but it is worth mentioning.

Let's all wish them success.

On the evening of Dec. 2, a line drawn from Castor through Pollux will bring you to the moon.

Castor and Pollux represent another blunder, although this one is not of NASA's doing. Many years ago, when the Greek letters were added to the proper names of the stars, Castor was designated Alpha Geminorum and Pollux was given Beta.

This makes perfect sense because they are the first and second brightest stars in Gemini. However, modern measurements of the intensity of these two stars shows that Pollux is actually a bit brighter than Castor. So in the case of Gemini, the star with the second letter of the Greek alphabet is brighter than the star that was designated with the first letter. (It's possible that the luminosity of Pollux increased during the past few centuries.)

Notice the bright star below the moon on the morning of Dec. 3rd. This will be Procyon (PRO see on), also known as the Little Dog star. Procyon is the eighth brightest star in the sky and the fifth closest to us. It always rises slightly before Sirius (SEER e us), the Big Dog star. Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, will be found below Procyon, near the west southwest horizon.

Dominating the southeastern

morning sky with a brightness even greater than that of Sirius, will be the planet Jupiter. This will be the only planet easily visible before sunrise. Both Mercury and Venus will be in the morning sky, below and to the left of Jupiter, but Mercury will be difficult to see in the glare of morning twilight, and Venus will be just barely above the horizon.

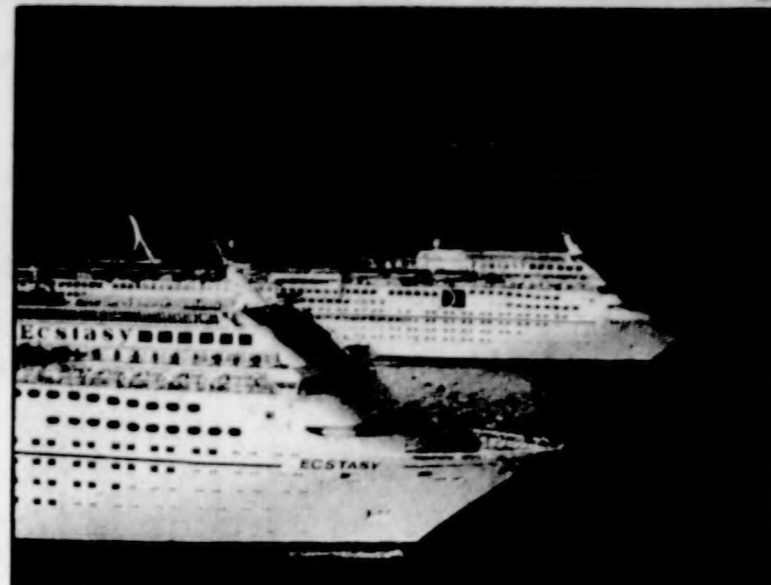
The moon will be found directly below the star Regulus (REG you lus) on the morning of the 5th. Regulus represents the "heart" of Leo the lion. On the following morning, at 10:49 a.m., the moon will be at last quarter phase. It will be starting the last quarter of its current orbit around the earth.

Follow the waning (decreasing) crescent moon across the predawn sky beginning with Dec. 9. The bright star directly above the upper cusp ("point") of the crescent

on the 9th will be Spica (SPY ka), the brightest star in the constellation of Virgo.

On the morning of the 10th, the moon will be located below Jupiter and to the right of Alpha Librae, also known by the tongue-twisting name of Zeuben El Genubi (ZOO ben el gen YOU bee). The name means "The Southern Claw" and is derived from the ancient time when this star was a part of Scorpius. Libra became a separate constellation long ago, but the name of this star remained the same.

The moon will be 11 degrees above and to the right of Mercury on the morning of the 11th. This will be the last morning you will be able to see the moon easily. On the following morning the moon will be located directly between Mercury and Venus, but it will be extremely difficult to see.



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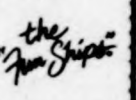
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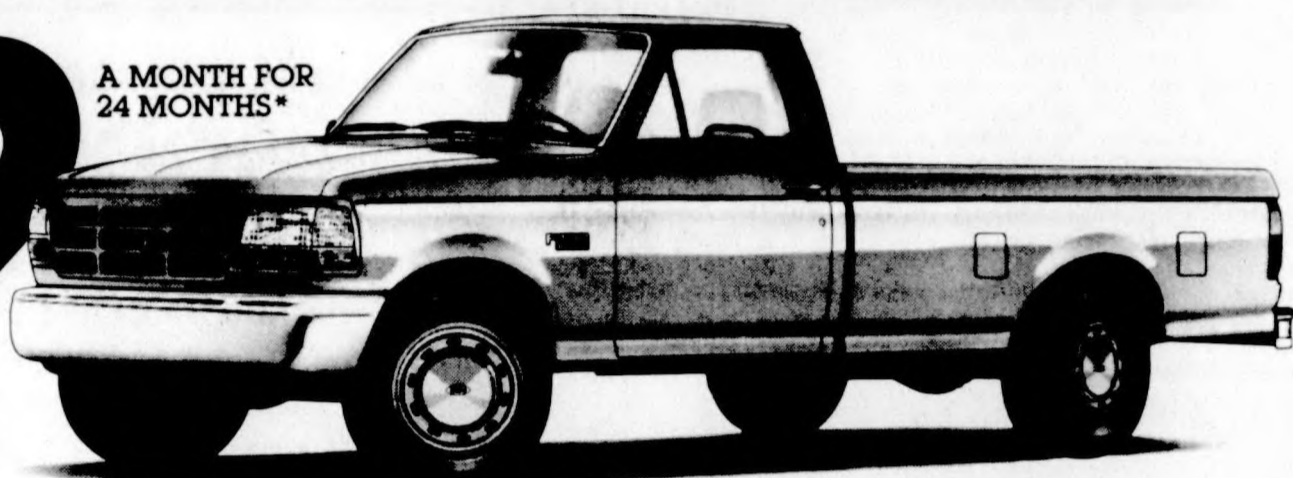
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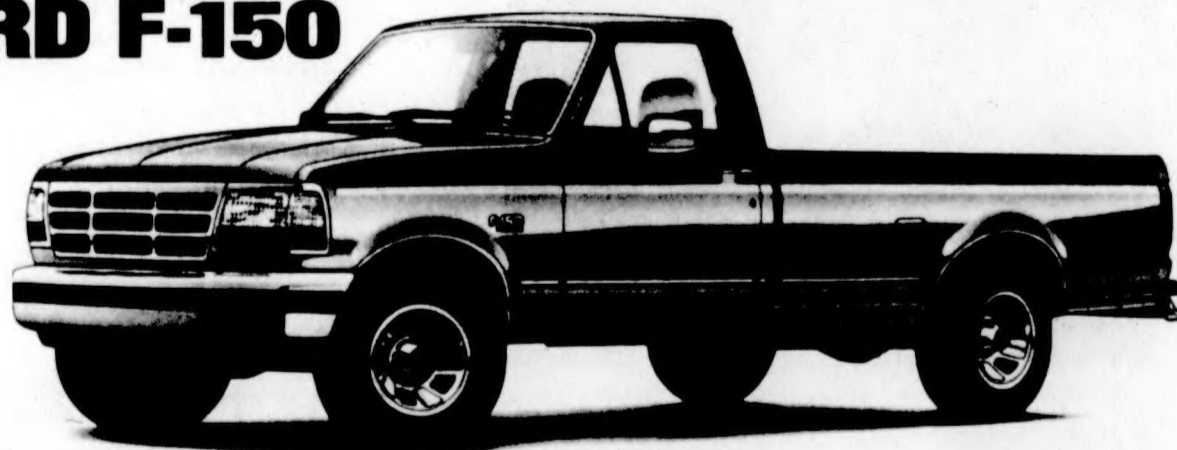
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1993

FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

It's merry, merry month of December

Jingle bells, jingle bells, more holiday on the way. Oh, what fun it is to have family togetherness, winter school break just two weeks away - hey!

December is the month that puts us in the spirit of giving and doing. It's the month that we so willingly turn the focus away from ourselves and spotlight those closest to us. Those individuals we really love and admire or those folks we simply feel darned good about because of their welcoming smiles and winning personalities.

The point is December is a month for sharing and caring - celebration. It's a "let's do" month like June or July, except "let's do" is done sometimes wearing layer upon layer of outside clothing.

With the dawn of December comes the brisk kiss of winter air instead of the healing heat of summer, or the unpredictable cool of fall. December is a "we" instead of "me" month. We will go shopping; we will visit grandma and grandpa; we will decorate the tree.

It's a month that each day is filled with excitement and anticipation of good things to come. Innocence, hope and those special sparkling gleams from eyes of children make December the best month of the year.

December is action-packed - family and friends are primary. Here are some activities to "wrap up" the year to do with and for others:

Dec. 2 - Make a December activities calendar and trim with Christmas holly.

Dec. 3 - Have each family member design and make a Christmas ornament.

Dec. 4 - Make some sweet treats like cranberry bars.

Dec. 5 - Perform a play like the story of Christmas.

Dec. 6 - Go shopping for fruit, nuts and small gift items to include in holiday gift baskets. Take a friend along.

Dec. 7 - Decorate the office at work with memos of holiday wishes.

Dec. 8 - Go to a movie. Enjoy the buttered popcorn.

Dec. 9 - Declare today a Santa hat day.

Dec. 10 - Donate clothing and food to the Salvation Army and homeless shelters.

Dec. 11 - Take the family ice skating. Have all family members dress wearing a shared favorite color.

Dec. 12 - Sing the "Twelve Days of Christmas" carol.

Dec. 13 - Visit the elderly at the neighborhood convalescent center.

Dec. 14 - Trim and decorate the tree.

Dec. 15 - Have a taste-testing smorgasbord, serving and sampling favorite foods enjoyed during the holiday season. Include various ethnic foods.

Dec. 16 - Have a gift scavenger hunt.

Dec. 17 - Rent a family movie video that makes everyone laugh.

Dec. 18 - Take a senior citizen shopping or assist them in gift wrapping.

Dec. 19 - Host a Sunday breakfast or brunch. Invite friends, family and neighbors.

Dec. 20 - Give a special monetary offering from your family, civic group or church to a charitable foundation or organization.

Dec. 21 - Visit Children's Hospital in Detroit. Get permission to bring toys, books and fun games along.

Dec. 22 - Buddy up or take your group to visit people in the neighborhood or closest hospital. Sing Christmas carols to lift spirits.

Dec. 23 - Have a gift-wrapping marathon.

Dec. 24 - Show good neighborhood spirit and unity by tying a big red ribbon around trees on the block. Also each neighbor leave an outside light for Santa's arrival.

Dec. 25 - Celebrate with those you love. Keep blessed thoughts and pray for world peace.

Dec. 26 - Save the gift wrappings and bows for arts and crafts projects. Make a collage.

Dec. 27 - Give your employees a certificate of appreciation or some other expression of gratitude.

Dec. 28 - Take your children on a "We love living" walk to promote good health and togetherness.

Dec. 29 - Attach each family member's photo to their New Year's resolution.

Dec. 30 - Make plans for a prosperous New Year.

Dec. 31 - Dress up in your finest duds and go somewhere special. Break out the glitter, the fancy shoes and suit coat.

If you have a question or comment for Eartha DeYampert, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



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When you sleep: Barbara Moore of the Enuresis Treatment Center goes over a sleep chart with a 10-year-old client from Rochester Hills.

Center dries up bedwetting woes

Enuresis is a problem for those who endure waking up to wet beds and sopping wet bed clothes. It can stifle social interaction at all ages and leave its sufferers with low self-esteem. But help is available from a woman who understands what it's all about.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Barbara Moore has a file filled with letters. Others are taped to the wall and even more are in frames scattered around her office. The wording is different, but each and every one carries the same message . . . heartfelt thanks for her help.

"Thank you for all your help," wrote Jonathan Rice of Livonia. "There once was a time when I never thought I would be dry. I like doing the exercises because they help me stay dry. I don't like doing them because they take too much time."

Rice is among children and adults who have learned they can overcome enuresis, or nighttime bedwetting, and its emotional and physical side effects, with the help of Moore and her staff at the Enuresis Treatment Center in Farmington Hills.

"The thing I hear most is 'I wish I had known about you,'" Moore said. "I had a waitress follow me out of a restaurant and say, 'You mean it's not my fault?' I guess that's why it feels so good to help people and to know you've changed their life."

Moore has spent 15 years helping people overcome their enuresis. It's a job that has its roots in raising her own family. Her daughter began wetting the bed at age 6. It took two years to overcome the problem and while her daughter was seeing a psychologist,

Moore gathered every bit of information she could on enuresis.

She came up with her treatment program "by trial and error over a period of years and kept adding to it" until it became what it is today. The treatment involves a bio-feedback, physiobehavioral method of changing the patient's deep sleep pattern into the more typical pattern of a non-bedwetter. It is drug-free and non-invasive and employs development and strengthening exercises to reinforce the urinary system.

Some 20 million children and adults wet the bed, many of the adults because of defective urinary organs, weakened muscles, descending bladders and other physical problems that make voluntary control around the clock difficult.

Sleep problem

Enuresis, however, is caused by an abnormal deep sleep pattern. It is inherited and can start at birth and continue on (primary wetting) or lay dormant until triggered by things like stress or anxiety (secondary wetting).

Among youngsters, enuresis affects 10-15 percent of 5-year-olds. The number drops to about 5 percent for children ages 10-15 and 1-2 percent for 16- to 18-year-olds. And almost three times as many boys as girls wet the bed, according to Moore.



Hello, it's me: Cleo, the office cockateel, is used to putting clients like 7-year-old Jonathan Rice of Livonia at ease when they visit the center.

See ENURESIS, 2C

Thank you: Words with a message

True love: LeAnn Strasser has plenty to be thankful this season, including meeting her fiance, Tom Gribble, during therapy at Personal Therapists Inc. in Livonia. The couple plan to wed in 1995.



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

LeAnn Strasser is looking forward to walking down the aisle on her wedding day.

William Platt is anxious about starting his freshman year at Oakland University in January.

Dwayne Popiolek is taking computer classes in hopes of getting gainful employment.

Three different people with a lot in common. They are in various stages of recovery from accidents involving closed head injuries. And in this season of giving thanks, they are thankful for the recovery they have made with the help of Personal Therapists Inc.

Strasser, Platt and Popiolek were among a group of clients from the Livonia-based rehabilitation agency who chose Thanksgiving to speak about the good things in their lives. All members of a personal self-esteem class, they decided to practice their public speaking while telling whomever would listen what they were thankful for.

"I lost a lot when I had my accident, but I've got a lot to be thankful for," said Strasser in a slow halting voice. "I was 19 years old when I got in a motorcycle accident with my boyfriend Rick. He died, so I feel real lucky to be alive."

Seated in a wheelchair, Strasser offered a thank you to her family, including her mother Donna who

See THANK YOU, 3C

Optimism and ambition are writer's guiding forces

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene, I have always enjoyed reading your column on handwriting analysis. I have been intrigued as to how you can assess so many interesting facts on a person just by the way one writes. My mother always

told me that good penmanship was important!

I would find it most interesting to be analyzed by you, and I am sure my husband would be very curious to find out what makes me tick!

M.W., Birmingham

Optimism and ambition appear to be guiding forces in this writer's busy life. She is able to see a light at the end of a tunnel which has not yet been built.

Determination is long, strong and cannot be missed. Until she has completed what she set out to accomplish, she does not give up. There is also an independent side, and she appears to persist in some independent ways.

This is a serious young woman who is conscientious about her obligations. She is willing to assume responsibility. She seems to vacillate between getting right down to business and dallying a little. Once she begins to execute her duties she is both precise and careful. Punctuality may not be her highest priority.

There is an intensity to her as she goes about her work. This handwriting carries heavy pressure and when considered with the total picture suggests vitality and a competitive nature.

The extreme entanglement in her handwriting lines tells us she is restless and searching. She seeks change and variety in her daily living. She probably has a great deal of nervous energy and must be on the move almost constantly. Whether on the job or at home, she dislikes being confined to small areas. She needs freedom and room in which she can move around. She also needs social activities. At times I rather suspect she gets over-involved to the point where she finds herself chasing her tail.

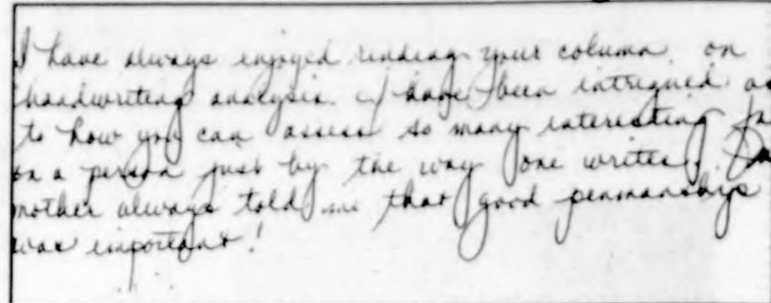
There is a little irritation here.

When things don't work out as she might wish them to it can surface.

It is an accepted fact that one's past has a strong influence on one's present and future life. This writer seems to be carrying some negative feelings toward early parental relationships. I feel she would be a happier person if she could resolve past hurts and resentment, rather than trying to run away from them.

I can see she has been exposed to some of the finer things in life. This tends to influence her choice of activities, friends and pleasures.

When trying to win others to her point of view, she has quite a persuasive manner. However, she



herself is not always easy to persuade or dissuade.

She longs for recognition and/or attention. In relationships she is amiable. The empathy she feels for others is strong and she often is ready to lend a helping hand. At other times her generosity is given with expectation of something in return.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are helpful. And objective feedback is always welcome.

Enuresis from page 1C

The average person gradually drifts through the four stages of sleep to the deepest level. If sufficient bladder pressure develops, the person is able to awaken. The enuretic person, however, drops swiftly to the deepest level of sleep and stays there for longer periods of time. As a result, when the brain is notified of sufficient bladder pressure, he cannot awaken and returns to deep sleep after the involuntary urination. For some, the wets can be a dribble; for others, they can be full-blown wet.

The deep sleep pattern is the same pattern found in sleepwalkers or people who have night terrors, Moore said. But while "all bedwetters are deep sleepers, not all deep sleepers are bedwetters."

The sleep pattern can have a detrimental effect. When the child plunges into a deep sleep, he doesn't get a good sleep, so he awakens not rested and sluggish, according to Moore. As he gets to the fifth-sixth grades, the lack of rest can affect him academically — an appearance of a disciplinary problem, not paying attention or episodes of daydreaming.

"I have a college student who is a bedwetter who said he couldn't focus, that he felt like he was drifting," Moore said. "He said, 'I know I'm bright but I can't do it; I have to work on the bedwetting

first.'"

Far and near

Moore's clients come from all over. She rattles off a mixture of metro Detroit communities, then adds in the Upper Peninsula, Alaska, Ohio, Massachusetts and Kentucky, Saskatchewan and even Bermuda.

She and the staff try to meet each client at least once face-to-face to do an assessment and family history. The average treatment program my involve 12 visits to the office. For the long-distance patients, modern technology — the facsimile machine — is pressed into service.

The treatment involves both the parents and children. While parents record everything that happens and learn how to interrupt the child's sleep pattern, the child has to drink more fluids to develop the bladder which almost always increases in size. Once the bladder has enlarged, the treatment turns to strengthening muscle control.

"The exercises depend on what the child needs," Moore said. "We have them drink more rather than less to help develop the bladder. If you restrict their fluids because they wet the bed, it implies they're doing something wrong, that they're different."

The whole program can take

three-four months, then there's two months of testing, including a gradual reduction in the exercises to try and force bedwetting. Then the patient is weaned off the program completely.

Sensitivity counts

Keeping in mind that it's difficult to talk to strangers about bedwetting, Moore has staffed the center with counselors who are nurses, social workers and the like who are sensitive to the need of the clients. There also is a psychologist, Lyle Danulof, to deal with the psychological problems.

Parents, children and adults see an improvement fairly quickly, usually within the first two-three weeks, Moore said. And by the end of the program, strong friendships have developed between the counselors and clients.

Flowers, candy, cookies, even a party complete with cupcakes are ways the staff is thanked for their work and cameras even show up to take snapshots of favorites, including Cleo, a cockateel, who claims the reception desk as its domain and gladly greets each and every person who walks in the door.

There are adults who turn to her for help. Moore has worked

with a 65-year-old man who wet the bed his entire life and a 30-year-old woman and her daughter who were both enuretics. Bedwetting was keeping the mother from having a relationship with her boyfriend; she couldn't spend a night with him.

She also helped a newlywed and former bedwetter who came in for training to enlarge her bladder. While she wasn't wetting the bed, she was getting up four-five times a night because her bladder was underdeveloped.

But a majority of her clients are children ages 8-10 and it is their cards and letters that provide a fitting close to their own stories.

In his letter, Daniel Clark included drawings of a caped crusader, Enuresis Man, and his rival, The Evil Wet Face. He was thankful for the help and the new freedom the treatment gave him. He also wrote: "I'm gonna miss you... you've been a great buddy through all this stuff... Don't go thinking I'm going to forget you. I'll never forget you, Barbara... never."

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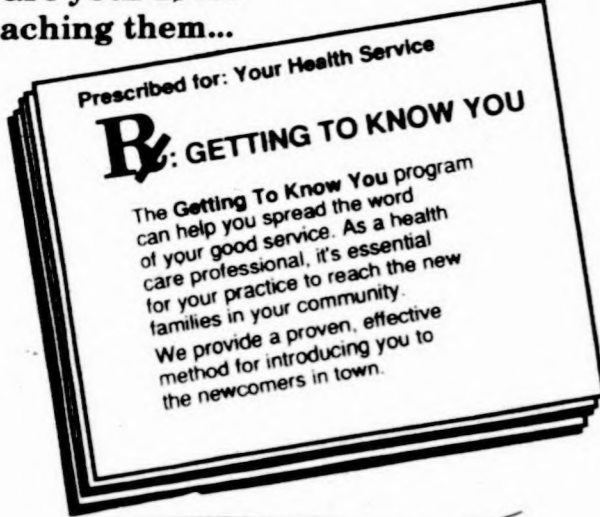
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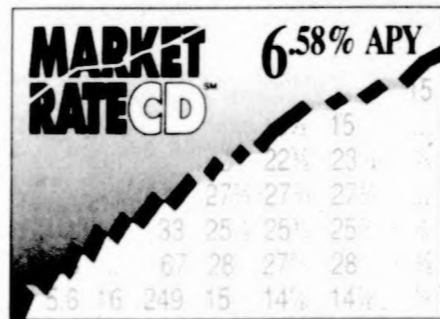
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Kind word: Difficulty speaking hasn't slowed Jimmie Duncan, who chats with Dr. Dennis Bellehumeur after the Thanksgiving program.

was among the guests on hand to hear the testimonials.

"I've made really good accomplishments... my speech is a lot better and I can walk short distance with a cane," she said. "I've got my own apartment, and I've got a man. My goal is to walk down the aisle and meet my lovey Tom and marry him."

Fiance Tom Gribble beamed at her announcement. In his senior year at Madonna University, where he's studying sociology, he understands what Strasser has been through. He, too, suffered a closed head injury in 1985 as the result of an automobile accident. He suffered a ruptured blood vessel and his brain was close to shutting down from the increasing pressure when doctors operated.

The two met at PTI — "It was love at first sight for me," Gribble said. "I saw him and thought I've got to have him," Strasser said.

PTI is the thread that weaves through the lives of these people. In Michigan since 1987, PTI offers a program that uses the community to the maximum to achieve successful rehabilitation of its clients.

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therapies — physical, occupational, vocational and speech and language — and neurobehavioral intervention. It has a six-bed residential facility and eight supported apartments where clients learn to live as independently as possible.

"We work for zero exclusion," said Jeffrey Lin, vocational coordinator. "We do group and individual therapy in the community not in the hospital and that's the important thing. We want to do everything we can for them in the home, in the workplace, in the recreational area."

While PTI works to make its clients as productive as they can be, it also serves as their advocate, coming up with creative ways to pay the bills.

"It costs \$1,200 a day to keep them in psychiatric hospitals, and we cost far less," Lin said. (PTI costs 50 percent or more.)

Many of the clients who spoke told of the trials and tribulations of getting the right kind of rehabilitative help.

A football player, Platt suffered two broken legs, dislocated shoulders and a head injury in an accident two years ago. A native of Windsor, he credits his physical conditioning in surviving the accident. As soon as he could he went into the gymnasium and taught himself to walk, but eventually turned to PTI to get the rehabilitative therapy he couldn't get in Canada.

"I'd like to thank my family, friends and PTI and its staff," he said. "I've come a long way in such a short time. I'm thankful to be able to go back and get an education."

Kathleen McKeon took the long way to PTI. Also in an accident, her symptoms were slow to develop. Doctors did tests and more tests as her symptoms progressed from memory loss to seizure problems to grand mal seizures.

"My bat wasn't connecting with the ball," she said. "My memory was gone. My brother was in an accident and in a coma for three months and his memory was better than mine. I heard that I ought to be locked up because I couldn't take care of myself."

Two of the seizures caused further damage, and she was on the verge of a third one when she caught up with Dennis Bellehumeur, a clinical psychologist

and PTI vice president. She doesn't remember that day, but credits Bellehumeur in getting her hospitalized and into the PTI program.

"I subsequently started attending PTI, and I got information; I got support. I started feeling better; I started sounding better. What it boils down to was I was laughing again. I saw a part of the old me coming out again."

"This program and the people have gotten me where I am today. I know now I will get better and see a light."

Recovery hasn't been as complete for Jimmie Duncan, who walks with the help of crutches and has difficulty speaking. He may never be completely independent but just doing work around the PTI office has changed him, according to Lin.

"He's in the residential setting and once he got out and into a work routine, he started wearing a jacket and glasses," Lin said. "Work for him isn't a \$100,000 a year job; work was something that keeps him busy."

Duncan has found reason to smile and laugh. And one of the people who makes him chuckle is Sharon Brown who was in an accident six years ago and ended up in a coma.

The doctors had told her parents she "would never walk, talk or see again," but she walked to the podium, looked squarely at the audience and said: "If it wasn't for my family and God, I wouldn't be here. I'm just so thankful to be here today."

Likewise, thanks came from Popiolek who credited PTI with his progress, Nerico Johnson who has returned to school to get his high school diploma and Paul Hugler who offered thanks for the support of his parents and the therapy program.

The last client to speak was Chris Belanger, also from Canada, who was struck by a drunken driver while walking to his uncle's house. The car was traveling at 60 miles per hour and Belanger was tossed onto the hood. He fell off in front of a volunteer rescue station.

"My tongue had lodged in my throat and I was hemorrhaging from my head," he said. "The man saw me fall into the ditch. He did a tracheotomy and whatever. I went to four different hospitals and by the grace of God, I'm here today."

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His musical and artistic grasp is of the kind that one finds only among mature and accomplished artists.

His playing goes beyond clear scales and technically correct arpeggios. His phrases are, for most part, well-rounded and shaped. The intensity of the octaves in the bass and the fullness of his

chords constitute an amazing feat for someone whose palm is barely large enough to span an octave.

Born in Hawaii, he lives in Livonia where he studies piano with Mary Siciliano. He has participated in Master Classes at Interlochen and at the University of Kansas, studied in Vienna with Paul Badura-Skoda, one of the foremost authorities on Mozart's music, and is travelling to Russia to perform with the Moscow Symphony Orchestra.

Even the most gifted child has some growing and expanding ahead, as Mozart's own early

REVIEW

symphonies attest. There were some weak phrases in his performance, but these were only minor exceptions to his unmitigated strong and unusually mature approach.

As this event was geared for an audience with many young school children, only short selections were performed. Other works on the Musical Safari, as this event was titled, consisted of popular selections from "Beauty and the Beast," "Disney Magic," "The Muppet Medley" and John Williams' Olympic fanfare and Theme. A more mainstream Classical selection was Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. Trudy Bradley, from WQRS, was the narrator in this work, and she also introduced the other selections.

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AUDITIONS

TROY PLAYERS
Open auditions for "Kiss Me, Kate" 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 6-7 at the Troy Community Center, 520 West Big Beaver, Troy. Call backs on Dec. 8. Troy Players is also looking for experienced directors to direct their production of "Move Over, Miss Markham." Call 879-1285.

Around Talking," written by John Ford Noonan opens 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 at the playhouse, 32332 West 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 18. Call 553-2955 for details.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" continues weekends through Dec. 4 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital. Call 349-7110 for information.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION
"Quilt: A Musical Celebration," a special theater production based on the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, will be presented at the Smith Theatre on Oakland Community College's Orchard

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CHARLES DICKENS
Dickens himself will be conjured up, through the staging of a musical and dramatic presentation entitled "A Dickens' of A Christmas," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$10 at the door.

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"An Axe, an Apple and a Bucksin Jacket," a children's play, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 11-

12, Dec. 18-19 and 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at the City of Southfield's Historic Park "The Burgh" on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. Call 827-0700 for details.

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"Beauty and the Beast" will be presented at the Kids Concerts series 1 p.m. lunch, followed by 2 p.m. show Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18-19 in Room 115 of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen. Tickets \$10 for lunch and show, \$7.50 for show only. Call 354-4717.

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theran Church, 3631 N. Adams Road between Long Lake and Square Lake Road. Exit I-75 at Square Lake and Adams Road. There will be authentic food and glogg, fresh bread, Swedish import and craft tables, a Lucia pageant, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Swedish Christmas music. Admission is \$2 adults, children free.

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Seed thief: A fox squirrel chewed its way into a pumpkin to look for seeds.



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

during winter either hibernate or migrate south. But many animals must sur-

vive winter in Michigan despite the cold and the depleted food supply. To do so, they adapt in many different ways. Deer lower their physiological requirements so they do not need as much food. They also grow a winter coat of long fur that helps insulate them.

Other animals live off stored fat and rest during bad weather and cold temperatures. Raccoons, skunks and opossum exhibit this kind of adaptation. During warm days, they seek food where they can find it.

One way animals adapt is by taking advantage of new situa-

tions. Those animals that cannot adapt are more likely to die.

Man has created many situations to which numerous animals cannot adapt. We no longer see those animals in urban and suburban areas. But man also has created situations to which some animals can adapt.

Under a deck, for instance, is a great place for animals to seek shelter. It's inaccessible and during winter it may be warm because it is next to a house. Skunks will take advantage of these conditions without hesita-

tion. Some animals even take advantage of our holidays. I recently saw a fox squirrel chew its way into my neighbor's pumpkin. The pumpkin was outside for decoration but somehow the squirrel knew there were seeds inside the super squash. It chewed its way inside and then poked its head through the hole to grab a mouthful.

Squirrels in our backyard chewed through our used pumpkins too. Actually, if they had had access to the carved front, they

would have realized that there were no seeds inside. Instead it looked like the monster pumpkin just swallowed a squirrel.

Animals will do what they have to in order to survive. To help them, we can provide good seeds during winter and add shelter by piling used Christmas trees in the yard.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. You can leave him a message using a Touch-Tone phone at 953-2047, mailbox 1874.

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■ SOUTH OAKLAND
South Oakland Skills Center students of Farmington High School and the Work Lab class of Farmington Harrison High School will have a holiday craft sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 2-3, in Room 109 of Farmington High, 32000 Shiawassee. There will be hand-crafted items made by the students in their pre-vocational classes.

■ TRINITY PARK
Trinity Park West Home for the Aged will have a craft bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 2-3, at the home, 38910 Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty Road, Livonia. For more information, call 464-2772.

■ B. BECK
B. Beck Elementary School will have a Christmas bazaar 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the school, 27100 Bennet, Redford. There will be a bake walk, face painting, games, wish tree, crafters, raffle, food and games. There also will be free pictures with Santa, if you bring a new wrapped gift for a needy child.

■ LIVONIA SENIORS
The Livonia Senior Citizens annual arts and crafts sale will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Civic Park Senior Citizens Center, 15128 Farmington Road, Livonia.

■ CANTON HISTORICAL
The Canton Historical Society's annual craft sale and quilt raffle will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4 at the Canton Historical Museum, Proctor and South Canton Center roads, south of Cherry Hill Road. There will be many Christmas gifts and decorations. Free admission. Proceeds will benefit the historical society. For more information, call 397-0088.

■ LUTHERAN HIGH
Lutheran High School Westland will have an arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4, at the high school, 33300 Cowan Road, Westland. There will be more than 100 quality crafters and a bake sale. Lunch will be available. Admission \$1.50.

■ BULMAN CO-OP
The Bulman Co-op Nursery School will have its eighth annual craft auction and bake sale at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. There will also be an in-house raffle with a prize of dinner and a

night at the Marriott Hotel. For more information, call 615-1411.

■ LATHERS PTA
Lathers PTA Christmas boutique will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at 28351 Marquette, Garden City. There will be 80 crafters. Admission is \$1, children under 12 and senior citizens free.

■ ST. THOMAS A' BECKET
St. Thomas a' Becket Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the church,

555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. There will be more than 70 crafters, a bake sale and hourly raffles. Admission is \$1, 50 cents for senior citizens and free for children under age 12.

■ P.D. GRAHAM
P.D. Graham Elementary School will have its 12th annual Christmas craft fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the school, Hix at Avondale, Westland. Tables are available at \$20 each. For information, call 729-6474.

■ DYER CENTER
The Dyer Senior Center will have a Christmas boutique 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the center, 36745 Marquette, Westland. Crafters are still needed and table rental is \$10 per day. There also will be a bake sale and lunch. For information, call Mary at 595-2161.

■ WAGON WHEEL
A craft sale will be 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Friday through Sunday, Dec. 10-12, in the clubhouse of the Wagon Wheel South Mobile Home Park, 51000 Michigan Ave. Hot dogs, pop and chips will also be for sale. For information, call 485-8223.

■ YMCA
A craft show will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Tables are \$15. For information, call 721-7044.

■ HANDCRAFTERS UNLIMITED
Handcrafters Unlimited Inc. will have a Christmas craft show 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, two blocks west of Sheldon (Center Street), Northville. There will be more than 70 crafters and lunch will be served. Admission will be \$2 and no strollers permitted.

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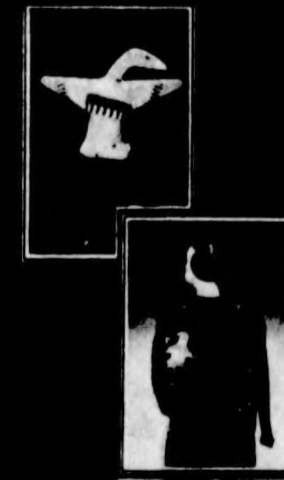
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'Cell' paintings full of life

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER
In a way, you could call Beverly Fishman's paintings "works in progress."
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structures into abstract compositions.
"The history of painting is centuries old, the technology I'm using is 25 years old.
"Hybrids is a good title. I think hybrid is... between the technology and painting that I'm using."

opening up questions about it.
The oval or circular shape of the works is like a microscope lens. The viewer is invited to examine the work and extend that examination to himself or herself. Some of the works are joined in the center like a lock-etch. They still carry the idea of self and identity because sometimes hair or other reminders of a person are carried in a lock-etch.

Exhibitions from page 4D

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p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, 822-0954. Visitors may bring a canned or dry food item for a holiday food drive.
Closes Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and New Year's Day.
SYBASIS GALLERY
To Dec. 31 - New work by internationally known fiber artist Lillian Elliott, a native Detroit.
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BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER
Holiday shoppers take heart and think art.
The Detroit Institute of Arts has timely gift-giving suggestions for all ages and interests.
A replica of Auguste Rodin's "The Thinker" has been a DIA bestseller, says Kathryn Darby, retail operations director.

"The Thinker is a perfect example of the type of merchandise our shops carry," Darby said. "We purchase items that reflect the quality of the DIA's permanent collection to make it possible for customers to own a bit of the museum's 100-year legacy," Darby said.
"The Thinker," which can be seen outside the DIA's Woodward Avenue entrance, was originally created as part of Rodin's larger work, "The Gates of Hell" - an ornamental door for a proposed Palace of Decorative Arts.
Sculpted on a small scale in proportion to the door, "The Thinker" looks at the scenes of human passion and pain. Two sizes are available: a \$95 (12-inch) and a \$175 (17-inch).
The DIA museum shops, which are in Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and the Somerset Collection in Troy, are open during mall hours. A third store is at the museum in Detroit's New Center area.
Another unique holiday gift is a geometric-shaped deck prism paperweight. Historically the deck prism was placed strategically on the deck of a boat so it would cast light into the living quarters below. The original is in the Seaport Museum in Mystic, Conn. Legend claims the Great Pyramid in Egypt used the same concept to light its interior. The DIA suggests displaying alone on a desk (\$19.95) or atop a lighted base (\$27.50).
Carved soapstone is also available in candlesticks, 12-inch decorative plates and soap dishes. Each item looks well alone or grouped together on a credenza in the office or on a coffee table.
Mined in Africa, the soapstone is colored with vegetable dye and incised with traditional patterns such as lions, elephants, rhinoceroses and zebras.
The carving of soapstone is a dying art form among African tribesmen, who traditionally passed the skill from generation to generation. The pieces range in price from \$15 to \$85.
The DIA's collection contains original pieces, including an antique nephrite jade beaded necklace carved during the Ching Dynasty (1821-1851) to a lapis-and-silver-beaded necklace accented with a silver finger nail guard - even a stunning necklace of onyx and gold-plated beads featuring ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.
For a more traditional gift, the DIA shops offers "The Columbian Collection," a collection of gold-washed, Columbian-made jewelry sold exclusively in museum shops across the country.
It was made famous by actress Angelica Houston a couple years ago when she wore one of its stunning six-inch lizards for a Vanity Fair cover.
The Collection is owned by Fran Nanetti, formerly of Huntington Woods, who brought the latest designs with her from Columbia to the stores in late October.
The Collection is exclusively offered in Michigan at the DIA shops. Prices range from \$50 to \$250.
DIA officials say that the unique pieces, cast in brass and plated in 24-karat gold, are fashioned entirely by hand by mountain artisans using the lost wax process.
The Columbian Collection offers large earrings, bracelets, cufflinks and pins. The cufflinks and tie tacks are shaped like frogs, turtles, lizards and even little South American people. The cufflinks cost \$65; the tie tacks \$30.
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BUILDING & BUSINESS' SUBURBAN STARS

Suburban Stars highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Suburban Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 313-591-7279.

David B. Hostetter of Livonia has promoted by Detroit-based Amerisure Companies to assistant vice president-corporate reserving. He will oversee corporate reserve levels and provide financial information to management. He joined the company in 1982.



Hostetter

Thomas A. Raar of Beverly Hills has joined Troy-based Somanetics Corp. as business analyst. His responsibilities will involve analysis of markets, penetration and distribution channels. He will assist with product development and end user literature. He had been manufacturing operations specialist at a Chicago facility of Organon Teknika Corp., a Durham, N.C. pharmaceutical company.



Raar

Carol A. Taylor of Southfield was promoted by Detroit-based Amerisure Companies to assistant vice president-counsel. Her emphasis is on employment, benefits and underwriting. Taylor joined the company in 1987 as a life compliance analyst.



Taylor

Jeffery S. Harden of Canton has become an agent for The Equitable's Hobley Agency, Troy. He's licensed to offer a full range of financial services. He previously was a sales representative with John Casey at Allstate Insurance Co., Ann Arbor.



Harden

James Gladden of Westland was promoted to a district manager for Troy-based Arbor Drugs. He'll oversee the daily operations of 11 stores. He previously was a store manager.



Gladden

Doaunders was named senior vice president of Livonia-

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Beth Singer

Outside look: The exterior elevation of Deerhurst models contains vinyl siding and some brick.

Deerhurst: 'practical, affordable'



Success often breeds success. Uniland, which built Hunter's Pointe in Westland, has followed up with another project just down the road. Even though the models are still under construction, deposits already have been placed on about 20 units at Deerhurst.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Build a functional condominium with some nice amenities for \$100,000 or less and people will come, look and buy.

That's the thinking of Rex Rosenhaus, a Farmington Hills developer/builder, who's in the process of constructing models at Deerhurst in Westland.

His company, Uniland, plans to erect 87 units on a 10-acre site off Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren.

All will have two bedrooms. A two-story townhouse of 1,200 square feet with a one-car attached garage and

no basement is currently priced at \$82,900, a single-story ranch of 1,100 square feet with a two-car garage and basement, \$101,000.

Buyers can choose either model with or without a basement and a one- or two-car garage. Other options include decks, fireplaces, ceiling fans and automatic garage-door openers.

The models should be finished this month, but deposits have been placed on 18 units, Rosenhaus said.

"We try to provide a spacious and practical home for the way people live today in an affordable price range," he said. "We find people who are attracted to a condo lifestyle want a

See DEERHURST, 2F



Outside look: The exterior elevation of Deerhurst models contains vinyl siding and some brick.

Concierge helps others fulfill wants

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

For someone who dislikes tending to some of life's little details for herself, Francine Finucan, 40, of Troy earns a living doing for others as a concierge, or glorified errand runner.

The former waitress, restaurant manager and dental assistant has operated her business, Executive Concierge Services, out of her home for about four years now.

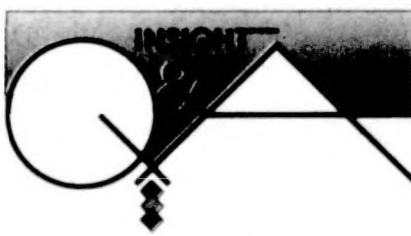
Finucan's first job was arranging for and moving a client from one residence to another. Her big break came when the Somerset Park Apartments in Troy hired her to put together appreciation parties, then promoted her other services to tenants.

Capital investment to establish her business in terms of dollars was fairly low - "I guess it came to less than \$1,000" - but the cost has been extremely high in terms of time, energy and emotional involvement.

Lending a hand: Francine Finucan does a little bit of everything, including walking dogs, while tending to her concierge business.



JIM REISS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Until a year and a half ago, Finucan worked full time as a waitress and another 40 hours a week nurturing her business.

Following are edited excerpts from an interview.

Concierge? It sounds complicated. What do you do?

I like to give an example because we do so many different things. Let's say you're going to give a party and cost is no object. We can plan the event, send invitations, hold the RSVP list. We can arrange for the caterer, dec-

orator, music, valet to park cars, gifts for guests as they leave. We can clean your home before the event and clean after the event. We can follow up with thank-you notes.

We do pet sitting. We help people with any kind of arrangement. We'll help people plan a trip.

How's it going financially?

I'm still struggling. In the first six months of this year, my business has doubled from what it was last year. We're making money. I'm supporting myself.

How did you build your network of suppliers and client base?

For basic things I knew people wanted - flowers, limousine service, catering, dry cleaning - I have a (referral fee) contract with vendors. Others came up as needed. I just recently started with a moving company because I was getting so many requests.

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more carefree and maintenance-free lifestyle, but still want the privacy of their own home."

Based on patterns at similar condo projects built by Uniland in Westland, Hunter's Pointe, and in Woodhaven, Silver Creek, most residents probably will relocate to Deerhurst just a few miles from their current residences, Rosenhaus speculated.

"Those we seem to be attracting, 70 percent are retirees or near retirees that are selling their homes in the general area and still want to be around friends and family," Rosenhaus said. "Twenty percent are younger, single people between 30 and 50. We have nurses, doctors, lawyers who may be divorced or single by choice. Then 10 percent are purchased by younger people or young couples just starting out, their first home-buying experience," he said.

Many customers who have built up large amounts of equity in existing houses buy a condo from him and a time share or another condo in warm-weather communities, Rosenhaus said.

Ranches surpass two-story

'We find people who are attracted to a condo lifestyle want a more carefree and maintenance-free lifestyle, but still want the privacy of their own home.'

Rex Rosenhaus
Developer

models in popularity among elderly buyers, said Laura Tauber, project manager at Deerhurst. "That age group has no interest in climbing stairs whatsoever," she said.

They also don't have much interest in clubhouses, swimming pools or tennis courts, Tauber added. So to reduce construction costs and keep maintenance expenses as low as possible, none of those amenities will be included in Deerhurst.

However, the units themselves exhibit some nice touches. The ranches have vaulted ceilings in the living room, kitchen and dining area.

The townhouses have high ceilings in the upstairs bedrooms.

All units contain a double kitchen sink, dishwasher, garbage disposal, range/hood fan, private entry, first-floor laundry and at least a bath and a half.

Janet Harris, a sales rep in Silver Creek, shows the same models there that will be built in Westland. Walk-throughs in Woodhaven comment on the lighting, large windows and ceiling treatments, she said.

"The most common thing is people say it's so open," Harris noted. "They say, 'I expected it to be small, apartment like.'"

Rosenhaus said he's especially proud of the sound control between units. "We actually used two separate stud walls separated by an air gap of an inch and a half so there's no shared contact," he said.

Deerhurst is serviced by the Wayne-Westland schools.

The property tax rate, subject to change depending on revised school financing plans, is currently \$64.59 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation. That means the

owners of a \$95,000 condo would pay annual property taxes of just over \$3,000.

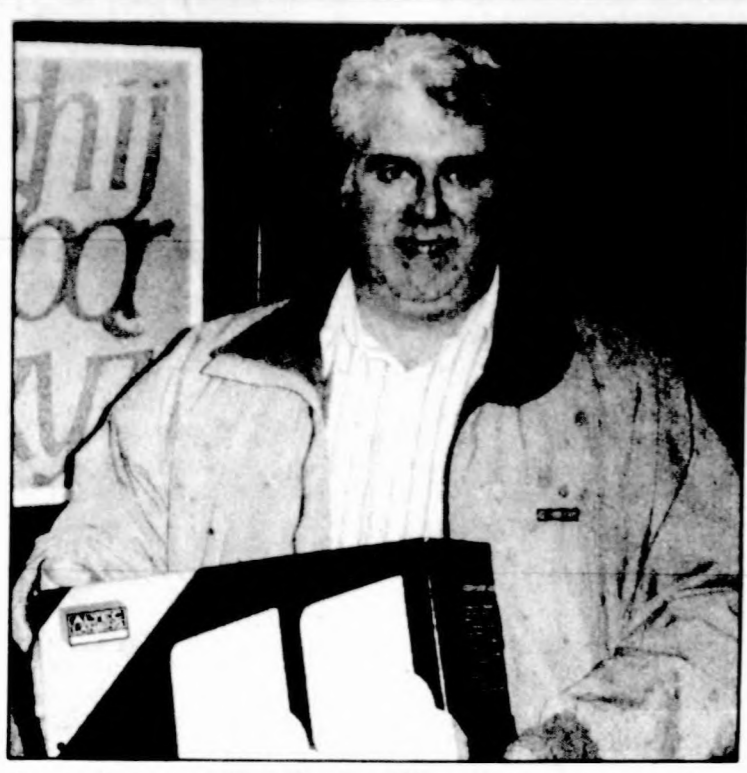
The monthly maintenance fee has been set at \$80.

Jackie and Anthony Gerbasi, retirees, plan to move into a ranch in Deerhurst from a home in Livonia. They liked what they saw when they visited similar models in Silver Creek.

"We have a larger house now and want to scale down," Jackie said. "We're going with a ranch. We don't want up and down. We thought it would give enough space for the two of us. I realize in location, everything is close by — shopping, restaurants, access to expressways."

Andrea Markham, 33, plans to buy a townhouse in Deerhurst. It will be her first home-owning experience. She became impressed with Uniland while renting in Hunter's Pointe.

"I just like the way the set-up is, the way it's laid out, real open, spacious, not boxy," Markham said. "I live in a townhouse where the bedrooms are upstairs. It's modern, real cozy."



Contest winner: Bob Beals of Farmington won a set of Altec speakers for his PC in the first O&E On-Line subscriber drawing.

O&E On-Line users: drawings yield prizes

Observer & Eccentric On-Line, the newest electronic bulletin board in the Wayne/Oakland County area, announces its first subscriber drawing winner.

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Additional subscriber drawings are planned through spring 1994. For more information regarding O&E On-Line, call 953-2266.

Suburban firms aid Detroit

Two Southfield companies have offered their services as part of Detroit Challenge, bringing the number of companies involved to 20.

Brose Media Services and Signature Associates have added their names to the list of companies offering services at reduced rates to businesses that either start up in or relocate to the city of Detroit.

Brose Media Services provides local and national media plan-

ning and buying services to a range of clients in the retail, real estate, lumber, banking, entertainment and health industries.

Signature Associates is a commercial office and industrial real estate firm. It provides a range of worldwide real estate services.

Detroit Challenge services are available to new and relocating businesses for a period of six months, until May 6, 1994. Call 1-800-852-4520 for more information.

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If a client uses one service, we have a foot in the door. We can sell other services. My first client has been my biggest supporter. He just tells everyone.

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I have four apartment complexes and work with Drury Inn in Troy. They don't have a concierge on site.

How do you go about learning the business?

I went to the small business development center at Wayne State University. They help you get on the right road, show how to write a business plan.

There's also a woman out East who puts on courses in how to be a concierge. I went to Washington, D.C., and took the two-week course. I got all the materials, books and tapes.

I was so excited, I thought it would take off a lot quicker than it did. People say five years. I said it wouldn't take me that long. I thought this was such a viable business, I'd be different. I wasn't.

What's it take to do a good job?

Paying attention to detail, really pampering clients, going the extra mile. Just doing extra things.

What do you most and least enjoy about your work?

The best thing I like is people, my clients. I have very few complaints. When they do, I bend over backwards to rectify the situation. Most times, it's so rewarding to help someone and they're appreciative.

What I least like is people. Not usually my clients, but people who want to work for me. Staffing is probably what I like least. For instance, people will work for me for a while, then tell me they're tired of cleaning other people's mess.

I think that's the most challenging part... staffing. They sign on as independent contractors. I have eight regulars, about six on-call. I'm the only employee.

What are your business goals?

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more apartment complexes.

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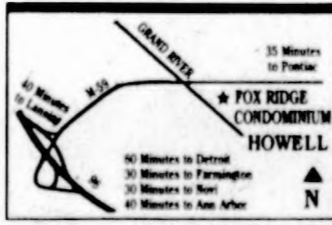
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TOP RATING
Farmington-based Exotic Rubber & Plastic Corp. received Ford Motor Company's Q101 rating in September. Ford recognized the manufacturer and distributor of industrial rubber and plastic products for teamwork, for meeting customer requirements and for process improvements. Exotic Rubber also has received quality awards from Chrysler, Unisys, Ingersoll-Rand and Hercules Aerospace.
The company says its team-

oriented management style helps to earn quality awards like these and is responsible for cost savings at its manufacturing facility — the tool room team redesigned the stock rack and another team conceived a system to provide 24-hour service, 365 days a year.

CHOOSE PR FIRM
Planet Productions of Northville will coordinate the national promotion and marketing of The Complete Guide to Financing College, a video guide. The company was selected by Business Development Marketing of Charlottesville, Va., and Mission Direct Marketing of Mission, Kan.
Planet Productions also will coordinate national seminars to accompany the guide produced by Scholarship & Financial Aid Services, Fresno, Calif.

AWARD EMPLOYEES
Marilyn Heckel of Bloomfield Hills, an executive assistant at

Southfield-based Burns & Wilcox Ltd., received the outstanding individual performance award at the company's annual managers meeting.

Southfield resident John Morrison, Southfield branch manager, and his staff received the telemarketing award of excellence for outstanding branch development.
Burns & Wilcox is a national specialty risk insurer.

AWARD SAFETY HEAD
John A. Gleichman, director of safety and loss control for Southfield-based Barton Malow Co., received the Distinguished Service Safety Award, the National Safety Council's highest individual honor.
The award recognizes people who have made contributions to their employer, safety organizations, the community and the National Safety Council. Gleichman, of Northville, was the council's industrial division chairman from

1990 to 1991.
Barton Malow provides program management, construction management, general contracting and rigging services nationwide.

RISK CONTROL CLASS
Risk Management Group of Michigan, Traverse City, has hired Bannister and Co., a Birmingham marketing consultant, to handle marketing and public relations for the School of Health Care Risk Management. The school opens in March 1994 at University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor.
The 120-hour course teaches health care workers to identify risks and to reduce hospital errors that could result in liability. The course is recognized in Florida where risk managers are licensed.

NEW ADDRESS
Bianchi Public Relations, a consulting firm specializing in public relations for automotive

and trucking industry suppliers, has moved from 1400 N. Woodward to 21 E. Long Lake, Suite 215, Bloomfield Hills. The phone number has not changed.

NEW DIVISION
Cloyes Gear & Products and Renold Automotive of Calais, France, have signed an exclusive sales and technical agreement forming Cloyes-Renold Automotive Drive Systems.
The new Troy-based division will provide cam drive systems and sales, engineering and technical support to U.S. automakers. The new division is headquartered at 2950 W. Square Lake, Suite 111. The phone number is 952-5421.

UPDATE LITERATURE
Automotive manufacturers can look for updated product litera-

ture from Avery Dennison Automotive Division, Troy. The company has included its formable interior laminates and pressure-sensitive exterior graphics to finish and trim product literature. The material describes product technology and applications.

INVESTMENT GRADUATE
Janet L. Bensing of West Bloomfield completed the investment planning course in the National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors graduate study program. She earned the designation of Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC).
The investment planning course covers the U.S. monetary and fiscal policies and financial resource analysis according to risk variables. It's one of three courses required to earn the FIC designation.

DATEBOOK

Datebook features upcoming events around the suburban business community. To list an event, write: Datebook, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is 313-591-7279.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

LAWYERS MEET
Michigan Defense Trial Counsel focuses on "Evaluation and Proof of Damages Using Experts" at its winter meeting 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hotel Barometre in Novi. Dennis Archer, Detroit's mayor-elect, will speak at lunch. Registration is \$95 for members and \$105 for non-members. Luncheon-only tickets are \$35. For information, call Madelyne Lawry at 517-482-7538.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

MEET CONTRACTORS
Upwards of 25 building contractors and subcontractors answer house building questions 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in a workshop at the Holiday Inn, 26555 Telegraph, Southfield. Topics include geothermal energy systems, wood foundation systems and radon detection. Advance tickets are \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. At the door, it's \$40 per person, \$55 per couple. For information, call Jim Nawrot at 462-0944.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

EXPORTING SEMINAR
The Institute for International Trade, a division of the Business Enterprise Development Center, and Walsh College presents "The International Passport Series Level One Certification" 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Walsh, 3838 Livernois, Troy. International professionals will address issues on export rules and regulations, risk management, international legal considerations, logistics and export documentation. Fee is \$140. To register, call 689-6178 Ext. 260.

COMPUTER LITERACY

The American Society of Employers sponsors a seminar on WordPerfect: Level 1 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Fee, which includes all materials, instruction and lunch, is \$195 for members, \$225 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

NAFTA DEBATE
The National Association of Purchasing Management of Metro Detroit hosts a forum on the North American Free Trade Agreement at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Speakers include Norm Bodine, president United Technologies; John Taylor, Wayne State University professor; and Frank Richter of United We Stand. Social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., the program at 7 p.m. Price is \$20. Reservation deadline is Dec. 6. For information, call 773-3737.

WRITING LESSONS
The Oakland Community College Business Technology Center and C-Tip offers a class "The Five Cs of Effective Writing" 6-9 p.m. at the Orchard Ridge Campus. Price is \$70. To register, call Laura at 471-7729.

HANDWRITING ANALYSIS
Ruth E. Holmes, a handwriting analyst, court-qualified witness and questioned document examiner, presents "The Trail You Leave in Ink: A Business Tool Used in Personnel Placement." The National Association of Career Women-Detroit Chapter hosts Holmes 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Menwether's restaurant, 25485 Telegraph, Southfield. Luncheon tickets are \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members. For reservations, call 268-7770.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY
The Oakland County Chamber Division of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce invites the business community to kick off the holiday season with the Oakland County Chamber Network 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Northfield Hilton, 5300 Crooks, Troy. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and a cash bar will be available. The event is free, but reservations are requested at 456-8600.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES
The Oakland County Business Consortium hosts Gloria J. Jeff, deputy director, bureau of transportation for the state of Michigan. Jeff will discuss the direction of transportation programs within our community and legislation that will affect transportation spending through 1997. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Northland Shopping Center, Eight Mile and Greenfield. Price is \$10 for non-members, free for members.

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Maple Forest	Whom	\$123,700	Boeco Building, Inc.	4511
Rolling Meadows	Lake Orion	\$170,000	Pulte Homes	4512

WAYNE COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT	CITY	PRICE	BUILDER	BUILDERS HOTLINE
Country Club Village	Northville	From \$180,000	Pulte Homes	4513
Glengary Village	Canton	From \$180,000	Pulte Homes	4514

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based Diversey Corp. and president of the company's industrial group, DuBois USA, Cincinnati, Ohio. He has more than 20 years of experience with the former DuBois Chemicals, joining Diversey in 1991 when it merged with DuBois. He's held several positions since then, including senior vice president-customer service. He'll be moving to the Cincinnati area from Northville. She previously was director of compensation and benefits. Diversey is a developer, manufacturer and marketer of cleaning, sanitizing, water management and surface treatment products and systems.

Andreas G. Thomopoulos of Franklin, with Ellis/Naeyart/Genheimer Associates, Troy architects/engineers/planners, has passed the Michigan registration examination and earned his professional engineer's license. He's an electrical engineer with eight years' experience.

Fred Koester of Canton was among the first of his peers to earn AAA Michigan's "Quality 1st Manager's Award," recognizing quality improvement efforts, team building, participation, innovation and employee development. He was honored for his openness to requests for new or alternative compensation programs, thoroughness and quick response to requests for help.

Lori A. Demski of Livonia was promoted to tax department director at Deloitte & Touche, Detroit. The CPA formerly was a senior manager in the tax department. She primarily serves corporations and health care and nonprofit organizations.

John F. Fleming of Rochester Hills was named corporate counsel for The Brake Shop, a national franchisor of automotive brake system repair shops. He previously was a litigation attorney for the Auburn Hills firm of Potter, Carniak and Anderson.

Michael R. Hillman of Beverly Hills has joined First Security Savings Bank of Bloomfield Hills as business development manager, responsible for expanding and refining the bank's marketing strategies. He previously was senior loan officer with Republic Bancorp Mortgage.

Lynn Baker and **Sandy Christopher** of Oakland Township were named sales representatives for The Crossings of Oakland, an Oakland Township residential subdivision at Adams near Silverbell being developed by Robertson Brothers Group, Bloomfield Hills. **Ron Phillips** is project

manager for the 383-home development.

Kathy A. Janssen was named CFO and vice president of finance at Contract Interiors, a Southfield office interiors firm. She joins the firm after 12 years at the Detroit offices of Arthur Anderson and Co., where she was a senior manager.

Michael Baskin of West Bloomfield was named vice president/account supervisor at W.B. Doner & Co., Southfield. He's responsible for supervising the account service teams on the Lowes and Vernors accounts. He joined the firm in 1986.

Don Blackburn & Co., Livonia, promoted two local residents to newly created management jobs. **John Laichalk** of Westland, a 17-year employee, was promoted to warehouse manager. He'll continue to handle inside sales. **Connie MacDonald** of Livonia, a 12-year employee, was promoted from customer service representative to inside sales team leader. Blackburn is a distributor of mechanical, electrical and electronic components and products.

Dr. Fred Fumia of Bloomfield Township was named director of obstetrics at Oakwood Hospital Obstetrics/Gynecology residency training program in Dearborn. He previously was a perinatologist at Mainline Perinatal Associates, Pa. He also was a perinatologist for Henry Ford Hospital and Medical Center, Detroit, and was involved in its resident education. A perinatologist specializes in the

care of the fetus and infant shortly before and after birth.

Karen E. Kometer of Plymouth was promoted from director of leasing and marketing to vice president of AmeriCenter, Inc. She will oversee the company's offices in Troy, Southfield, Livonia, Bloomfield Hills and Schaumburg, Ill. The company provides executive offices with receptionists, personalized phone service, conference rooms, private parking and other business services.

Anna Theodorou and **Scot Wernette**, both of Southfield, were promoted to staff accountants at Follmer, Rudewicz & Co., Southfield. Theodorou joined the company in 1991 and Wernette joined the company in 1991 after graduating from Wayne State University Central Michigan University.

George Simpson was named chief executive of Lucas Industries, Troy. He'll join the company on May 1, 1994, replacing Anthony Gill, who will become non-executive chairman. Simpson is deputy chief executive of British Aerospace and chairman of Rover Group. Lucas Industries is an international supplier of advance technology systems, components and other services for the aerospace and automotive industries and other manufacturers.

Rajinderpal (Paul) Dhillon of Rochester Hills has joined First of Michigan Corp. as a representative in the Rochester office. He previously worked for Dean Witter Reynolds. The company offers investment services and investment products, such as stocks and bonds, unit trusts and mutual funds, and investment banking.

Bobbie Baker of Troy was named independent sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc. based on her sales volume and re-

cruiting accomplishments. She joined the company in 1992 as an independent beauty consultant.

Gabriel Locher of Bloomfield Hills has joined Michigan National Corp., Farmington Hills, as senior vice president of the international division. He's been involved in international trade activities throughout his banking career of 30-plus years. He previously was senior vice president of international banking at Comerica Bank and also headed the international division at Manufacturers Bank.

David Higgins of West Bloomfield was named vice president-automotive sales manager of R. L. Polk & Co.'s automotive marketing group in Taylor. He joined the company in 1986 as an account service representative and has had several sales positions, including account group manager and assistant automotive sales manager. Polk is a statistician for the automotive industry. It also publishes city and bank directories, supplies demographics and database marketing and manufacturers calendars and other specialty advertising.

Wendy Price of Troy was promoted from account coordinator to account executive at Simons Michelson Zieve, Inc. Advertising, Troy. She joined the company in 1992 after graduating from Macomb Community College.

Cindy Schutt of Warren was named director of physical therapy at Physician's Physical Therapy Services, Southfield and Troy. She previously worked for the Institute for Athletic Medicine and Fairview Southdale Hospital, Minn.

Loula E. Karas of Farmington Hills has joined Superior Coffee and Foods, Bensenville, Ill., as an account executive for the city of Detroit. She previously worked for Detroit-based Action Marketing, a food broker.

William E. Galvin of Northville has joined the Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, a nationwide business referral organization. He is an associate with Galvin Planning Services, Farmington Hills.

Michael A. Robbins, a partner in Victor, Robbins & Devine, Birmingham, was elected chairman of the 3,000-member family law section of the State Bar of Michigan. He's also a family law mediator, arbitrator, expert witness, author, lecturer and head of Continuing Legal Education. He has coordinated and moderated more than 20 family law seminars around the state.

Dennis Currier and **Janice Bohannon** have joined the Birmingham office of PaineWebber, Inc. as institutional investment counselors. Currier of Bloomfield Hills will be senior advisor to the institutional investment consulting division. Bohannon of Lincoln Park will be the division's senior associate. Currier previously was managing director of Amherst Ltd., an investment consulting firm. He also was a partner in Ernst & Young's healthcare management consulting practice in Detroit. Bohannon was an associate with Amherst.

Catherine M. Waltz of Southfield was promoted to associate at Plante & Moran, a Southfield-based accounting and consulting firm. She interned at the firm in 1987 and joined the accounting staff in 1988 after graduating from the University of Michigan. She transferred to the tax department in 1989, specializing in automobile dealerships, real estate, oil and gas industries and non-profit organizations.

Steven Kosztya has joined Troy-based Testyng Engineers & Consultants, Inc. as manager of environmental services. His 27-year career has included senior management positions at several firms that are members of the American Council of Independent Laboratories.

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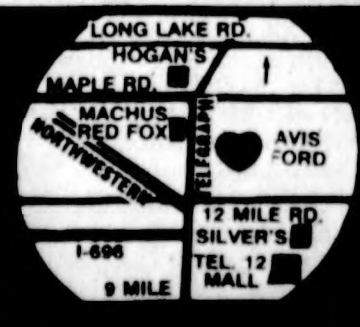
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