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Tots safe after apartment fire



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Yule memories: Readers tell us about their favorite Christmas memories. /3A

MEAP scores: The Plymouth-Canton schools released the test scores last week and we feature them in a chart. /4A

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Crossing troubles: City officials and Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, are rallying support in hopes of derailing an effort by railroad companies to extend the time trains can block street crossings. /11A

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Schools of choice: Most parents are just looking for a good babysitter, says National Education Association president Keith Geiger. /5A

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Blown out: The Madonna men's basketball team scored 107 points Monday night — and lost by 82 points to Division II Oakland University. In the process, OU set nine school records. /1B

SUBURBAN LIFE

Christmas story: With keen memory and hand gestures as varied as the stories she tells, Dinghy Sharp spins a Christmas tale with a surprise ending. /1C

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scover where Santa is on Christmas Eve by listening to one of Santa's elves being interviewed by your hometown newspaper. Information updated every half-hour. Just call 953-2031 between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Two young children were tossed from the window of a burning apartment building Monday afternoon. The youngsters are doing just fine, thanks to two men on the ground who caught them, using sheets.

BY KEVIN BROWN AND JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITERS

Parents of two young children, aged 3 months and 2 years, dropped them one by one out a second-story window to two young men who caught them in a sheet as smoke from a fire filled a

Plymouth Township apartment building Monday.

The children, and other residents at the Plymouth Heritage Apartments as the fire broke out in a basement at 1:52 p.m., were uninjured in the blaze, Plymouth Township fire Chief Larry Groth reported.

The apartment complex is located Department at 453-3869 at 12811 Heritage near the intersection of Sheldon and North Territorial

Three firefighters were treated for injuries. "One had a back injury, another an ankle injury and another was burned around the area of the ears," Groth said. All three were treated and released from St. Mary Hospital in

Groth said the fire is "suspicious," adding anyone with information on how the fire may have been set should call the Plymouth Township Police

The first fire trucks responded to the scene in six minutes, Groth said. Eventually, seven trucks and about 22 township and city firefighters were called to the scene.

The fire started in a storage unit in the basement of the 12-unit apartment complex. "It took about an hour to get it really knocked down," Groth

Upon arriving at the scene, most residents of the apartments had evac-

See FIRE, 4A

Student creations map out Plymouth perfectly

BY M.B. DILLON STAFF WRITER

Walk into Farrand Elementary School, turn down a hallway and vou've entered a magical fantasy land. An entire wing has been trans-

formed into an illuminated gingerbread replica of Plymouth.

merchants, and business folks to see is a recreation of everything from the McDonald's at Five Mile and Hagger-

ty to Unisys, Danny's supermarket and downtown Plymouth. The crea-In colorful splendor for parents, tors are four third grade classes and their teachers, Kristin Bertoia, Cathy Campbell, Ann Coker and Lynn

Student Cody Lobenherz explained how he and his classmates built an elaborate, edible model of Unisys.

We put boxes together and graham-crackered 'em. We used a glue gun and sometimes frosting to stick it together. For the soccer field, we used a Styrofoam base and pipe cleaners and onion net for the nets. It was fun.

The Unisys clock was made of frosting, pretzels and Tootsie rolls.

On other buildings, candy canes doubled as shutters, licorice as shingles and cotton as snow. The creations are currently on display in the lower level of the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday. Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

The Farrand staff and students hosted an open house for all the merchants and employees whose buildings were recreated. On display, to name a few, were City Hall, the Penn Theater and Schrader's Funeral Home. Milk cartons served as the structure for some of the buildings, and adorning them were graham crackers, untold varieties of candy and frosting, and strings of tiny col-

Third-grader Theresa Edwards said recreating Danny's supermarket took us a long time; about two weeks. It was fun, but hard work.

The project ties in with the four classes' social studies unit on community. "Buildings were photographed and then divided up among

See CREATIONS, 4A



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christmas visions: From bottom left, Nicole Hoffman, Catherine Soodawa and Ryan Baumgartner dream of Christmas.

Happy holidays



From us to you: We at the Plymouth Observer didn't have time to write all our readers Christmas cards, so we're doing the next best thing. We're wishing everybody happy holidays. Here is the staff from left to right, starting at the bottom row: Joanne Maliszewski, Canton reporter; Christina Fuoco, Suburban Life reporter; Nancy Pennington, receptionist; and Dan O'Meara, sports. Second row: Kevin Brown, Plymouth reporter; C.J. Risak, sports; Sue Mason, Suburban Life editor; Jeff Counts, Plymouth community editor; M.B. Dillon, schools reporter; and Bill Bresler, photographer. The photo was taken in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Holiday cheer





Friendship: Teacher Kathy Harenda and her third grade class from Hoben Elementary School in Canton lightened the hearts of seniors at Canton Place recently. The students sang carols for the residents and friendship chain they made. Pictured at left is Agnes Irwin.

Canadian man reports truck stolen from motel

A truck valued at \$33,000 by its bage bags in a trash bin owner, an Ontario, Canada man, was reported stolen Saturday from the Red Roof Inn, 39700 Ann Arbor Road

The man said he last saw the locked truck at 12:30 a.m. it was discovered missing at 3:45 a.m., according to the report filed with Plymouth Township police, who are investigating.

Officer's gym bag found

A Plymouth Township resident called police at 2:16 p.m. Sunday to say they'd spotted a neighbor placing two suspicious white gar-

Police opened the bags and found a gym bag with the address of a Livonia police officer. The officer arrived on the scene to say the bag was his, but that two silver pens were missing. The man seen placing the bags in the trash bin then produced the pens from his pocket, saying, "Sure, he can have them back.

The man, 22, told police he found the bag behind an area bar. Police have not filed charges against the man

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The 34-year-old homeowner said no other items were missing from the garage. Police have no suspects or witnesses.

Car windows broken

Windows to 10 cars at a Plym outh Township salvage yard at 1179 Starkweather were discovered broken at 7:30 p.m. Monday, according to a report filed with Plymouth Township police.

Police have no witnesses or sus-







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hristmas in Florida! No snow! An artificial tree! No way! That was probably my first thought when my husband, Frank, and I began discussing the possibility of packing up our two children, Kristen and Stephen, and driving down to Florida with Frank's sister, Karen, her husband, Rick, and their two children, Casey and Cody, to spend the holidays with my in-laws.

Frank's parents had moved to Florida seven to eight years earlier and had been back to Michigan for one Christmas. They said never again. They had gotten much too used to the warmer climate in

So it looked like if we wanted our children to spend the Christmas holidays with their grandparents it was going to be up to us to make the plans and go to Flori-

Now don't get me wrong, I like Florida and love spending time with grandpa and grandma in Florida (since they had moved down there we averaged a visit there every 18 months). But I've always enjoyed Christmas in Michigan. Even when we weren't blessed with snow. I grew up in Canton and my father sold Christmas trees to many of the residents in the Plymouth-Canton area for as long as I could remember from various places in Plymouth and finally right out of our front and back yard.

And there's something to be said for waking up in your own home on Christmas morning and watching the little ones come

themselves while dad gets the movie camera set up to film their first reaction to all that Santa left

But with much excitement and a little apprehension we loaded up our van and Karen and Rick's car with presents and luggage and headed for Florida one early December morning amid the sleet and snow.

The memory of that Christmas is a bittersweet one. In order to spend Christmas with my father in-law and mother-in-law, I had to leave behind my mother who was in a nursing home.

This was hard to do as I had never in my 37 years spent Christmas without my mother. And grandma had always been around to heap lots of toys upon my children. This year, however, she barely knew it was Christmas. Little did we all know that this would be the last Christmas for both my mother and my motherin-law, Marilyn. They both passed away within three weeks of each other the following August/ September. My mother's death, not unexpected, was a relief, she was out of her pain from a brain tumor. Marilyn, however, died very unexpectedly in her sleep, at

the young age of 62. As I look back and remember that Christmas and all we did together as a family, shopping with grandma, going to the movies (the men took the boys to see "Star Trek" while Grandma, Karen and I took the two girls to see "My Girl," and especially Christmas Eve riding in the van to the Christmas Eve service singing Christmas carols, I now realize how blessed we were to be able to spend what turned out to be her last Christmas with my motherWe could have missed all that

if we had stayed home to have a "White Christmas." Even though we didn't have a white Christmas, that Christmas showed me you can make Christmas whatever you want it to be no matter where you are. To our family, Christmas is being with family and friends, making happy memories and rejoicing in God's love for us.

May we all look at Christmas each year and rejoice in the blessings bestowed upon us (even if it means spending Christmas in Florida!)

P.S. My father-in-law is coming up from Florida to spend Christmas with us this year! I suspect he too realizes how previous Christmas memories are since he is braving the cold to spend the holidays with family.

From Becky Krohn, Canton

Santa's special

y favorite Christmas memory was one year when mom and dad told us we had to go to bed. Dad was going bowling, so mom tucked us into bed. It was dark. Just as we were falling asleep my Mom woke us up and said, "Look out the window!" My sister and I went to the window.

There was frost on the window. We had to wipe away the frost. We couldn't believe it. The snow was falling all around. Walking down the street was Santa Claus! He was bright as could be. The street light shone behind him. He was ringing a bell. "Ho, ho, ho. Merry Christmas," he said.

Next thing we knew, Santa came to our house! We ran down the steps and opened the door. He

of us. My sister and I each received a beautiful dress for church in the morning. Each of us sat on his lap as he asked us what we wanted for Christmas. He said we had been good children all year and that he would come back later in the evening.

We went back to bed. The next morning we went down the steps and saw a Christmas tree all dec orated with sparkling lights! Under the tree was a 4-by-8 platform with a train running around the tree. Presents were everywhere!

It wasn't until years later that we heard the story that it was dad that dressed up as Santa Claus, visiting the neighbors' houses.

From Barbara Secord of Plymouth

Favorite dress

t's Christmas Day, and all I can say . . . , is you made my day, by again going out of

My beautiful yellow dress is the present I liked best. I will always remember this particular year. If I didn't get my yellow dress, I would have been in tears.

Just sitting around Christmas Eve, looking at the beautiful tree. Wondering what our gifts would be, hoping the yellow dress was there for me.

I didn't even know that you went out into the cold. Had the owner open the store, so that you could get in the door.

And what a delight to find, that the yellow dress was there and mine. I just have to thank you one more time, for a wonderful Christmas, and for you again being so

From Fran Crane Bernard, Can-





Insurance agents donate food to needy

The Independent Insurance Agents of Wayne County have delivered some 200 boxes of food to needy families in the Detroit metropolitan area

More than 20 independent insurance agencies and companies in Wayne County participated in the food drive. Included with each box of food was a smoke detector

The boxes of food were dropped off Thursday and Friday at Timemaster Business Forms Inc. at 13000 Inkster Road in Redford

The filled boxes were then delivered by insurance agent volunteers to local charities and distributed to needy families during

A spokesperson for the Inde-

pendent Insurance Agents of Wayne County said the food drive donation presents agents with the opportunity to help those within the community they serve.

"It's important that insurance agents demonstrate that their concerns are not limited to selling auto insurance," said Denise McHenry of Cambridge Underwriters in Livonia.

McHenry added that the free smoke detectors are designed to increase the chances of early fire detection during the holiday sea-

Anyone wishing to contribute boxes of non-perishable food items can contact McHenry at

Middle school students have holiday spirit to spare, share

Students at Pioneer Middle School have had the Christmas spirit since September, when they began raising money to make this holiday season a bright one for five families they adopted.

The students raised \$2,500 at dances, and through sweat shirt sales, a Santa's Workshop and 'candygrams' sent to fellow students. They then shopped for toys, clothing, books and food, and organized and wrapped the gifts for delivery to the Salvation Army. Their colorful wrapping paper and bows were handmade.

'This is a Student Council activity we've done for eight years in a row," said teacher Karen Barksdale, who worked with fellow teacher Sena Sherman on the

'The big thing we are really most proud of is that kids get a sense of doing for others in this age of me, me, me," said Barksdale. "We like to focus on what we can do for others. This really is a long-term project.

Many students have spent their own money on items for the families, she added. "It makes them feel real good; and we feel real good," the teacher said. "We tell the kids that we know the stores make it sound like it's the season for you, but it's the season for others

Students have perfected the art of bartering and finding the best deal. Barksdale said. "One kid went to the manager and explained who the purchases were for, asking if she could do any better on the price. The manager knocked 10 percent off.

Through it all, students have learned that to give is more im-



Big hearts: Thanks to students at Pioneer Middle School, local families will have a happier holiday season. The middle school students began in September raising money to buy books, toys, clothing and groceries for the "adopted families" with which the Salvation Army paired them. Andria Johnson and Laurie Bilik are among the students.

become good bargainers and become good shoppers. The Salvation Army screens lo-

portant than to receive. They've cal, needy families for the Adopta-Family program. Barksdale and Sherman are the Student Council

Local ice rink open for skating

Ice skating open to the public is available through Jan. 2 at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena, 525 Farmer.

Times for open skating are 9:40-10:40 a.m., 1-2p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Mondays; 9:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:35-5:50 p.m. Tuesdays;

8:30-9:30 a.m., 10:50 a.m. to 2:30 iors and \$1.25 for skate rental p.m. Wednesdays; 8:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. and 4-5:20 p.m. Thursdays; 9:40 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Fridays and noon to 2:50 p.m. Sun-

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Apartment fire: Firefighters work on the Plymouth Township blaze that forced residents to flee.

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uated. Groth said one elderly woman who was unaware of the fire was evacuated by firefighters.

Everyone else was out at work," he said.

Parents of the children dropped out the window to flee the fire were unavailable for comment Tuesday. Groth said the two young men who held the sheet to catch the children were neighbors, probably in their early 20s.

Groth said heat and smoke damage to the apartments was extensive. Residents had to find lodging with friends or relatives. The Salvation Army provided shelter for some whose apart-

ments were damaged in the fire. Groth said on Tuesday a damage estimate due to the fire had yet to be compiled. Items stored in the basement were destroyed in the fire, which was contained to the basement.

Under the Michigan Arson Reward Program, up to a \$5,000 reward is available for anyone with information leading to the conviction of a suspect in the fire, Groth said.

Barbara Armstrong, a resident of the apartment complex, said she was in her apartment just before the fire started when "I saw a guy running. Then I started to hear sirens.

'One of the tenants smelled smoke and they (other tenants) came out," Armstrong said. "There weren't too many people in the building.

As this was the second fire in the complex in the last six months, Armstrong said she was concerned that someone might be setting fires in the complex.



Smoky: Fire broke out Monday at the Plymouth Township apartment complex.

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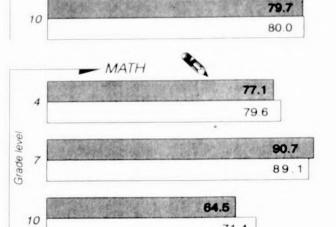
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the kids," Campbell said. "We used math in calculating ratios for the biggest and smallest buildings. We brought in geometry and art by designing and constructing.

"We sent letters to the mer chants, signed by the kids, invit-

ing them to come today and to take the gingerbread buildings to their stores when we're done,' added Campbell. The dozens of business people and parents who attended the open house were treated, after their tour, to oodles of homemade holiday goodies.

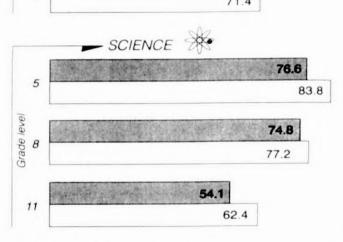
Measuring the MEAP



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Here's a district-wide breakdown of the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The MEAP numbers represent the percentage of students who have at least a satisfactory mastery of the subject.

"Satisfactory" is defined as achieving 75% or more of the subject.



Source: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools



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Smoke detectors boost home safety

If you or members of your family could avoid certain death for an investment of \$20 or less, would you pay the money? Sure, who wouldn't?

In 1992, more than 200 people died in fires. Many of those deaths could have been prevented with the early warning of a smoke detector. For instance, one Michigan resident had no way of knowing that his Christmas tree lights would overload the electrical outlets. The house had no smoke detector to wake his sleeping family, even though a city ordinance requires one. As a result, the homeowner, his wife and their three children died of smoke inhalation.

Although smoke detectors play a key role in reduction of life and property loss, many people choose to ignore the early warnings that detectors can provide, AAA Michigan re-

According to the Department of State Police. Fire Marshal Division, in 1992 there were no fire detectors present in 62.3 percent of the residential structure fires which occurred in Michigan.

In an additional 12.7 percent of those fires, a detector was present, but did not operate.

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about three minutes from the sound of the first alarm to get out safely before being overcome by smoke and gases,' said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch

Basch added that two-thirds of all residential fires involving a fatality occur between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., when occupants are likely to be sleeping.

Both a 1974 state law and local ordinances require smoke detectors in new homes, but usually they don't provide for inspection. In many communities, local ordinances also require smoke detector checks whenever a home changes ownership or undergoes a major home improvement. Check with your local fire or building department for more specific information in your communi-

Fire departments and other groups, such as AAA Michigan, spend a great deal of time and money to help educate people on smoke detectors. But unless fire safety inspections are made routinely, the installation of smoke detectors will not adequately protect home owners and their families.

Sometimes, tragedy influences the sensitivity of an entire community, according to AAA Michigan.

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County car ordinance challenged

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners were mad last Thursday when they learned of a letter from the county attorney declaring a recently enacted county car ordinance "void and unenforceable."

The ordinance, written by commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and enacted in October by unanimous vote, forbids future county elected officials and most senior staffers from using county cars.

The ordinance also mandates meticulous record keeping in regard to county cars and makes it more difficult to buy luxury cars when economy cars will do.

Commissioners believe county Executive Edward McNamara is behind the opinion and wonder if he's trying to torpedo the ordi-

Written by county attorney Patricia Irving-Cwiek, the opinion says the car ordinance violates the separation of power between legislative and executive branches of county government. Therefore, Irving-Cwiek concludes, the ordinance "represents an unlawful usurnation of executive authority by the legislative body of Wayne

County. Commissioner Bryan Amann, D-Wayne, said that Irving-Cwiek really thinks she must be Judge (Richard) Kaufman," the chief judge of Wayne County Circuit Court. Amann, who also represents Canton, noted that only a judge can strike down a county or-

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City, said she

thinks McNamara doesn't intend to obey the ordinance.

What it looks like to me is that they're just going to ignore it," she said. "They think they're above the law, which is sad. It re-

McNamara, who was unavailable for comment last week, cooperated with McCotter, whose district includes Plymouth and Northville, when the ordinance was being written last summer. Two McNamara aides, Dave Katz and Bob Biga, worked directly with McCotter on the ordinance.

"We worked on this for about five months with these guys,' McCotter said. "They had input the whole way.

McCotter stressed, however, that he's not worried. "This changes nothing," he said. "They have to implement the law.'

Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights. who also represents Redford Township and Livonia east of Middlebelt, agreed with McCotter. "We thought this ordinance was a good example of how the branches of government should work together," she said.

McNamara's chief deputy, Michael Duggan, did not return the Observer's phone call regarding this issue by press time.

The commission decided that an ordinance regarding county cars was needed after an audit of county cars was completed in June. The audit report concluded that record keeping in regard to county cars was sloppy and that sometimes departments bought fancy vehicles when more austere models would have done the same

Soup kitchen seeks gifts for poor children

Each year the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Detroit's east side provides Christmas gifts for guests who come for Christmas

They are now running short of toys for children, ranging from newborn to 13 years of age. Soup Kitchen helpers are asking the help of the community to make

the holiday bright for 1,000 needy families.

Counselors determine which families are eligible for the program. Many are single parents or grandparents with custodial care of their grandchildren. On Dec. 22-24, these families come to the Capuchin Warehouse and select the unwrapped toys appropriate

The purpose of the program is to relieve stress on families during the holidays, enabling them to give toys of their choosing to their children. Respect for the dignity of all is an ongoing concern of the Soup Kitchen. Each week it provides 5,000 to 6,000 meals for the poor, as well as counseling services and household items.

Unwrapped toys may be

dropped off at the Capuchin Warehouse at 3663 Garfield, just off Mount Elliott, between Gratiot and Forest. For information or to arrange for toys to be picked up, call Brother Rick Samyn at

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Church musicians share sounds of the season

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Brightly-wrapped presents are nice to get, but musicians at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church prefer to offer the gift of music to concert-goers.

"It's our gift to the community," said Dr. Michele Johns, director of music at the Catholic church in Plymouth. "It's called 'Christmas Collage.' It pulls our own community together, working on a project."

The annual concert was presented the evening of Thursday, Dec. 9, at the church. The tradition started in 1985, with about 50 musicians performing that

"It's always bigger because we keep having more people involved. This year, it's over 200," said Johns, who's on the music faculty at the University of Michigan, where she teaches organ and

The recent concert featured six bell choirs, two children's choirs with a combined membership of more than 100 youngsters, the parish folk group and the parish choir. A choir for men and boys, formed last year with more than 40 current members, also per-

Typically, the yule concert attracts about 500 people, including cians. some from the community who don't worship at Our Lady of Good Counsel, said Johns, who earned a doctorate in organ music from U-M. The Rev. John Sullivan, pastor of the church, narrated the concert, as he did last year.

"He loves children, so this is just right up his alley." The concert featured a variety of holiday selections.

'It's all pretty familiar Christmas stuff," she said. A team of music directors from the parish met in the summertime to discuss

possible selections. "We see the strengths of our groups.

Rehearsals began in earnest in October, with musicians putting in many hours to polish their holiday performance. Soloists are featured each year, this year, four boy sopranos performed a portion of the "Messiah.

"They're terrific at it," Johns said of the four sixth-grade musi-

The concert gives audience members a chance to sing such fa miliar carols as "Silent Night" each year. In fact, this year's concert ended with audience members lighting candles and singing that song.

"It's real pretty once everybody gets those candles lighted. We always add Christmas carols and have everybody sing between the numbers the choirs sing," Johns said. "It's fun to sing Christmas carols, and people don't have very much opportunity anymore."

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In recent years, Omnicom has taped the concert and shown it on local access cable TV. Parish members have gone through training at Omnicom, so they are able to handle the taping duties.

Music-lovers have the opportunity to see the concert on TV, but that doesn't mean the parish musicians plan to give up their holi-



Yule sounds: Susan Lindquist directs the Singsations children's choir during the holiday concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

day performance.

People have it to look forward to 'We'll be doing it every year. that way," Johns said.

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United States," said Lynn Levenbach, a placement coordinator.

"In return, they'd like to share their cultures from their homelands with their host family and American friends," she said.

The Levenbachs donate time to two non-profit agencies: World Learning (formerly Experiment in International Learning, which started in the 1960s) and American Institute for Foreign Studies.

Foreign countries represented include Argentina, Peru, Columbia, Brazil, Germany and Poland.

The couple estimate they have placed 80 students. For more information, call 453-

8562 or 453-6851. Lynn works as a transcriptionist for Citizen Insurance in Livonia and Gideon is a management consultant.

All of the exchange students have studied English for at least three years, have full medical and liability insurance and have enough money to cover their personal expenses.

Students receive academic credit, on a case by case basis, for studies done in the United States, Lynn said. Students from Brazil and Spain always receive credit, she said.

"Every high school has a quota of how many exchange students they will accept into a school," Levenbach said.

In addition to finding host fam-

ilies, the Levenbachs keep track of which high schools have space for more students. Some schools don't want second semester students, she said.

Levenbach also strives to clear away some commonly held misconceptions. Exchange students are also welcome in private schools. The student pays for his own tuition. Tuition is not the responsibility of the host families.

A German female student has made a special request to attend Ladywood, Levenbach said.

Host families are expected to provide a bed and meals for five months. The natural parents provide clothing, medical insurance and spending money. Students are told to budget \$200-\$250 a

month for expenses and are al ways expected to offer to pay their fair share, Levenbach said.

The Levenbachs hosted a Spanish student five years ago, who is now attending college in California. "We just received a Christmas card from him that read, 'Every year, I think about the wonderful Christmas I spent in Plymouth," she said.

Most exchange students build relationships with their host families that last a lifetime. People with or without children of their own can become a host family.

"Sometimes families are afraid they will have to entertain the students," Levenbach said. Students are quick to become involved in school activities. About organize parties and outings. Families travel to places like Niagara Falls, Cedar Point, Gov. John Engler's office, the Cadillac Assembly plant. This year they walked the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day.

Host families select the student whose interests and lifestyle most seem to fit theirs.

"I start getting applications in February for (placement) the end of August," Levenbach said.

The Levenbachs have two children of their own, Stuart, 19, a sophomore at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Gary, 13, a student at West Middle Schoolin Plymouth.

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"Children need to know the sound of a smoke detector and what the proper reactions are for fire emergencies," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

"We are working with fire departments to reduce casualties by conducting school safety programs for kindergarten through sixth-grade students,' he said.

Results of AAA Michigan-conducted research indicated that to escape fires children were often crawling under beds and hiding in toy bins instead of independently making their escape. 'We realized that we had to teach children how to help them-

selves," Basch said. So, AAA developed a school assembly program that teaches five

important concepts: Be sure there are two exits from know how to unlock doors as the first choice, and learn a second

emergency exit, as well. ■ Children should know to touch a closed bedroom door with the back of the hand and feel for heat to determine if there is a hallway fire. The back of the hand is more sensitive than the palm. A burned

palm would impede progress. ■ Crawl low under smoke. Toxic gases -- produced by burning syn-

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smother flames.

To reinforce these concepts, AAA safety education consultants visit schools throughout the state and help children act out the steps. A smoke chamber simulates smoke and flames triggering a smoke detector. A cot and door recreate a child's bedroom. Children have the opportunity to roll off the cot, crawl under the "smoke" (a dark cloth billowed low to the ground with the help of classmates) and make it to the door to touch it to determine safe

After the presentation, each student is given a take-home reminder for his or her parents. The letter describes what was learned and gives valuable suggestions. For example, parents are asked to hold practice drills with all family members

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Circuit judges aid recorder's judges, wonder if it helped

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER

Eight Wayne County Circuit Court judges have successfully completed the disposition of almost 500 Recorder's Court cases as a favor to the 29 Recorder's Court judges, but now wonder how much good they did.

Circuit Court Chief Judge Richard Kaufman said Thursday that the Recorder's Court docket is still pretty crowded. "There are some of us who thought there would be a greater impact on the docket than there appears to be, he said.

Circuit Judge Michael Talbot said the Recorder's Court backlog

of cases is growing. "I think that instead of getting better it's getting worse. Informally I've heard numbers that say they're not in good shape at all.

Three Observer phone calls to Recorder's Court administrator George Gish in the last three weeks have not been returned. Chief Recorder's Court Judge Dalton Roberson didn't return a phone call Friday.

■ Since 1987 the Recorder's Court has been aided by five rotating Circuit Court judges who help try criminal cases. In the recent experiment, eight additional circuit judges completed 493 Recorder's Court cases in less than four months.

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Roberson had promised to make administrative changes to speed up the process. It's unknown if that has occurred.

The circuit judges who heard all these cases are William Cahalan, Michael Callahan, Richard Hathaway, Susan Beike Neilson, James Rashid, Michael Stacey, Edward Thomas and Andrea Ferrara.

to cut eight judges loose for this

special duty. In 1985 Wayne County Circuit Court had more than 17,000 civil cases that had been pending more than two years, Kaufman said. Recently there were 194.

The administration system Wayne County Circuit Court uses to process civil cases has been adopted exactly" by the Washington, D.C. Circuit Court and the St. Louis County Circuit Court,

Madonna hosts visitation day

Madonna University will host a Campus Visitation Day from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

Prospective students will have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, and learn about the more than 50 undergraduate majors and growing number of graduate degrees offered at Madonna.

classes are available and transfer students are welcome.

For more information, call (313)

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Schoolcraft offers European food tour

Schoolcraft College is accepting reservations for its second-annual Culinary Educational Tour of France and Switzerland.

The tour will occur March 4-13, but only 25 spots are available, so call soon. The cost will be about \$2,800, which includes airfare, hotels (based on double occupancy), continental breakfast, ground transfers and some meals. Call

Highlights of the tour include visits to Paris and Lyon, France, and Lausanne, Switzerland, visits to cooking schools, restaurants, a winery and a marketplace. Schoolcraft Master Chef Jeff Gabriel will be the guide.

SC teaches CPR

Schoolcraft College offers a course called "Basic Cardiac Life Support" 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6.

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He is a former officer of the Detroit Association of Business Economists and holds master's degrees from Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University.

No change

The Plymouth Township department of public services reported several calls in recent days from residents wondering if garbage pickup schedules are changing during the holidays.

The answer is: There's no change. Garbage will be picked up on normal collection days.

Meals On wheels

eals On Wheels, which provides meals for seniors, wishes Merry Christmas to all who support the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Those who support the group with donations include the Plymouth Community United Way, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Lions Club, Plymouth Rotary Club, Evening Plymouth Kiwanis, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and individual donors.

The community council serves seniors in greater Plymouth, and the Senior Sentinel newsletter reaches about 2300 seniors and interested groups.

Meals On Wheels donation envelopes are available at local funeral homes, the cultural center and city hall. Information on senior services and delivery of the meals is available at the Plymouth city hall from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at 453-1234, extension 236.

Artist talks

rtist and teacher Edee Joppich will talk about ideas and inspiration, and how to jury art shows, and will demonstrate water-color techniques and her color system at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Plymouth Township annex at Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads.

There is no charge for the event sponsored by the Three Cities Art Club. It is open to the public.

Reaching out

Cheer Club's cheerful givers brighten holiday



Christmas Cheer Club donations this year helped the Salvation Army help needy people in the Plymouth-Canton community. This is the third year for the Observer's Cheer Club.

From Monday through Wednesday this week, the Plymouth Salvation Army distributed to the needy items collected by the Plymouth and Canton Observer Christmas Cheer Club and by other community groups.

Salvation Army corps commander Lt. Jeffrey Beachum said that while the distribution of toys and food—along with coats and mittens—was mainly wrapped up on Wednesday, "On Thursday and Friday we'll be having stragglers who didn't realize what was going on coming in."

Beachum said the number of donations compares well with previous years.

"We're very surprised and pleased with the number of toys, we've got turkeys coming out of our ears and a good supply of coats and canned goods are coming in pretty good," Beachum said.

"It's going well especially for the (slow) start we had," he said.

Parents from families getting help from the Salvation Army go to the Plymouth distribution center and pick out items including toys their children might like.

"We try to have the parents give Christmas to their kids, they don't need to know it's the Salvation Army," Beachum said.

"If they do bring in kids we try to keep them busy in another part of the building," he said.

Plymouth Salvation Army office manager Linda Spilos said that for Plymouth, Canton and Northville—the area they serve—the kettle drive has netted \$71,848.

"It looks like the kettles might fall short," Spilos said, of the amount collected last year.

Yet, \$94,220 has been collected locally through direct mail appeals. Combined with the kettle collection, "We might make our total goal," she

Spilos reported that the Adopt-A-Family program is serving around 400 families, up from about 350 last year.

Last-minute donors can drop off checks by 1 p.m. Christmas Eve at the Salvation Army office, 9451 S. Main across from Silverman's Restaurant, or put money in kettles until 2 p.m. Christmas Eve.

We at the Observer want to send out a big "Thank You" to the 130 contributors who filled our office with donated toys, canned goods and boxed food. You made the third year of our Christmas Cheer Club the biggest yet.

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Frank and Elaine Polgar of Canton; Andy and Elizabeth Day of Plymouth; Janelle, Justin and Jeremy Broadway of Canton; Erin, Kyle and Jean Ording of Plymouth; Ed and Betty Lane of Plymouth; Ryan and Kris Eggenberger of Canton; Diana, Kathryn, Joanna and Jessica McLean of Canton; Jody Trame of Canton; The Barnett family of Canton; Janice Pizii of Plymouth; Megan Camann of Plymouth; Joe and Fran Murawa of Plymouth; Katie and Jennifer Waldeck; Katy, Mark and Jack Tucci of Canton; Tim and Amy Boes of Canton; Carol and Beth Curd of Plymouth; The David Baranski family of ■ Salvation Army corps commander Lt. Jeffrey Beachum said that while the distribution of toys and food — along with coats and mittens was mainly wrapped up on Wednesday, "On Thursday and Friday we'll be having stragglers who didn't realize what was going on coming in." Beachum said the number of donations compares well with previous years.

Plymouth; Sue O'Donohue of Plymouth; Darlene Stevenson of Plymouth Township; James Dyer of Plymouth; Janice Jacobs of Westland; Karen Gould of Plymouth; Tom and Mary Ann Lehnis of Canton; State Farm Insurance; The Artleys of Canton; Childtime Child Care; Adam Gannons family of Plymouth; Larry, Maria and Jim Proodian of Novi; Ron, Dar and Todd Proodian of Plymouth; Bob and Carol Proodian of Canton; Mike and Nancy Skibinski of Novi; Cathy and Steve Szuper of Livonia; Brett Kavulich of Plymouth; The Plymouth-Salem Rockettes; Cindy and Tim Russette; Bill Parson; Dennis, Gloria and Tracy Good of Plymouth; Pisani family of Plymouth; Reliance Mortage of Livonia; Ryan family of Plymouth; Melanie Winslow; Adam Barbara of Plymouth; Lee and Erin Dreps; Jason Pennebaker of Plymouth; Dominic Bonell; and Joseph Mitchell.



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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

SPECIAL **EVENTS**

E ARTIST SPEAKS

Artist/Teacher Edee Joppich will speak at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at Plymouth Township Clerks meeting room, corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads. Public invited; no charge. Sponsored by Three Cities Art Club.

VOLUNTEERS

Plymouth YMCA needs help at its Coffee Tent during the Ice Festival, Jan. 12-17. 453-2904.

II FIREARM SAFETY

Course is offered 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 10 and 17, at Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road, Plymouth Township. Evenings, 535-0436.

COUPON BOOKS

Orders for Entertainment '94 books can be bought for \$40 at three locations: Canton VFW Post 6967, 495-0465 or 455-8438; Plymouth Optimists Club, proceeds to benefit children's causes throughout southeast Michigan, call Bill Von Glahn, 453-8253; or Plymouth Community Family YMCA (also Gold Coupon Book, \$10), 453-

FLAGS AVAILABLE

Contact The American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post 391, in Plymouth. Jim Maahs, 455-5541, or Jim Barbour, 451-8659.

PLYMOUTH CLASSES Parks and Recreation, 455-

YMCA adult and youth classes, 453-2904.

HOLIDAY

SANTA COLLECTION

Collection displayed through Jan. 30 at Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. 455-8940.

FOR KIDS

YOUTH FREE THROW

Boys and girls ages 10-14 may participate in local level competition for 1994 Knights of Columbus International Championship, 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at St. Thomas a'Becket gym, 555 South Lilley Road, Canton. Entry forms available at parish office or call F. Rodriguez, 459-6026.

"DAY CAMP"

"School's Out Special" for kids ages 6-12 includes activities and field trips Dec. 21-31. Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.

SATURDAY CLUB

Arts, crafts, field trips and music for kids ages 6-12, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth. 453-8480.

E LEADERS CLUB National YMCA program for kids ages 11-15 offers social and volunteer opportunities every other Tuesday, Plymouth YMCA office, 248 S. Union. Call Colleen Anderson, 453-2904.

E CLASSES

Plymouth Parks and Recreation; adult, preschool, youth and special events,

Plymouth YMCA youth classes include junior step aerobics and steppin' kids, ages 8-13; youth basketball league starts Jan. 3, thirdninth grades; gymnastics; tumble bears gymnastics, kids 21/2-4; karate begins Jan. 4 at Isbister School, 8 years old and up; Kreatives preschool at Faith Community Church on Warren Road, ages 3-5; drawing with Alfie, ages 5-6 and 7-8. Register in person, 5-7:30 p.m. Jan. 5, 10 or 11. YMCA office closed Dec. 23-Jan. 2. 453-2904

HEALTH

BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross will accept donations today at Westgate Plaza, 6700 Canton Center Road, Canton. Red Cross will send a cuddly teddy bear from each donor to a child in the hospital. 494-2800 or 1-800-582-

Blood donations will be accepted at two locations in Canton: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Jan. 22, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, 422-1425; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 23, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, 455-5910.

B FREE EYE EXAMS

Low-income families without health insurance must return applications by Jan. 25 for examinations to be performed during "Save Your Vision Week," March 6-12, 1994. Write for application: VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 3141, or call 1-800-766-4466.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Meetings are at 5:45 p.m. Thursdays, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, and daily hours at Weight Watchers Center - H, 44734 Ford, near Kmart. 1-800-487-4777

SMOKE STOPPERS

Stop smoking/weight control clinic is offered 6-8:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at Plyouth City Hall. Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.

Free assessment and introduction to smoking cessation program at Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Pat Harris, 712-4141.

RUNNING

Spitfire men's and women's running club, ages 15 and up, 7 p.m. Thursdays. Plymouth Canton High School track. Call Mike or Betty Krafchak, 451-5966.

Group walks for walkers, 10 a.m. Monday-Friday, St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton, 455-9042.

EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL/NURSERY

Canton Parks and Recreation Canton Crickets preschool program lottery numbers can be picked up 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Winner notified week of Jan. 4-7.

New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Road, Plymouth: preschool, early primary kindergarten, Me and My Shadow Classes, and LEGO Logo classes. 420-3331.

St. Michael Christian School, Canton, openings for 4-year-olds. 459-9720. Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth, 3- and 4-

FREE CLASSES

year-olds, 453-5464.

For non-high school graduates, IBM training and GED training, Plymouth-Canton Community Education, 451-6555.

E READING ASSISTANCE

Free adult tutoring and confidential skills assessment. Community Literacy Council, 451-6555.

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Inc. is seeking volunteers to serve as a community representative acting as a liaison between foundation and community. Call Michael Hart, 800-482-1455.

E CALL TO HELP

Growth Works, 271 S. Main, Plymouth, office work, 455-4095. Chambers of commerce

in Plymouth, 453-1540, Canton, 453-4040. Alzheimer's, to assist

with adult day-care program, 557-8277.

Meal delivery to homebound senior citizens in the Plymouth-Canton

community, 326-4444. Plymouth Arbor Health

Building Urgent Care, and McAuley Health Building, Canton, 572-4159.

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SENIORS

Information center offers senior programs, help with prescriptions, healthscreening programs or inhome services. 422-1052.

Senior Alliance links seniors with citizens willing to help with outdoor chores. Also, prescription assistance and holiday meals to eligible seniors, 722-2830.

Buy or sell used adaptive equipment (wheelchairs, motorized carts, walkers, van lifts, etc.), 1-800-237-3422, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Focus: HOPE provides food to eligible Canton seniors at the Canton Recreation Center, 397-1000, Ext. 278.

Classes at Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 455-6620; Canton Recreation Center, 397-5446.

SENIOR WORKERS

Child & Family Service LIFEWORK, a United Way agency, coordinates a senior community service employment program for food service, library, gift shop cashier and clerical positions. Call Sally Kruger, 483-1418 or 1-800-242-6120.

CLUB CALL

E CANTON NEWCOMERS

Pizza and games night is 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45956 Gainsborough Road. 453-3693 or 455-8352.

MONTHLY CLUBS

Three Cities Art Club, 7 p.m. first Monday, Plymouth Township Hall. Programs include guest demonstrators. New members welcome. 397-0562.

Canton Democratic Club, 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday, Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, 721-2170.

Experimental Aircraft Association, 8 p.m. third Thursday, EAA Hangar at Mettetal Airport, 453-8969.

Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, 7:30 p.m. fourth

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munity groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print

the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 744 Wing,

Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon

Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit com-

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Post No. 6695, 1426 S.

or 459-8027.

Mill, Plymouth, 397-2444

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Guild, 6:30 p.m. third Thursday, Salvation Army building, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth Township. Call Karen Rumptz at 420-4022.

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WEEKLY MEETINGS

Toastmasters Oral Majority Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call Ken Morley, 277-2709 (evenings).

IN SUPPORT

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Multiple sclerosis exercise program and support group meets 6-8 p.m. Fridays, Livonia YMCA. 261-2161, Ext. 312.

Stroke support for Canton residents, call Marilyn Schneider, 397-2241, after 6 p.m.

Parkinson group in Western Wayne, 7 p.m. second Thursday, Livonia Senior Citizen Center. 15218 Farmington Road, 421-4208 or 459-0216.

Heart patients, 7:30-9 p.m. third Friday, Arbor Health Building Community Room, corner of Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Jack Bologna, 459-8787 (days).

SAFE, Setting Addicts Free Eternally, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor, Canton. Interpreted for the deaf. 453-4785.

Women's therapy group for adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families, call Elizabeth

FORM

Broderick at Growth Works, 455-4902.

tural Center, 525 Farmer. WAF (Women Aglow Fellowship), 7:30 p.m. sive-compulsive group, 7 fourth Tuesday, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 First Baptist Church, Farmer, 397-2973 or 397outh Township. Call Lois VFW Canton Post No. Turpel, 522-3022, or Au-6967, 8 p.m. first Monday,

drey Harrison, 453-0384. p.m. Sundays, Geneva Sheldon, Canton. 397-

Meet Your Needs, 7 p.m. Mondays, Full Gospel Church, 281 E. Spring,

widows and widowers, 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township, 677-0500.

Germania Club Downriver offers New Year's Eve party at Germania Haus, 23156 King Road, Brownstown. Dinner 8-9 p.m.; dancing, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Dec. 31. Reservations, 479-4278. First Night Wayne is

Eve celebration for entire family, 6 p.m.-midnight Dec. 31 in Downtown Wayne, along Michigan Avenue east of I-275, Exit 22 from I-275. 721-7400.

Great holiday stocking stuffer: a Michigan Golfers rounds of free golf for \$25 donation. Arthritis Foundation, 1-800-968-3030 or

EDUCATION

person registration is 9 lege's registration center, 462-4430; continuing edutration is Jan. 5-24, 462-4448.

Livonia Cooperative Nursery, at West Chicago and Hubbard Roads, has openings for 3 and 4 year olds 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 425-6075.

UVOLUNTEERS

Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan needs volunteers to present program on helping kids understand disabilities, at area schools and day care centers. 810-338-9626.

Detroit Institute of Arts needs volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum. Training session is 1:30-3:30 p.m. Jan. 8. 833-0247.

Never Say Never obsesp.m. every other Thursday, 45000 N. Territorial, Plym-

Families Anonymous, 8 Presbyterian Church, 5835

MORE SUPPORT

Plymouth, 453-0323.

Starting Over for young

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B HOLIDAY

Battle Creek Festival of Lights continues each evening through Dec. 31. Fireworks finale. Schedule of events, (616) 962-2240.

non-alcoholic New Year's

Coupon Book with 500 (810) 350-3030.

Datatel Scholars Foundation scholarship application deadline is Feb. 28 for Schoolcraft College students. 462-4433.

Schoolcraft College ina.m.-7 p.m. Jan. 3-5 in Colcation winter mail-in regis-

Creative Center for Young

Children sponsors an indoor carnival 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dec. 31 at 47300 W. 12 Mile Road. Proceeds to Child Abuse & Neglect Council for Oakland County.348-3820.

"Little Red Riding Hood" will be performed at 2 p.m. Dec. 26 and 11 a.m. Dec. 27 and 28 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. 769-2999 or 874-

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum gives demonstrations in its Science Circus, 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and 2-4 p.m. Sundays. Family Camp-In season is here. Inquire, 995-5439.

B HEALTH

Fitness and recreational activities begin in January at Schoolcraft College. 462-

Alzheimer's Association has developed Safe Return program to help identify and return to safety missing persons with the disease. 557-8277. Depressive rap group

meets 7:30-9:30 p.m., first

and third Thursday of the month, at Garden City Harrison Center. 981-5936 or 532-4217. Systematic stress management course is 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 10-31, at St.

Mary Hospital, Livonia. 591-2922. Diabetics education program is 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays begin-

ning Jan. 11. Register before Jan. 4. 591-2922. CHADD of Northwest Wayne County, group for attention deficit disorders. meets at 7:30 p.m. first Thursday of the month at Livonia Civic Center Library. Parents, educators and the medical communi-

ty may attend. 380-0847. Childbirth classes are available any evening, 7-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday at St. Mary Hospital, Livo-

nia. 591-2922. Support group for well children, ages 6-16, who have a parent, sibling or significant other with cancer meets for four weeks beginning Jan. 18 at Michigan Cancer Foundation's Jean & Samuel Frankel Community Services Center, 18831 W. Twelve Mile Road, Lathrup Village. Call 833-0715, ext. 770.

ADULTS

Schoolcraft College's second annual culinary educational tour to France and Switzerland is March 4-13. Enrollment limited to 25 participants. College's first annual history tour highlights New England foundations of American History, 10-14 days in mid-July. Register, 462-4448 or 462-4452.

Toy train appraisal benefits Detroit Historical Museum's Alfred R. Glancy Jr./Lionel operating Toy Train Exhibit, noon-3 p.m. Dec. 26. 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. 833-1805.

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Nancy C. Pennington, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth 48170.

■ CANTON RESIDENTS were among 1,758 to receive bachelor's degrees, 435 earning master's degrees, and 142 receiving doctoral degrees at Michigan State University. Commencement was Saturday, Dec. 11. Receiving bachelor of arts degrees were Larry L. Allman, MLM - purchasing and operation management; Julie A. Foxworthy, advertising; Dennis D. Hanson, telecommunication; and Gregory M. Speaks, finance. Jeff S. Sobell received a bachelor of science degree in pack-

■ PLYMOUTH RESIDENTS received bachelor of science degrees at Michigan State University. They are Shelly K. Bertell, psychology; Gregory J. Brenny, packaging; John W. Kostyo, civil engineering (with honors); Dave J. Miller, packaging; and Renee L. Rice, computer engineering (with

■ THREE PLYMOUTH residents received bachelor of arts degrees at Michigan State University. They are Kristina A. Krumbach, communication; Daniel J. Mcneil, social science — international relations; and Tricia L. Miller, MLM - purchasing and operation management.

LAURA A. WIENER of Plymouth graduated from Michigan State University with an education specialist degree in K-12 education administra-

LAURA E. HANIS of Plymouth Township was awarded the 1993 St. Catherine undergraduate achievement award at Madonna University. Each year, the Detroit chapter of the Catholic honor society Kappa Gamma Pi honors one junior student from each Kappa-affiliated college. Students are then judged by their university faculty based on their academic achievement and leadership roles in church, campus and civic arenas. Hanis is a

learning-disabilities major with a 3.74 grade-point average. Among many activities, she is involved with the Council for Exceptional Children, Student Michigan Education Association, and the Community Opportunity Center, group homes for developmentally disabled adults. She is also an active member of St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth Township.

EDWIN J. WENSLEY of Plymouth, son of Ed and Lois Wensley, was named to the 1994 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." He was selected based on academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

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City officials and Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, are rallying support in hopes of derailing an effort by railroad companies to extend the time trains can block street crossings.

A bill to increase that time to seven minutes was debated in the state House on Thursday and Friday. On Monday, Vorva told city commissioners a vote on the bill could come in the next week or two, or more likely after the state Legislature resolves the school financing issue.

On Thursday, Vorva failed to win enough support for two amendments to the bill that would benefit the city of Plymouth.

The first would have kept the maximum time trains can block crossings to five minutes. The second amendment would have removed a provision sought by the railroads.

That provision requires a municipality that fines railroads for blocking crossings to put collected fines in a fund. That fund would be earmarked for future grade improvements. City officials reject this provision, saying the railroads shouldn't be allowed to tell the city what to do with its money.

The amendment to scrap that provision failed by just eight votes. But city officials and Vorva say they'll try to lobby state legislators to get the votes necessary to win approval for the amendment if Vorva is allowed to bring it

We want to strike the fund idea altogether," said Vorva, who with city attorney Ron Lowe presented an update on the activity in the state House.

Lowe, who testified before the House Transportation Committee in recent weeks, told city commissioners the city was fortunate to win a compromise that extended the time the railroad can block a crossing to seven minutes.

That's because there was much support for the time limit originally proposed, 10 minutes, he

Commissioner Robert Jones asked what is driving legislators to support the railroads on the issue. Vorva said the railroads had won points with the House Republican Caucus in saying Michigan law is more restrictive on railroads than law in other states, and restrictions hurt the railroad's ability to do business.

"Ron and I said the railroads are a very important service," Vorva said, "but it's incumbent on them to be good neighbors also.

City commissioners now have a list of legislators who voted no on the amendments proposed by

outh; 10 grandchildren; five great-

The Rev. Bobby Dale Whitlock

grandchildren; one sister, Edna

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Vorva. "Look at that list of no voters and see if there's anyone you know you can contact," Mayor Doug Miller urged.

Lowe said his argument - that restrictions on how a municipality can earmark railroad fines take away from its home rule autono-"is playing well" among my some legislators.

The action in the state Legislature follows a 1992 suit by CSX Transportation Inc. against the city of Plymouth for levying fines when trains block crossings for more than five minutes.

The suit is awaiting resolution in federal court.



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OBITUARIES

REV. LEONARD KOENINGER

Services for the Rev. Leonard J. Koeninger, 73, were Tuesday, Dec. 21, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth. Burial was in Glen Eden Ceme tery, Livonia.

He was born July 16, 1920, in Raymond, S.D. He died Saturday, Dec. 18, in Ann Arbor. He graduated from Northwestern College in Watertown, Wis. in 1942. He graduated from Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., in 1945. He then served as an assistant instructor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, then was ordained at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor. He served the congregation until 1953 when he was called to Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lansing. In 1968 he was called to serve at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. He retired in 1988.

In addition to his service to his parishes, Koeninger had a record of service to the synod and the community. He was a member of Plymouth Rotary Foundation.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret I. Koeninger of Plymouth: one daughter, Kristine Wolfe of Livonia; three grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Kirst of Wauwatosa, Wis. and Lenore Winter of Milwaukee, Wis.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, WELS Lutheran World Relief and WELS Lutheran World Missions, 2929 Mayfair Drive, Milwaukee, Wis. 53222, and the Rotary Foundation.

HOWARD L. CARSON

Services for Howard L. Carson. 81, of Plymouth were Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial is in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

He was born May 8, 1912, in Cherryvale, Kan. He died Friday, Dec. 17, in Plymouth. He came to the Plymouth community in 1935

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from Kansas. He was a mechanic at Michigan Bell Telephone for 25 years. He served in World War II and was a member of the VFW Post in Plymouth.

He is survived by four nephews and four nieces, several of which are from the Plymouth community; and one sister, Lucille Skaggs of Missouri.

The Rev. Mel Stout officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Salvation Army.

He is survived by his wife, Bet-

ty J. Schantz; two daughters, Bar-

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and David M. Schantz of Plym-

sons, James R. Schantz of Dexter

MYRL W. SCHANTZ FRANK L. WHITTEN

Services for Myrl W. Schantz, 73, Services for Frank L. Whitten, 71, of Middleville, Mich. were of Canton were Wednesday, Dec. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Caledonia 22, at Green Lawn Memorial Park United Methodist Church. He Cemetery. Burial was in Green died Sunday, Dec. 19, at Butter-Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, worth Hospital. Fort Wayne, Ind.

> He was born March 25, 1922, in Oakland City, Ind. He died Sunday, Dec. 19, in Livonia. He was employed as a sales engineer at DeVilbiss Company in Fort

Wayne. The past 10 years he worked in the Detroit area as a consulting engineer with the automotive industry. In 1946 he transferred his membership from Indianapolis Masonic Lodge to the Fort Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 25 F & AM. In Fort Wayne he was a member of the South Side Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce A. Whitten of Canton, formerly of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Jill T. Whitten of Louisville, Ky. and Kim D. Sprunger of Fort Wayne; and one grandson.

The Rev. Eugene Vickery officiated the service. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LAWN AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals FOR lawn and landscape maintenance services to its Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge equalization basins and pump stations. The contract will be awarded for March through December 1994. Multi-year contracts will be considered.

A full RFP and additional details may be obtained by calling WTUA, 453-2793.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Western Townships Utilities Authority is taking proposals for the cleaning contract for the Middle Rouge Equalization Basin and Pump Station and occasional work at the Lower Rouge Equalization Basin and Pump Station administration trative areas. The cleaning contract will be awarded from March through December 1994; multiple year contracts will be considered. Proposals must be received by 4 p.m., January 24, 1994.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH **ORDINANCE NO. 93-9**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1.131 OF TITLE 1, CHAPTER 3, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREAS-ING THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE CEMETERY BOARD FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS.

The City of Plymouth ordains Section 1. Section 1.131 of Title 1, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth, is hereby amended to read as follows

1.131. City Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board of Trustees heretofore established for the operation, control and regulation of the City's cemeteries or burial grounds is hereby continued. The Cemetery Board shall consist of six (6) members, one of whom shall be the City Manager ex officio, and five (5) of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the

The first five appointive members of said Board of Trustees shall be appointed, two for a term of one (1) year, two for a term of two (2) years, and one for a term of three (3) years, beginning on and dating from the first day of July following such appointments. Thereafter, succeeding appointments shall be made for a term of three (3) years. Vacancies for any reason shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Mayor, with the approval of

Section 2. Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this

Section 3. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.

Section 4. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after enactment hereof and after publication hereof.

DOUGLAS A. MILLER LINDA J. LANGME

Rouge Equalization basins and pump stations. The contract will be awarded for March through December 1994. Multi-year contracts will be considered. The contract will be based on a per-push price.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SNOW PLOWING

The Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals from inter-

ested firms to provide snow removal services to its Middle Rouge and Lower

Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m., January 24, 1994. Interested parties may receive the full RFP or additional information by calling WTUA, 453-2793.

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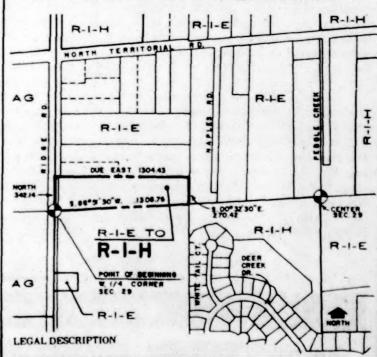
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1-E, Single Pamily Residential District TO REZONE TO: R-1-H, Single Family Residential District DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, January 19, 1994 TIME OF HEARING 7:30 p.m. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District, 9.18 acres, more or less, to R-1-H, Single Pamily Residential District. Application No. 1230.



ORDINANCE NO. 83.

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 72

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42356 Ann Arbor Road. Plymouth, MI 48178. Telephone No. 453-3846, ext. 209.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the premises to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

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Help needed

Salvation Army fund drive lags

erhaps people are just too busy this year or maybe it's the weather. But whatever the reason, Salvation Army bell ringers in Canton and Plymouth aren't hearing the clink of change or seeing folding money being stuffed into kettles at the same rate as in past years.

This is especially troubling because of this year's problems with the Salvation Army's direct mail solicitation. It seems that about 150,000 letters seeking donations didn't make it out in time.

Salvation Army officials contend that a drop in the amount of donations doesn't mean people don't care, it's just that they haven't been reminded by a letter.

Well, we're giving the Salvation Army a hand with delivering its message. If you didn't receive a letter, you have now.

Meanwhile, in Canton and Plymouth the army of local bell ringers has come up with a little more than \$71,000, much short of the goal of \$100,000. That's the amount raised last year.

But there is something folks here can do about it. The kettle drive ends at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All you have to do is find a kettle and drop some money in it.

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In Plymouth, bell ringers are at Kmart, Danny's Market, Kroger, Arbor Drug, National Bank of Detroit, the post office on Penniman, and Ann Arbor Trail at Forest on Saturdays.

In Canton, kettles are at Meijer, Kmart, Kroger, F&M Drugs, Target and Farmer Jack.

The money buys food, clothing, toys and other gifts for Christmas. Prescriptions, utility bills and rental payments are also covered by

It's time for all of us to count our Christmas blessings and make a donation to the Salvation Army.

Last minute donors can drop off checks by 1 p.m. Christmas Eve at the Salvation Army office, 9451 S. Main across from Silverman's Restaurant, or put money in kettles until 2 p.m. Christmas Eve.

A donation is the least we can do for our fel-



STEPHEN CANTRELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Holiday spirit: As busy a season as it is for the post office, Birmingham postal worker Mike Nixon plays a ready and willing Santa for Brittany Totten. There's still time to make sure no child goes without a holiday wish coming true.

LETTERS

Moral obligation

n regard to the Dec. 2 article, "Parent angered by charge;" as the parent involved, I was furious to see that pertinent facts were omitted from the story.

School records contained the information needed to clear up any suspicions Mrs. Kuhn or Mrs. Martin may have had about my son Ben's story. However, they both failed to check the records. No one checked to see that I have two other children enrolled at Farrand, a fifth-

grader and a third-grader. No one checked to see if the boys were enrolled in the Extended Day Program at Farrand as my son Ben had told his teacher, Mrs. Martin. No one checked the boy's emergency cards to see that there was no work phone number entered in the space provided. There was no number because I was not working outside of the home at that time. I can't imagine anyone

mistaking a tiny bike lock key for a house key. Mrs. Kuhn and Mrs. Martin could have spared five minutes of their time to check my child's school records to clear up any suspicions they might have had. This could have been done while Ben was still in school. If they had done their jobs this entire incident could have been avoided. I find it very disheartening that the school administration feels there is no legal obligation on their part to apologize for a wrong

. what about a moral one? Kristen Schneider, Plymouth

A conquest

would like to congratulate the editor of the supplement to the Observer, "Conquest," for the courage to print an article that needs to be addressed by the media but rarely

It is called "The Miracle of Christmas" by John MacArthur Jr. and dealt with the fact that "A subtle but sure erosion is eating away the season's true significance.

'What Christmas is really about is the birth of Jesus - Immanuel, God with us, the promised Messiah - who came to save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

His column was an excellent antidote to the prevailing philosophies that are stealing Christmas - the tendency to mythologize and secularize it. I believe most of us get caught up in the gift-

giving, parties, etc., but his article is a reminder that the true joy should come from the realization of what Christmas is all about and from knowing the One whose birth we celebrate. Which reminds me, why doesn't Canton have

beautiful display in front of City Hall similar to Westland: Santa, reindeer and the manger Take "Christ" out of "Christmas" and just

what are we celebrating? Barb Schmid, Canton

There's always a knife

hen composing this letter, I could not get a pencil. I was then informed that I pencil legally. I certainly was not going to abandon my purpose, so I considered my options. I could:

- Wait five days and write my letter as intend-
- Buy an illegal pencil in some alley and write
- Steal a pencil.
- Use an alternative method, such as my word

This is exactly how I feel about The Brady Bill. Wake up America, this will not stop anyone from using a gun to kill.

If one intends to murder someone, five days will not change their mind. In fact, they would have just that much more time to plan the perfect murder, ensuring that they'll never be

President Bill Clinton apparently thinks that if getting a gun immediately is illegal, nobody will be able to get a gun on impulse. Sounds logical, maybe it will work as well as Prohibi-

The simple truth is, anyone can buy almost anything on the street if they want it badly enough. Besides, if someone was intelligent they wouldn't go out, buy a gun in their name, and murder somebody. They might as well sign their name on the body.

If all else fails, well, there's no waiting period for a knife.

Erica Werpetinski, Troy

Fence preserves

iller Woods, our own old-growth forest, finally has its fence. This nature preserve, like most other preserves, now has its border defined, its space set aside for its own special purposes: Study and enjoyment in a very rare setting.

The gifts from hundreds of local residents have made the fence possible. Friends of Miller Woods extend thanks to all. They invite you to walk the trail often to enjoy four seasons of beauty.

I'm still being asked, "Why fence it?" says FMW president Emily Kemnitz. Seventeen years of vigilance by our group, with records of the growing abuses, convinced us of this need. Other preserve managers and naturalists say that it cuts down on the serious problems of dogs, bikes and off-road vehicles. University of Michigan professors, who bring their students here, urged us to add the fence.

FMW members plan to encourage and add native vines and shrubs along the fence to obscure its shiny unnaturalness and to aid the inhabitants with increased food and cover.

FMW will hold a community celebration during spring flower time to express appreciation of this gift to our community.

> Emily Kemnitz, president Friends of Miller Woods

would have to wait five days to buy a Plymouth Observer

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PHILIP POWER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

oming up with new and continuing reve-■ The forfeiture money earnue sources for public education has conmarked to education would be sumed the Michigan public for years climaxing (we hope) in the current efforts in tion, which is an effective tool

Give schools forfeiture funds

Lansing. But one revenue stream that could be a year 'round Santa Claus for education seems to have been overlooked.

A source of supplemental income that ought to be considered is drug forfeiture funds. Forfeitures made under federal laws require that the money be spent specifically on drug-related programs. Forfeitures made under state law give the police more leeway. Each local police department gets to keep money and property that is confiscated during a drug-related arrest.

In either event, earmarking forfeiture money for education could go to provide a better education, probably the most effective tool against drug use. An education offers opportunity. Those who take advantage of opportunities are less likely to be involved with drugs. And they won't be as vulnerable to the desperation of the semi-literate.

Another advantage is that the money would stay in the community where drugs are a problem. That makes it equitable since those communities with less of a problem will see fewer dollars going to their public schools, while those communities where drugs threaten the coming generation will see an increased amount deposited in their general funds.

For example, if an arrest is made in Livonia, the forfeiture money would be earmarked for that district. In all of 1992-93, Birmingham took in only \$63,953 from drug sources. Under this plan, the money would go to the Birmingham Public Schools rather than be used to purchase new squad cars or traffic counters. Similarly, large cities with larger incidents of drug use - Detroit, Flint, Pontiac - would get a larger piece of the pie.

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The investment would be with the kids, rather than with the police departments. For years, the lip service has been to "save" the new generation. This plan would do more than tell the students that they are the future; they'll be

the prime beneficiaries of the money.

The police shouldn't object to this solution. It's their job to arrest law-violators so the change in funneling funds shouldn't have an impact on the professional performance of our police officers. And they should be pleased with any plan that will steer people clear of drugs, preventing the problem rather than trying to stop it once the wildfire starts.

Taking drug forfeiture money from the police budget and putting it into school budgets seems the wisest way to convert something harmful into a benefit for the children. It also takes away any suspicion that a police department more strongly enforces drug laws because there is a direct pay-off.

School districts should latch on to this as a new revenue source.

And legislators, scrambling to put a package

together, should see this as a valuable addition - much like the Lottery money designation. And if the legislators are too shy to make the

suggestion, perhaps some anti-drug units will DARE to make a difference, and ask that the spoils of drugs be used for a more long-term solution to the drug problem.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: What predic-

tions do you have for 1994? We asked this

question in downtown Plymouth

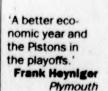


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A cold winter and a good ice festival. Libby Smith







The Lions will shut them out." **Tom Berry** Plymouth

POINTS OF VIEW

Tax questions separate new lawmakers from old

here's bad blood between some of our state representatives in Lansing.

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Some troops who have been around awhile - two or more terms - are unhappy that many freshmen voted for SB 1, the \$6.9 billion school property tax cut, and against replacement taxes.

Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, studied the roll calls. Her chart shows how everyone voted on SB 1 and five replacement taxes (income tax, single business tax, real estate transfer and two property taxes). "It's interesting to see who voted for SB 1 and who voted to keep schools open," she said. Of those who voted against the replacement taxes, she said, "They must believe in the tooth fairy.

Tim Skubick, dean of the Capitol correspondents, took Dolan's side, accusing the other side of "profiles in

Let's see whom they're talking about:

■ Perhaps Penny Crissman, R-Rochester - for SB 1, against the income tax and SBT, for the real estate transfer tax and property taxes

■ Perhaps John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township - for SB 1, against the income tax and SBT, for the real estate transfer and property taxes

■ Likely Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth for SB 1, against the income tax, SBT and real estate transfer, for the proper-

■ Certainly Deborah Whyman, R-Canton - for SB 1, against all the replacement taxes.

On the other hand, Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, Dolan, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Richard Young, D-Dearborn Heights, all voted for SB 1 and all or most of the replacement taxes.

Voting against SB 1 but for the re-

TIM RICHARD

■ Before using a remark like 'profiles in hypocrisy,' examine the reasons of those who voted against the replacement taxes.

placement taxes were Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, and William Keith, D-

Before using a remark like "profiles in hypocrisy," let's examine the reasons of those who voted against the replacement taxes.

Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, issued statements on virtually every bill, citing a poll in his district showing Troy-Rochester Hills folks asked for cuts in overall spending, not dollar-fordollar replacement. "It (the package) is a net tax increase, not the net tax cut supported by the majority" of his con-

Kaza also objected that pensions of governmental retirees again were exempted from the income tax. He was on the short side of a 101-2 vote on industrial facilities taxes because his constituents opposed giving industry 50 percent tax breaks.

Whyman put a statement in the House Journal saying she opposed the real estate transfer tax because of the partial reinstatement of the property tax. She voted against the use tax because it would be applied to interstate telephone calls.

Whyman also objected to the split rate for homes (16 mills) and business (20 mills). A farm adjacent to a homestead would be taxed at 16 mills; a farm not adjacent to a homestead would be taxed at 20 mills. "This bill has serious problems constitutionally and lacks fairness," she said.

Most of the dissenters were in their first terms (Jamian is in his second). As I've noted in other columns, Vorva is sore at the way the leadership negotiates deals without consulting them and forces them into a take-it-or-leave

In this analysis, I left out Justine Barns, D-Westland. Her Wayne-Westland school district got such a royal shaft that she voted against SB 1 and almost everything else.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His touchtone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

Eliminate portrayals of the wicked side to cut crime

rdinarily, when we talk about crime prevention, we mean taking measures to protect ourselves from criminal acts by others.

As a further precaution, we send people who commit crimes to prisons partly as a punishment, partly so that they, being confined, cannot commit more crimes, at least until they are released. We also hear proposals such as putting more policemen on the streets, making it more difficult to obtain weapons, even legalizing certain dangerous crimes and criminal behaviors.

All this is fine, and it may to a certain degree keep the rate of crime increase in check, but it is nothing more than treating symptoms and neglecting the causes of this disease.

It is a known fact that the behavior of people, especially the underaged and those having limited intelligence or some other mental disability, is greatly influenced by what they read, hear, and see others do. As long as we allow pornography, near-pornography, violence, and all kinds of other immoral presentations in books, radio, movies, video cassettes, and most of all on television, corruption of minds will continue to take place. Crime, as one of the symptoms of the resultant malaise, will get worse - not better.

The sociologists and psychiatrists who tell us that observing, hearing, and

reading about criminal, antisocial behavior has little or no negative effect on people's conduct are quacks unworthy of the names of their professions. They keep themselves busy inventing all kinds of nonsense theories lacking one of the most important aspects, common sense.

The mind corrupters use and abuse the First Amendment, mostly for their own material gains, disregarding the vital interests of the society. Using powerful media, they were able to brainwash lots of judges and to a great extent the general public into believing that the First Amendment allows them to teach and promote depravation, immorality, and crime techniques.

The mind corrupters promote depravation, immorality and crime techniques by portraying plots, incidents, and all kinds of gruesome, suggestive stories instructive of criminal behavior Some plots are based on true-life happenings but most are created in the imaginations of unscrupulous writers, feeding this garbage to the public.

So far the mind corrupters have been successful in preventing society from seeking meaningful recourse, claiming that the First Amendment gives it no right to defend itself against this assault on its proven, traditional values

Moral decline is, to a great extent, the direct result of this constant dis-



GUEST COLUMNIST

JOE WIRA

semination, in many instances glorification of evil conduct, and of not-sosubtle hostility toward and attacks on religions (especially Christianity), which are the teachers and defenders of moral principles.

Where moral constraints are weak or nonexistent, the fear of being caught and punished is the only constraint one has against the commission of

In our slow and deficient judicial system, the punishment for crimes happens in a relatively small percentage of cases, hence the general belief is that the crime pays and the risks are

Unless we do something radical to stop these incessant attacks on morality and vigorously reverse its downward

slide, there is no hope that crime will somehow magically go away, or even subside.

There is another significant aspect to the existence of the unusual high rate of crime within our society. Millions, perhaps tens of millions, of people profit directly or indirectly from crime and have little or no interest in its elimination or reduction. Some hold high governmental positions, or as organized groups are highly influential on government. Maybe that is why for many years now we have been hearing from Washington politicians how they are against crime, how they are enacting supposedly anti-crime legislation to show something is being done but, as we can see, not much good came from it all.

What needs to be done is to return the society to decent, old-fashioned moral principles; above all, not to allow the indoctrination of our people in the ways of crime, perversion, and other immoral behavior through literature, television, and other media. However, being realistic, we cannot expect much help in this from our government, which is neither willing, capable, or even allowed by the powerful forces of antisocial morality to rectify the situa-

It seems government is neither willing, nor capable, nor even allowed by the powerful forces of anti-social morality to rectify the situation in a meaningful way.

Recently we have heard about the anti-crime legislation President Bill Clinton promised during his campaign and has submitted to Congress. From what we know about it, the proposed legislation will have about as much impact on crime as his earlier anti-deficit package will have on the deficit. So not much good can be expected, unless concerned people of principle wake up and see to it that our minds are no longer poisoned by conveyors of harmful ideas and portrayers of the wicked side of life. If so, then righteousness will prevail.

Some maintain that criminals aren't really criminals but victims and that the societies that produce them in excessive numbers are the real criminals. Undoubtedly, there is some truth to

Guest columnist Joseph Wira of Livonia is a retiree and World War II veteran who holds a degree in electrical engineering from Wayne State Univer-

Violence in our suburbs forces us to seek answers

o matter how prettily we wrap the holiday season, the issue of violence keeps bursting through the gaily colored paper and shiny ribbon — even in our suburbs.

On a quiet Lathrup Village street, where Christmas decorations adorn lawns and outline trees, residents heard gunfire three times last week in what appears to be a related series of drive-by shootings.

No one was hurt; a 19-year-old and 16-yearold are charged with illegally firing into a building; the shootings are thought to be an extension of problems between two groups of students at Southfield-Lathrup High School. ■ As West Bloomfield and Rochester-area resi-

dents finished up their holiday shopping, also last week, they were shocked to hear that a former school administrator had been shot and killed while carrying out his duties as superintendent of Chelsea schools.

While still in his 20s, Joe Piasecki was an assistant principal at Rochester Adams High School where he had also been a teacher and assistant track, football and basketball coach. At 30, he was named an assistant principal at West Bloomfield High School. At 33, he was recruited by neighboring Orchard Lake St. Mary's to be superintendent/principal of that Catholic prep school - where he once had been a boarding student.

The first in his family to attend college, Piasecki had plans to be superintendent of everlarger districts. Eventually he wanted to be state superintendent of schools, according to St. Mary's chancellor, Monsignor Stanley Milewski. His dreams were cut short at the age of

A disgruntled chemistry teacher fired shots, killing Piasecki and wounding the high school principal and another teacher.

School vacation was about to start in the West Bloomfield School District, but some unfinished business remained. Late last week, a West Bloomfield High School student was expelled and another was suspended for 30 days and required to perform community service. They had stun guns in their lockers at school.



JUDITH DONER BERNE

■ The first in his family to attend college, Joe Plasecki had plans to be superintendent of ever-larger districts. Eventually he wanted to be state superintendent of schools. His dreams were cut short at the age of 47.

Two guns - plastic weapons with a trigger that, when pressed, can produce up to a 70,000 volt shock - were found in the lockers of the two 15-year-olds. They did not contain the batteries necessary to activate them.

Another four stun guns were found at the home of the boy who was expelled. He had ordered all the guns through the mail, selling one.

The guns are both dangerous and illegal, according to the West Bloomfield chief of police. Generally, we don't deal with problems until they touch us personally.

We probably don't want to wait on this one. As we gather with our families and friends this holiday season, we should talk about what we may never have had to think about before violence in our own neighborhoods. Why is it here? And what can be done?

Judith Doner Berne is managing editor for the Eccentric Newspapers. You can reach her at



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- 7 AM To Catch A Christmas Star, with the Roger Wagner Chorale
- 8 AM James Galway's Christmas Carol
- 9 AM NOEL: A Christmas Celebration from The National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.
- 10 AM The First Nowell, with The Robert DeCormier Singers
- 11 AM A Festival of Christmas, with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra
- 12 N Sing We Now Of Christmas, with the Crystal Cathedral Choir of Garden Grove, California
- 1 PM Joy To The World, with the Empire Brass and Friends
- 2 PM Star of Wonder, with the San Francisco Choral Artists
- 3 PM A Christmas Festival with Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops
- 4 PM Masters in This Hall, with the Washington Men's Camerata
- 5 PM A Merry Christmas with Simion Stanciu ("Syrinx") and Friends
- 6 PM Christmas with The Westminster Choir
- 7 PM A Carnegie Hall Christmas Concert, featuring Kathleen Battle, Frederica von Stade, Wynton Marsalis, and Andre Previn
- 8 PM Essentially Christmas, with the East London Chorus and the Locke Brass Consort
- 9 PM A Dickens' Christmas...Inside Fezziwig's
- 10 PM Christmas Eve at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine
- 11 PM An English Christmas with the Choir of Westminster Cathedral, the Alexandra Choir and the Cantorum Choir

DECEMBER 25

- 12 M CHARPENTIER: A Midnight Mass for Christmas
- 1 AM CELEBRATION! Christmas Fanfares and Carols with the BBC Welsh Chorus

- 2 AM On Yoolis Night: Medieval carols and motets sung by Anonymous 4
- 3 AM The Bach Choir Family Carols
- 4 AM Old Christmas Return'd, with The York Waits
- 5 AM Christmas Carols sung by Musica Sacra
- 6 AM An American Christmas, with Joel Cohen and the Boston Camerata
- 7 AM The Many Moods of Christmas, with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus
- 8 AM A Procession With Carols from King's College, Cambridge
- 9 AM Christmas Carolling with the Gregg Smith Singers and Friends
- 10 AM Christmas Day in the Morning, with John Rutter and the Cambridge Singers
- 11 AM A Little Christmas Music, with The King's Singers
- 12 N Sleighride! Classic Christmas Favorites
- 1 PM Sing the Carols of Christmas, with St. Michael's Choir School of Toronto

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- 4:30 PM Silent Night, Quiet Night with Musicke's Pleasure
- 5 PM Carols From Cleveland, with the Cleveland Orchestra and Chorus
- 6 PM Christmas in Vienna, with Placido Domingo, Diana Ross and Jose Carreras
- 7 PM MENOTTI: Amahl and the Night Visitors the original cast recording
- 8 PM A St. Paul's Christmas Concert from London
- 9 PM Sounds of the Season, with Maggie Sansone and Friends
- 10 PM Christmas Night: Carols of the Nativity with John Rutter and the Cambridge Singers
- 11 PM Joy to the World! A Christmas Celebration with Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra and Chorus



PLYMOUTH

Skating for gold

wo Plymouth Figure Skating Club members will compete at the National Figure Skating Championships in January in Detroit.

Jennifer Katulski, from Livonia, finished third overall in the novice division (second in technical, fourth in original program). She will compete Jan. 3 and Jan. 5 at the nationals at Joe Louis and Cobo arenas

Richard Brown of Canton, an intermediate dancer, and his partner Tara Esshaki, were second at the Midwestern sectional in Indianapolis. They will compete at the Junior National Championships in New Jersey in April.

Carrie Wolak, a junior competitor from Livonia, was 11th at the Midwestern Championships.

Kicks win again

he Plymouth Kicks won their thirdstraight indoor soccer championship, winning the Under-11 Boys A Division at Total Soccer in Farmington. The Kicks were undefeated, 7-0-1, and outscored their opponents 78-

In six regular seasons of play, the Kicks have won five championships and have a combined record of 48-4-5.

The Kicks are: Oliver Wolcott, Andrew Holmes, Nick Tochman, Brian Thiess, T.J. Tomasso, Danny Gill, Shane Smith, Brian Conway, Marty Kane, Derek Vermeulen, Jon McGlone, Chris LaMasse. Phil Marrone, Jay Smith and Justin Griffin. The team is coached by Dennis Tochman and Bill

Racquetball league

he Canton Parks and Recreation Services Department is sponsoring a winter session of its men's racquetball league beginning Jan. 12. The 15-week league will play on Wednesday nights at 7:30 and 8 p.m at Rose Shores of Canton. The cost is \$105 per person.

A 15-week women's league will begin Jan. 11. It will play at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Cost is \$100. Call 397-5110 for information on either league.

Teen ski trip

anton Parks and Rec is also organizing a ages 13-18 for Friday, Jan. 14. The bus will leave the township administration building at 5 p.m. and return at about midnight. The cost is \$19 for those with equipment, \$27 for those without.

Vardar beats Vardar

■ Vardar's under-16 boys soccer team took first place recently at a regional indoor competition held in Akron, Ohio.

Vardar under-16 beat Vardar under-15 in the championship, 3-0. Both teams qualify for the national indoor tourney in March in Atlanta, Ga.

Members of Vardar's under-16 squad include: Ben Upward, Chris Charboneau, Andre Ware, Tim Castillo, Jon Schack, Marco Jovanovic, T.J. Lieckfelt, Todd Smith, Nick Stockyj, Ryan Wells, Larry Mercier, Chris Piazza, Scott Sersen, Jeremy Stillings and Steve Williford. W

Members of Vardar's under-15 team include: Jason Alexander, Chris Curry, Ali Curtis, Ryan Gibbs, Chris Glime, Kirk Hodges, Virgil Humphreys, John Mack, Pat Mahoney, Kyle Marshall, Tony Moucoulis, Matt Sarkesian, Jeff Schlicht, Gary Shear, Wayne Thomas, Paul Van Huysen, Corey Woolfolk. The team is coached by Mark Christensen.

■ Vardar's under-14 also qualified despite losing to the Internationals in the final, 3-1.

Members of Vardar's under-14 team, coached by Matt Paukovits, include: Shawn Alexander, Marco Cracchiola, Joe Gallagher, Brian Garstecki, Nicholas Grandchamp, Drew Harris, Steve Howson, Luaiy Leon, Vito Pampalona, Richard Perry, Sammy Piraine, Michael Riemma, Donald Sigler, Patrick Stranahan, Shawn Wilson and Paul Yes-

■ Vardar's under-12 team, coached by Mike Lupenec and Vito Pampalona, also reached the final before losing to Cleveland United, 2-1.

Members of the under-12 Vardar team include: Vince Alexander, Chris Combs, Jeffrey Conner, Kevin Cooper, Kenneth Furphy, Andrew Hulings, Kelen Kalso, Harry Moreno-Compos, Trevor Pampalona, Kevin Robinson, Mike Robinson, Nick and Anthony Sanchez, Robert Turpin, Andrew Upward and Patrick Wilson.

Vardar victorious

■ Vardar's under-13 boys team won its division with a 2-1 victory over Cleveland United to capture the second annual Soccer First Tournament, Nov. 26-28 in Columbus, Ohio.

Members of Vardar III '81 include: Adam King, Nick Debraw, Eliott Belden, David Burnett, Yuri Burrell, Corey Cecchini, Marcus Chorvat, David Dwaihy, Josh Epstein, Danny Ferrin, Victor Gordon, Steve Kleczynski, Steve Kolb, Tyler Mehl, Rajev Mehta, Tom Thomphson, Stewart Yingst. The team is coached by Mark Christensen. ■ Vardar under-15 topped Ohio Premier, 3-1, to win its division for the second-straight year in Co-

Cha-Ching!

Oakland registers record 189-107 victory over Madonna



It was a night to forget for Madonna University and a night to remember for Oakland University. Several scoring records were established as the two teams combined for 296 points in a college men's basketball

BY CHRIS McCosky

Here's why a first-year Division III basketball team should never, under any circumstances, schedule a game against an established, Division II team: Madonna University scored 107 points Monday against Division II Oakland University — and lost by 82, 189-107

How bad was it? Check it out:

Oakland scored 91 points in the first half, 98 in the second. It scored in 85 of its 124 possessions. And the team was playing without two of its top three scorers (Tom Eller, 23 points per game, and Ty McGregor,

■ Eight Pioneers had career-high scoring nights, three of them set their marks by halftime.

■ Nine of the team's 11 players scored in double figures.

■ Nine team records were set including: points in a game, points in a half, victory margin, field goals made (63), 3-pointers made (27) and rebounds

How bad was it? With just four seconds remaining in the first half, Oakland was set to inbound the ball from underneath Madonna's basket. The Madonna gym was silent. Coach Greg Kampe stood up and yelled, "One to Buza, one to Buza." Everybody in the gym knew the ball was going to No. 22, Dan Buza.

Everyone except the Crusaders. The ball was inbounded and fed inside to Buza for an uncontested

That was basically the game story. Everything OU did went virtually uncontested. The Pioneers attempted 57 triples, yet throughout the game they were left free on the perimeter. No wonder they hit 27 of them.

"I know a lot of people are going to wonder if we ran up the score," said Kampe, whose team stunned Division I Toledo by 21 points Saturday night. "But I don't think so. They scored 98 points in a half. That's something these kids are going to talk about the rest of their lives. They'll be talking about it at their 50th reunion. I subbed as much as I could. The guys that were in there hadn't played much this year, but they work hard in practice. I can't tell them not to play. That wouldn't be fair to

No, Kampe would have had to remove his team from the floor to keep the score down. The more relevant question would be, why? Why would Madonna schedule such an opponent in its own gym?

Madonna coach Bill Sharpe would be the guy to answer that question, but he wasn't talking.

"We got our butts kicked and I don't have anything to say," he said.

"I'm done, I'm not talking. Kampe said he accepted the game as a favor to Sharpe.

"He's a friend of mine and he was having trouble getting people to play him here," Kampe said. "We just worked it out where I'll play here and

See SHOOTOUT, 2B



Closed lane: Mike Slone (front) of Madonna tries to find an opening against Oakland University's Dan Buza.

Ocelot calls North Pole home

You'd think opponents would be a bit nicer to Jennifer Samson, particularly at this time of year.

You'd think they'd give her a gift or two . . . a couple of baskets (not the kind filled with fruit, either), a few uncontested rebounds, something like that.

After all, she's in good standing. She must be.

And opponents should realize it can only be advantageous, knowing someone on the inside - right?

Well, it hasn't worked out like that at all for Samson. And in the second half of Schoolcraft College's basketball season, she'd like nothing more than to deliver, in person, the consequences for being naughty instead of

No toys for you, not after the way you treated Samson on the court through SC's first 10 games. And believe me, she's in prime position to make good on her threats.

She is, after all, from the North

It's true. Really. Samson can prove it, and has, on more than one occa-

"Even in Alaska, people wouldn't believe me," she said. "They just laughed. I had to show them my driver's license.

Samson graduated from - where else? - North Pole High, located in



S'no joke: Schoolcraft College basketball player Jennifer Samson is too tall to be an elf but she's from Santa's neighborhood: North Pole High School in Alaska.

North Pole, a small town situated (contrary to popular belief) 20 minutes outside of Fairbanks.

She moved there nine years ago with her family. Her father, an electrical engineer, decided to relocate for a good reason: "He could make more money," said Samson. He now owns his own business.

The differences between Michigan and Alaska are like night and day at times, quite literally so. Yes, winter lasts from October until May, and it is cold. Samson said Michigan winters seem so mild to her, she's tempted to unpack her shorts.

But there's also that night and day thing. Because Fairbanks is located

so close to the Arctic Circle, the winter solstice allows only a few hours of daylight. "When you go to school it's dark, and when you come home it's dark," she said.

But in contrast, the summer solstice is a joy - nearly 20 hours of sunlight. And, according to Samson, the weather is mild, with temperatures comparable to Michigan's in summer.

So what led Samson back to Michigan and, ultimately, to Schoolcraft's basketball team? "It's so isolated up there," she said. "You end up seeing the same people, over and over

Her grandparents still reside in Brighton, where she lived prior to Alaska, so she came back here after graduating from North Pole HS. She enrolled at Central Michigan, where she met current teammate Leandra Hoffman, a Livonia Clarenceville graduate.

At CMU, they shared a common interest: "She was the only one who wanted to play basketball all the time, like me," said Samson. When they came back to the metro-Detroit area last summer, they started making weekly trips to the open gym at Schoolcraft. That's where SC women's coach Jack Grenan spotted them.

The rest, as they say, is history.

See SAMSON, 2B

Cooley escapes Wayne in OT gem, 72-69

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

When Sylvester Dotson's number 52 was detected as being omitted from the official scorebook for Detroit Cooley, referee Angelo Gust was in the process of awarding a technical free throw to Wayne Memorial.

But Wayne coach Chuck Henry, showing the true Christmas spirit, told Gust that he did not want the foul shot. Gust then had Dotson's name entered and waived the 6-foot-61/2 Cooley sophomore center into the game as a sub without penalty.

The potential point loomed large later on as the Cardinals beat Wayne in overtime, 72-69. But Henry, who treated his opponents to a pizza party afterward, said he would have done it all over

"We wanted things to go right tonight," he said. "It's something I chose not to do and I really don't regret it. I wanted the game to get off right and end

A lot of good things happened in between as fans vere treated to a fast-paced game between two of the state's top 10-ranked teams in Class A.
Wayne, which suffered its first loss in five game

battled back from a eight-point third-quarter defi-

cit to send the game into overtime.

A steal and layup by Courtney Howard with 36 seconds to go in regulation followed with a drive by Gerald Adams with 17 seconds left tied the game at But point-guard Brian Williams, the only senior

starter for Cooley, went to work in the three-minute extra session, scoring five of his seven points to secure the victory

Dotson's block of Lorenzo Guess' three-point attempt from the corner as time expired sealed the victory for Cooley.

Tramaile Bullock led Cooley (2-1 overall) with a game-high 22 points. Dotson added 15, while Dawon Hale and Brian Ponder contributed 12 and

11, respectively. Guess, a 6-3 freshman, led the Zebras with 18

points. Adams, the senior point-guard, added 15. Rod Hardison, who heated up in the second half, scored 11 of his 13 to help erase a 36-26 deficit at intermis-

Wayne got back into the game using a full-court

"They (Cooley) are a clever basketball team," Henry said. "You're not sure you can be effective, but the press was our last option. We were fortunate because the refs let it go. We were able to bang them and get some steals.

Cooley coach Ben Kelso was glad to come away with the victory.

"We've played each other so many times that you can't fool anyone," Cooley coach Ben Kelso said. We were very lucky to get the ball at the end when we did. Wayne did a very good job. They shot well, and we were doing a pretty good job of guarding them. They had a good game plan.

Cooley shot 50 percent from the floor (32 of 64), while Wayne was slightly lower at 46.8 percent (30 of 64).

Wayne committed 19 turnovers, while Cooley had 21.

"I'm disappointed we didn't win, but we hope we can improve by watching this videotape," Henry said. "It was a good game for us to play. Our league (Mega-Red Division) is really tough with teams like Belleville, Monroe, Woodhaven and (Dearborn) Fordson coming up. For us to win we have to beat a good basketball team like Cooley."

COLLEGE SPORTS

Lady Crusaders stagger into break

Kalamazoo College's Hornets stung Madonna University in a women's college basketball game Monday, 65-55.

Lisa Vedmore led host Kalamazoo (5-3 overall) and all scorers with a game-high 22 points. She made four of seven tries from three-point range and added 10 of 12 from the free-throw line.

The Lady Crusaders (4-7 overall), who could not overcome a 41-30 halftime deficit, got a team-high 16 points from Jill Burt and nine from Shawn Bannon.

On Saturday, host Oakland University got 17 points from guard Doreen Belkowski to beat the Lady Crusaders, 86-

Heather Bateman contributed 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Pioneers (7-1). Angie Bond chipped in with 11

BASKETBALL

points and six assists.

Cyndi Platter, a 5-foot-11 freshman forward from Plymouth Salem, added eight points in 12 minutes on four-of-five shooting.

Madonna, which shot only 32 percent from the floor as a team, got 11 points from forward Rachel Emery. She was the only Lady Crusader in double figures.

HIGHLAND PARK 86, SCHOOLCRAFT 53: On Saturday, the Lady Ocelots dropped to 4-6 overall and 0-3 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.
Tonya Mitchell paced the victorious

Lady Panthers, ranked in the top 20 nationally, with 22 points.

half helped Highland Park break away Four Schoolcraft players scored in dou ble figures — Alisa Wechter (11), Cindy Muha (10), Angie Cerne (10), Tricia Ka-

Panthers gouge S'craft

It's a game coach Dave Bogataj and his Schoolcraft College men's basketball team would like to soon forget.

On Saturday, host Highland Park Community College rolled to a 123-78 Eastern Conference victory over the Ocelots.

"They beat us in all kind of phases, they outran us, shot the three-pointers well and outhustled us on the boards,' said Bogataj, whose team fell to 0-3 in the conference and 5-7

Highland Park hit nine of 21 three-pointers compared with Schoolcraft's two of 13.

Kenny Patterson was one of five Panthers in double figures with 24 points. Tony Daniel added 22, while David Moore and Andre Gregory chipped in with 18 and 16, respectively.

The Panthers, who led 64-40 at halftime, are 1-1 in the conference and 3-2 overall.

Abu Hamilton, a 6-foot-3 freshman from Romulus, led the Ocelots with 22 points. Todd McNeil, a 6-7 sophomore from Madison Heights Bishop Foley, added 21.

Three Schoolcraft players fouled out.

SC hit 20 of 32 free throws (62.5 percent).

Spartans celebrate GC tourney win

For the first time in Don Berg's 12 years as a wrestling coach at Livonia Stevenson High, the Spartans can call themselves tournament champs.

Stevenson won the 29th annual Garden City High invitational with a team-high 1941/2 points.

Dundee and Dearborn finished second and third, respectively, with 184 and 1531/2. Trenton was fourth in the 19-team field with 137, while Northville and defending champion Dexter tied for fifth with 135 each. See statistical sum-

"It's a funny feeling, I don't know what the say other than that I'm pleased with the kids' effort," Berg said. "We were in a

Stevenson captured four individual titles.

and it was fun.

dogfight all the way with Dundee

For the second straight week, Spartan junior Ben Lewis edged Livonia Franklin senior Jesse Shakarian for the 171-pound title, 3-2. Only a week earlier in the McIntosh Tournament at Tren-

ton, Lewis beat Sharkarian in overtime, 2-0. Both had tough semifinal wins - Sharkarian over Westland John Glenn's Brian Kolb and Lewis over Josh Howard of Dexter.

And speaking of overtime, Stevenson's Craig Martin took the 189-pound crown with a 4-2 victory over Ryan Balcom of Dexter.

Other Stevenson individual crowns went to sophomore Dan Christenson (103) and junior Scott Goldman (140).

Stevenson's Chris Mullett

reached the finals at 152 before losing a hard-fought match to tournament MVP Pat Moylinski of Dundee, 7-5.

Stevenson's unsung hero was junior Matt Fisher (160), who bounced back from a first-round loss to gain four straight pins.

'Matt scored 13 points and that really helped our team," Berg

Other area grapplers coming away with titles included Glenn's Anthony Underwood (119) and Franklin's Adam Hill (130).



Over the top: Stevenson's Chris Jaztrembski tries to keep

WRESTLING

29th GARDEN CITY HIGH INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson. 194½ points; 2. Dundee, 184; 3. Dearborn, 153½; 4. Trenton, 137; 5. (tie) Northville and Dexter, 135 each; 7. Monroe, 119½; 8. Westland John Glenn, 1071/2; 9. Melvindale, 81; 10. 12. Garden City, 73; 13. (tie) Lutheran High Westland and Livonia Churchill, 49 each; 15. Dearborn Divine Child, 40; 16. Inkster, 31½; 17. Redford Union, 29; 18. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 241/2: 19. Dearborn Heights Crest

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Heavyweight: Kris Criteser (Divine Child) pinned Ben Crook (Dearborn), 3:17; consolation final: Joe Chimento (Fordson) decisioned Tim Larkins (Monroe) dec. Nick Bowerson

103 pounds: Dan Christenson (Stevenson) dec. Mike Heider (Melvindale), 7-0; consola-tion: Dan Smith (Dearborn) dec. Greg Mason (Dundee), 12-4; 5th-6th: Dan Boynton (RU) dec. Brad Scott (Monroe), 4-3.

112: Ron Silveira (Dundee) p. Jason Milne (Garden City), 3:25; consolation: Manuel Cantu (Melvindale) p. Anthony Melchor (Inkster), 4:28; 5th-6th: Brandon Aldred (Crestwood) p. Brian Horvath (Luth. Westland), 0:52. 119: Anthony Underwood (John Glenn) dec.

Jason Tarrow (Northville), 8-4; consolation: Paul Wisniewski (Dexter) dec. Lee Salenbein (Dundee), 6-1; 5th-6th: Shawn Adams (Dear born) dec. Ryan Wilburn (Monroe), 2-0. 125: Mike Henry (John Glenn) dec. Phil Walk

er (Melvindale), 9-7; consolation: Josh Banks (Churchill) dec. Derrick Davis (Garden City), 5-4;

5th-6th: Derrick Federer (Dundee) dec. Hasse

130: Adam Hill (Franklin) dec. Ali Mansour (Fordson), 8-3; consolation: Paul Martel (Trenton) dec. Derek Kelp (Dearborn), 5-2; 5th-6th:

135: Scott Homrich (Dundee) won by tech. fail over Matt Douglas (John Glenn), 15-0; consolation: Corey Karanon (Northville) dec. Tim Sayn (Garden City), 6-4; 5th-8th: Tony Dettore

(Franklin) p. Eric Schultz (Trenton), 1:33.

140: Scott Goldman (Stevenson) p. Carl
Tune (Northville), 5:55; consolation: Brett
Mann (Dexter) dec. Brian Holbrook (Dundee), 10-1; 5th-6th: Nolan Wells (Dearborn) dec. Aaron Daniel (Monroe), 9-1. 145: Tom Woodruff (Monroe) p. Essen Davis

(Trenton), 2:20; consolation: Ryan Baber (Northville) won by injury default over Bassam Mouhanna (Fordson); 5th-6th: Chris Jaztrembski (Stevenson) p. Jason Brasgalla (Luth. 152: Pat Motylinski (Dundee) dec. Chris Mullett (Stevenson), 7-5; consolation: Matt Det-tling (Dexter) won by tech. fall over Taylor Cook

(Trenton), 18-2; **5th-6th:** Joe Scappiticci (Northville) dec. Ryan Bayer (Franklin), 3-0. 160: Ryan Orison (Dundee) dec. Adam Ruetz (Trenton), 17-6; consolation: Tom Linder (Dearborn) dec. Tony McRoberts (Dexter), 10-4; 5th-6th: Steve Faith (Luth. Westland) dec.

Adam Lynch (Northville), 9-8. 171: Ben Lewis (Stevenson) dec. Jesse Shakarian (Franklin), 3-2; consolation: Josh Howard (Dexter) dec. Brian Kolb (John Glenn), 8-4; 5th-6th: Mike Shaw (Melvindale) dec. Don

189: Craig Martin (Stevenson) dec. Ryan Balcom (Dexter), 4-2 (overtime); consolation: Cory Fannin (Monroe) dec. Kevin Taylor (Dearborn),

Five unanswered goals in the fi-

nal period carried unbeaten Red-

ford Catholic Central to a 6-2

hockey victory Saturday over vis-

iting Livonia Stevenson in a non-

leaguer at the Redford Ice Arena.

Stevenson drops to 5-4 overall.

Jason Wesley.

CC is now 5-0 overall, while

Stevenson led 2-1 after two pe-

riods following Brian Calka's goal

at 1:17 from Kyle McNeilance and

Just 29 seconds into the third

period, CC's Jon Heady scored

from Chris Weigenka to make it

Jason Couture tallied the

The Shamrocks added three

game-winner from Jeff Helner

more before the period was over - Don Hunt, assisted by Hol-

dridge and Jeff LaChapelle (4:05);

Helner from Couture (7:17); and

and Mark Holdridge at 2:17.

control against Fordson's Bassam Mouhanna in a 145-3rd-period spurt catapults

Shootout from page 1B

he'll play in our tournament (Dec.

Some favor.

Another question that ought to be raised: Why did Madonna continue to play run-and-gun with the Pioneers? Why not try to slow the tempo and at least keep the game from becoming a travesty?

'That's their style and that's our style," Kampe said. "We're just a little better at it than they

Yeah, just a bit. By the end of the game, OU was enjoying fiveone four-on-one and three-onone breaks on just about every

Bryan Borchert scored 36 points to lead OU (7-1). Kevin

Samson

Samson. "I missed it last year."

back yet."

"I like playing ball again," said

It's taken her awhile to regain

her form after a year off; indeed,

"I don't know if I even have it

The game is different in Alas-

ka. For one thing, road trips are

longer - Samson said her team

would often fly to away games,

But that isn't the only differ-

ence. In the communities School-

craft College services, if a racoon

is a constant visitor to a resident's garbage can, a local pest

That would prompt a chuckle

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from Samson. Her family - she

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playing two or three each trip.

control firm is summoned.

Kovach scored 24, Andy Brodi 22, Chris Waslik 18, Ken Crum 18, Jeff Plank 15, Matt Stuck 12 and Jason Burkholder 12. Dan Buza scored 19 points and tie a school record with six blocked shots.

For Madonna (1-12), Jay Dimes scored 29 points and Mike Slone had 22 with six triples.

As if the 82-point drubbing wasn't enough for the Crusaders, it happened on the night they had planned their team Christmas

Merry Christmas.

from page 1B

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IPFW 138, MADONNA 101: On Saturday night, Dimes scored 32 points but it wasn't nearly enough to thwart Indiana-Purdue at Fort

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But back to the issue at hand.

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And, just in case you wondered,

here's what happens to at least

some of Santa's mail: "In high

school, we used to answer the let-

Isn't that proof enough that she

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Has she seen Santa's house?

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Dec. 29 (Oakland Univ. Tourname

Of course, she answers. How Oakland Univ. vs. UM-Dearborn, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30 could a town with a name like Oakland Univ. Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m. North Pole not have a Santa

> WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 30 Madonna at Adrian College, 7 p.m.

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Heady unassisted (13:01). The teams were tied at 1-1 after one period.

CC past Livonia Stevenson

Chris Gonzales scored unassisted for CC at 2:49, while McNeilance, on an assist from Aaron Sata, scored for Stevenson

"We came out flying the first two periods, but got a little winded in the third," said Stevenson assistant Mike Harris. (He was filling in for head coach Matt Mulcahy, who was out of town at- Churchill at Edgar Arena.

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tending his son Brian's college graduation.) "Then we were down to four defensemen when Doug DelVigna (bruised lung) and Brian Wilson (separated shoulder) went out. We had played the night before, but CC is a good team. They came in well pre-

Goal correction Eric Hine should have been credited with the game-winning goal in Livonia Stevenson's 6-3 victory last Friday over Livonia

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SWIMMING

Farmington wins **WLAA Relays**

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY STAFF WRITER

Ross Bandy was cold and his clothes were soaking wet. He didn't have anything to change into and he could already feel the cold coming on.

But he never felt better in his

"This was the most thrilling moment of my coaching career, said Bandy, whose Farmington swimmers dunked him into the Plymouth Salem pool Saturday after they won the Western Lakes Relays for the first time ever. "We came in hoping to place in the top four. But to win it like we did was quite a shock. It felt wonderful."

Farmington won two events and placed second in three others to score 231 points. Plymouth Salem was second (223) and Plymouth Canton was third (194).

"We have this in the right per-spective," Bandy said. "I know North Farmington was without two of its best kids (Karl Kozicki and Jon Kershaw) and I know Salem was disqualified in one event and Northville didn't put a relay in the last event. But people opened the door for us and we tiptoed on in.'

Farmington won the 400-yard medley relay with Scott Brown, Danny Belanger, Jon Reed and Don Boyer swimming a 3:54.1. Steven Scanio, John Hawkins, Belanger and Reed teamed for a 4:04.38 to win the 400 individual medley relay.

The Falcons took second in the 200 backstroke, 200 butterfly and 200 medley.

"We knew Farmington had quite a few coming back, but we didn't know they were that deep,' said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "But throughout the meet, they just kept on scoring.'

Salem took three firsts: 400 freestyle with Aaron Berlin, Ryan Petroskey, David Bracht and Fred Locke going 3:31.58; 200 medley, John McLenaghan, Andy Dettling, Mark Dettling, Matt Martin, 1:50.43; 200 freestyle, Locke, Marc Levitt, Pat Morgan, Bracht, 1:33.57.

'We gave quite a few upperclassmen a chance," Olson said. "We held some of our kids to one event because we have to find out what kind of team we have.

Canton set a meet record with Anthony Ballis and Jason Fowler

TEAM STANDONES: 1. Farmington, 231 points: 2. Plymouth Salem, 223; 3. Plymouth Canton, 194; 4. Northville, 189; 5. North Farmington, 185; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 156; 7. Livonia Churchill, 144; 8. Walted Lake, 94; 9. Westland John Glenn, 89; 10. Farmington Hamson, 68; 11. Livonia Franklin, 56. son, 68: 11. Livonia Franklin, 56.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400-yard medley: 1. Farmington (Scott Brown, Dan Belanger, Jon Reed, Don Boyer), 3:54.15; 2. Northville, 3:55.51; 3. Salem, 3:59.79; 4. N. Farmington, 4:03.47; 5. Canton, 4:14.16; 6. Harrison, 4:17.69.

400 freestyle: 1. Salem (Aaron Berlin, Ryan Petroskey, David Bracht, Fred Locke), 3:31.58; 2. Canton, 3:32.61; 3. Stevenson, 3:36.87; 4. Farmington, 3:42.58; 5. John Glenn, 3:51.41;

A. N. Farmington, 4:03.66.

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Rob Jones, Jon Carlson, Mark Campbell), 1:49.9; 2. Farmington, 1:56.36; 3. Salem, 1:57.29; 4. Canton, 2:06.45; 5. Northville, 2:12.71; 6. Stevenson, 2:13.36.

200 butterfly: 1. N. Farmington (Jason Speer, Pat Duthie, Chris Drelles, Drew Sopha), 1:47.48; 2. Farmington, 1:48.08; 3. Northville, 1:48.65; 4. Walled Lake, 1:52.43; 5. Salem, 1:52.64; 6. Churchill, 1:55.45.

Diving: 1. Canton (Anthony Ballis, Jason Fowler), 485.45 points (breaks meet record); 2. Northville, 416.25; 3. Walled Lake, 378.00; 4. Salem, 326.85; 5. Stevenson, 266.60; 6. John

400 IM: 1. Farmington (Jon Reed, Steven Scanjo, John Hawkins, Danny Belanger), 4:04.38; 2. Salem, 4:06.41; 3. Stevenson, 4:15.04; 4. Northville, 4:19.47; 5. Canton, 4:25.12; 6. N. Farmington, 4:33.42.

500 freestyle (crescende): 1. Churchill (Greg Kasprzak, Rob Grant, Jon Carlson, Mark Campbell), 4:27.08; 2. Northville, 4:29.44; 3. Canton, 4:32.86; 4. Salem, 4:45.41; 5. N. ngton, 4:48.63; 6. Farmington, 4:57.09. 200 medley: 1. Salem (John McLenaghan,

Andy Dettling, Mark Dettling, Matt Martin), 1:50.43; 2. Farmington, 1:52.45; 3. N. Farmington, 1:53.75; 4. John Glenn, 1:57.0; 5. Canton, 1:57.11; 6. Northville, 1:59.02.

200 freestyle: 1. Salem (Fred Locke, Marc Levitt, Pat Morgan, David Bracht), 1:33.57; 2. Stevenson, 1:36.11; 3. Walled Lake, 1:39.86; 4. Canton, 1:40.16; 5. John Glenn, 1:41.36; 6. Farmington, 1:50.65.

teaming for 485.5 points.

North Farmington and Livonia Churchill also won a pair of events.

For North, Ryan McKelley, Paul Ryan, Phil Zald and Drew Sopha won the 200 breaststroke in 2:01.9. Jason Speer, Pat Duthie, Chris Drelles and Sopha won the 200 butterfly in 1:47.48.

Churchill's Rob Grant, Rob Jones, Jon Carlson and Mark Campbell won the 200 backstroke (1:49.9). Greg Kasprzak, Grant, Carlson and Campbell won the 500 free in 4:27.08.

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Patriots drop Churchill

Livonia Franklin is at the break-even mark for the holidays after spanking city rival Churchill in a non-league boys basketball game Tuesday, 75-48.

The Patriots are now 2-2 overall, while Churchill drops to 1-4. Host Franklin, which held a 38-30 halftime lead, broke it open with a 20-6 run in the third quar-

Senior forward Paul Kruschka scored 10 points during the surge. He finished with a game-high 20 points.

Ten of 12 Franklin players

Three other Patriots netted double figures including senior forward Jason Maschke (14), sen-

■ Senior forward Paul Krushka scored 10 points during the surge. He finished with a game-high 20

ior guard Greg Maple (12) and freshman center Matt Bauman (10). Senior forward Mark Baluk grabbed nine rebounds.

Jedd Thorderson, a senior forward, scored 13 to pace Churchill.
Junior guard Tim Wrublewski
added eight points. Senior center
Adam Bowser grabbed 14 re-

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MARQUEE

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e sure to let us know about your favorite places to spend New Year's Eve. Check out the listings in this week's Entertainment section, and make plans for the biggest night of

For something different, spend the evening in Birmingham at First Night (see related story) or downtown with the Detroit Symphony at Orches-

The symphony's New Year's Eve Gala, "Night In Old Vienna," offers guests an evening of celebration that concludes with dancing on the stage. Neeme Jarvi returns to conduct this spectacular event 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

Accompanying the program of waltzes and other Viennese favorites will be several ballroom dancers demonstrating their professiona steps, plus an outstanding vocal soloist. The Matt Pitt Orchestra will play for dancing revelers as they welcome

Tickets range from \$20 to \$75. Call 833-3700 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666. The symphony is also presenting the "Nutcracker" ballet at Fox Theatre in Detroit. Evening performances are scheduled 8 p.m. Dec. 21-23; Dec. 26, 28-30; matinees, 2 p.m. Dec. 23 and Dec. 26; 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dec. 24. Tickets available at the Fox Box office, or by call-

If "the weather outside is frightful," turn on the TV, put your feet up and tune in Channel 56, or your local cable TV station for a local production of "The Nutcracker."

The presentation is a joint project of Oakland Community College and Oakland Festival Ballet Co. It is directed and choreographed by Cornelia Sampson of the Oakland Festival Ballet Company, based in Rochester.

The ballet featuring locally and nationally known artists will be shown on Channel 56 - 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24.

It will also be aired on these local cable stations Booth (Birmingham/Bloomfield Hills) 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22-23. Continental (Southfield) 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1. TCI (Rochester) 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23; 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27; and 9 p.m. Dec. 28-29; 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30.

Broadcasts are also scheduled on Metrovision, Comcast, McClean Hunter, and Continental Dearborn Heights, Westland and West Bloomfield. Check your cable guide for times.

Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste and Entertainment sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She welcomes your calls and comments 953-2105 fax 591-7279 or write: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- Meet Charles Busch, star of the musical "Little Me" now playing at the Birmingham Theatre.
- Find out what's new at the movies

Count down to new year at 'First Night'

■ Put on your dancing shoes, sharpen your skates, gather family, friends for a fun-filled, affordable New Year's Eve at First Night in Birmingham.

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER



In ancient times, and even now, New Year's Eve is a time of reflection of the year gone by, and resolve to make the

new year better. Old traditions like sitting around a bonfire telling stories and writing down New Year's resolutions, and new traditions like spending an evening with family and friends enjoying top-name local entertainment in an alcohol-free setting are what makes First Night in Birmingham a New Year's Eve to remember. This year's headline acts at the fourth annual celebration of the arts, include Carvin and Michael of the Grammy Award-winning Winans.

'You have to come experience it,' said First Night producer Jill Riddle. "The weather can be cold, but you forget it, and get caught up in all the wonderful performances. The downtown setting is beautiful, all the trees are lit up, it's a wonderful reprieve."

During the First Night celebration, which begins 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, and concludes at midnight in Shain Park with a countdown to 1994, downtown Birmingham churches, community centers and schools host a variety of entertainment.

"People will start gathering in Shain Park around 11 p.m. At 11:45 p.m. Pat Roan Judd will say the farewell benediction for 1993. We'll herald the new year with the Trinidad Steel Band, dancing in the park, special effects, and a surprise.'

Admission is \$7 per person, the price of a First Night button, which allows patrons access to all events. Children under 5 are free, and children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Buttons can be purchased until 3 p.m. New Year's Eve at participating Birmingham/Bloomfield locations in-

cluding Crowleys, Jacobson's Women's Apparel Store, Birmingham Ice Arena and City Hall

After 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, First Night buttons can be purchased at the Celebration Center on the corner of Pierce and Merrill, Seaholm High School, 2436 Lincoln; First Presbyterian, 1669 West Maple, and First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple.

Helping defray the cost of the celebration are over 30 corporate sponsors. "It's so affordable," said Riddle. Whether you go to one show, or stay all night. If we didn't have corporate sponsors, the cost would be about \$45 or \$50 per person."

Volunteers are also a critical part of the event's success. Last year, over 300 people volunteered to help with First Night. For more information about becoming a sponsor or volun-teer for First Night, or about button sale locations, call 540-6688.

Free parking will be available for First Night goers in city-owned parking garages from 3:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Depending on where you park, you can walk to events, or ride the free shuttle buses which will start at 3 p.m. and run until 2 a.m.

New this year are three outdoor events - the Celtic Stone Circle, The Oracle, and Resolution Wall.

At the Celtic Stone Circle, nationally-known mime and story-teller Pat Roan Judd of Birmingham, and Terry Woolen will be telling stories and legends around a bonfire.

The Oracle is a pyramid shape in which an actor is sitting. "People can go up to the oracle and ask questions about the new year," said Riddle. "It's all for entertainment. You can write your resolutions for the new year in charcoal on the Resolution Cave Wall.'

This year's First Night theme is "Hot Arts for A Cold Winter's Night." There's plenty of entertainment to choose from - theater, classical music, jazz, bluegrass, and

dancing. Carvin and Michael of the Winans



Brothers Carvin and Michael of the Grammy Award-winning gospel singers, The Winans, will perform at First Night in Birmingham.

will be performing songs from their newest release "All Out," 8 p.m., 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Seaholm High School Auditorium. Born and raised in Detroit, the Winans began their recording career in 1981 with the album "Introducing: The Winans."
Their major label debut "Let My
People Go," was their second of four gospel Grammy Winners.

Here's a sampling of the groups that will be performing:

■ For children — Sally Rogers and Howie Bursen's, "Big Laughs" version of "Jack and the Beanstalk," which involves lots of audience participation. "The Brainstormers!" a combination comedy club and and classroom where kids learn a lot. The Pippin Puppets, "Cinderella," presented by Birmingham's own Village Players Ensemble, the Dinosaur man. For the first time, there will be participatory events for adults too. Tell your family legends at the Celetic

■ Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes. There will be country line

dancing lessons at the First Presbyterian Church-Knox Auditorium. Dance to contemporary and Top 40s sounds of The Big Picture, Michigan's own premier dance band in a cabaret setting at First United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall. A dance 7-11 p.m. at Seaholm High School Gymnasium will feature the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band and Francisco Mora's Nuevo Mundo Jazz Band.

Classical events include performances by the Detroit Brass Society, Emmon Scott's re-creations of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig von Beethoven, and Detroit Symphony flutist Jeffrey Zook. ■ Jazz lovers will enjoy The Wendall

Harrison Jazz Ensemble. The blue grass band Cyporyn will perform at First Presbyterian Church-Sanctu-

■ There will be family and teen open skating at the Birmingham Ice Arena. Food and refreshments will be available for sale at many First Night

Classy musical celebrates 1930s at the Gem Theatre

Show!" a classy, sassy musical celebration of the 1930s and 1940s continues through Jan. 2 at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. "Strut!" is a musical melting pot of blues, swing, jazz, gospel, pop and dreamy Christmas favorites in a cabaret-style setting.

Tickets are on sale now at the Gem Theatre and all Ticketmaster outlets. Weekday shows, matinees and Sunday performances are \$19.50. Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. performances are \$24.50. For

"The All Night Strut! Holiday more information, call 963-9800 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666

> The cast featuring Gary Thompson, Mary Bentley-Lamar, Michael Kelly, and Lori Flynn sing songs from Christmas past and present including "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer," and "White Christmas.

A three-piece combo, led by Ed Wells, turns out old favorites like "In the Mood," and "Tuxedo Junction.



Holiday show: Lori Flynn (left to right), Michael Kelly, Gary Thompson and Mary Bentley-LaMar, star in the "All Night Strut Holiday Show," at the Gem Theatre.



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M HENRY FORD MUSEUM THEATRE "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," playing at Henry Ford Museum Theatre in Dearborn through Dec. 30, call 271-1620.

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Magical musical "Aladdin" at the theater, a135 E. Main Street, Northville, through Jan. 2. Call 349-8110.

PROFESSIONAL

"The Price" continues through Dec. 26 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, Call 788-2900 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

MEADOW RECOK

"A Christmas Carol" continues through Dec. 30 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Call 377-3300 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666. "Shirley Valentine," opens Jan. 6 with shows through Jan. 30.

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soft drinks, champagne toast at midnight, coffee and dessert and cash bar. Doors open 8:30 p.m. performance begins 9 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Call 875-

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'Little Me' opens Dec. 29

Birmingham Theatre will present its third production of the season, "Little Me," Dec. 29 to Jan. 30. Worth Gardner returns to direct this musical parody with actor Charles Busch playing the role of Belle Poitrine.

Performances run 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. Matinees are 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Sundays and Thursday, Jan. 27. Special New Year's Eve performances begin at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$19.50 to \$37.50. Call 644-3353, or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

Author, Patrick Dennis (Auntie Mame) wrote the original book "Little Me" in 1961. One year later, Neil Simon adapted it for the Broadway

stage and Cy Coleman composed the score.

"Little Me" comically dramatizes the life of Belle Poitrine, stage and film star, in her efforts to acquire wealth, culture and social status.

Charles Busch has been selected to play the female narrative role of Belle Poitrine. Following in the fashion of Greek and Shakespearean theater in which men played women's roles. Worth Gardener is using the element of non-traditional casting, both men and women exchanging roles, to achieve a more inventive, tongue-incheek production.

As an actor, comedian, playwright and author, Busch is well known for the female characters he brings to life on stage.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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iev, Poulenc, and Scott Joplin's "Rags." The Saturday children's concert "Paint a Picture," will feature caricaturist, Chuck Barshanian. Call 421-1111 or 464-

COMMUNITY

Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present two chamber concerts -8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The Jan. 28 concert will feature the music of Prokof-

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M AMERICAN ARTISTS Series continues 3 p.m. Sunday,

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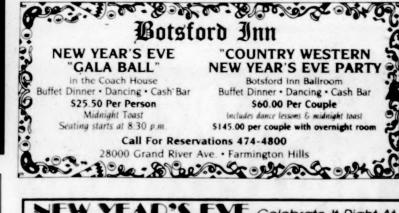
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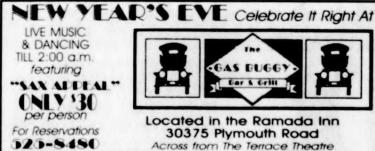
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"Grumpy Old Men," a rollicking romantic comedy, reunites one of the great screen duos of all

mon and Walter Matthau, in the story of a lifetime rivalry that only two fiercely individualistic curmudgeons could sustain and the jolt that relationship undergoes when a lovely, romantic and available widow, played by Ann-Margaret, moves in across the street.

Filmed on location in Minnesota, Warner Bros.' "Grumpy Old Men" examines the decades-old love-hate relationship between next door neighbors John Gustafson (Jack Lemmon) and Max Golden (Walter Matthau).

John's and Max's greatest pleasure consists of thinking up new ways to embarrass, ridicule or ambush each other in the course of their everyday campaign of revenge and retribution.

Max and John might recall the shadowy beginning of this lifetime love-hate relationship, but they're not telling. They greet each other every morning, it's true - but their greeting usually consists of profanity mixed with insulting one-upsmanship.

They're ice-fishing buddies, to executive producer. be sure - but they mock each

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other's catch and hurl invective when they share a "friendly" chat about their hobby.

Not even John's daughter Melanie (Daryl Hannah) or Max's son Jacob (Kevin Pollak) know what started their father's feud. But with John and Max wifeless and retired, and the indignities of the "golden years" encroaching, hating each other's guts has become their greatest pleasure in

Their greatest pleasure, for 56 years, to be exact, until radiant, free-spirited and enchantingly eccentric college teacher Ariel Truax (Ann-Margaret) moves in right across the street from them.

Ariel gives both grumpy old men new leases on life, as she innocently escalates their mutual loathing to new heights (or depths), with each furiously jockeying for first position in her af-

"Grumpy Old Men" is directed by Donald Petrie, whose "Mystic Pizza" impressed audiences and critics with its humor and humanity. The producers are John Davis ("The Firm") and Richard C. Berman ("December"), with Dan Kolsrud ("Falling Down") as

Darlene Chan is the associate



Rollicking comedy: John Gustafson (Jack Lemmon, left) and Max Goldman (Walter Matthau) are the best of enemies in "Grumpy Old Men."

producer. The film is written by Mark Steven Johnson.

'Grumpy Old Men' is a very personal project for me," said based on my own grandfather.'

Johnson. "It's a valentine to my home state of Minnesota, and the character of John Gustafson is

UPCOMING MOVIES

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

Opening Saturday, Dec.

■ "Tombstone" — The story of Wyatt Earp and the events that occurred before and after the infamous battle at the O.K. Corral. Stars Kurt Russell, Sam Elliot, Dana Delany.

"The Summer House" Amusing, charming story of a young woman's attempt to escape her imminent marriage to a most unappealing man. Stars Jeanne Moreau, Joan Plowright. This film is a Main Art Theatre exclusive.

■ "Schindler's List" — The true story of Oskar Schindler, a war profiteer and Nazi crony, who protected and saved the lives of over 1,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

■ Opening Wednesday, Dec. ■ "Ghost in the Machine" -

A techno thriller about a serial killer whose reach becomes limitless when he is transformed into a computer virus and is able to use everything electrical - from common household appliances to complex computers - as tools of murder. Stars Karen Allen, Chris Mulkey, and Ted Mar-

Opening Friday, Jan. 14:

■ "Philadephia" — A drama about a rising young lawyer who, when fired when he develops AIDS, hires a personal injury attorney to help him win redress. Stars Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington, Jason Robards, Mary Steenburgen and Joanne Woodward.

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Now, for the first time, Warner Bros. brings to the motion picture screen an extraordinary saga of the Dark Knight, an adventure that reveals Batman's most difficult battle, as well as his confron- cape forever. The film stars chartation with a mysterious killer, the Phantasm, who holds the key Mark Hamill, Dana Delany, Hart

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to Batman's secret past.

In a full-length animated adventure opening at metro Detroit movie theaters Dec. 25, Warner Bros. carries its exciting, stylish animated hit television series one step farther with an all-new story that recalls Batman's beginnings. Once again Batman encounters his long-lost love, Andrea Beaumont, and considers giving up his acters voiced by Kevin Conroy,

Bochner and Abe Vigoda, The

story is based on DC Comics characters created by Bob Kane. and the music is by Shirley Walker. The executive producer of the film is Tom Ruegger and the coproducers are Alan Burnett, Eric Radomski and Bruce W. Timm. The producers are Benjamin Melniker and Michael Uslan.

When television's "Batman: The Animated Series" premiered on Sept. 7, 1992, viewers immediately knew they were seeing something unique and very special. It's striking appearance, consisting of stylized characters against strong, graphically designed backgrounds, were characterized by the show's producers as "Dark Deco.

"We've created a look that's

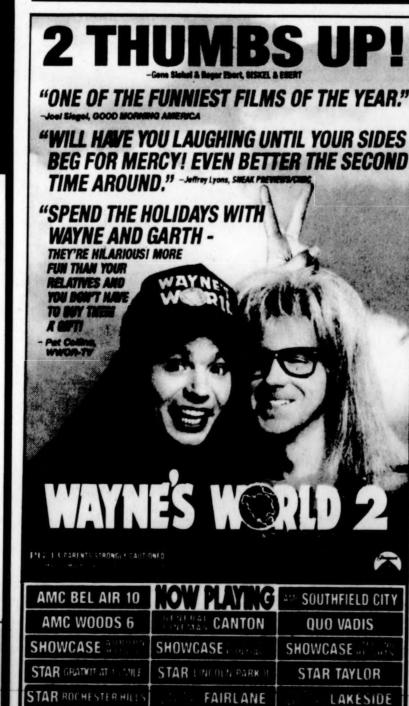
somber, psychologically moody and very exciting," said Jean MacCurdy, executive producer of the series

In addition to its memorable look, "Batman: The Animated Series" carried the legend of the popular DC Comics hero to new heights, bringing infamous villains to life on the screen in allnew stories that built on the sensational success of Warner Bros.' two live-action films about the Dark Knight, "Batman" and "Batman Returns."

"I was very interested in doing a Bruce Wayne love story," explains Alan Burnett one of the coproducers whose contributions are primarily as a writer and story



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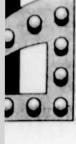
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Second City performance at 7:30 p.m. The second package (\$80) includes dinner at Risata at 8 p.m. and The Second City performance at 10:30 p.m. followed by a midnight toast and the "Afterglow Buffet" with coney island hot dogs and other late-night snacks. Call 965-2222 for tickets.

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Musical Explosion featuring 14

bands highlighting sounds of Top 40, Country, Motown, Raggae, Rhythm & Blues, and Alternative Rock at the hotel in Dearborn. Beginning at 6 p.m. the party will feature non-stop live entertainment throughout the hotel. Admission tickets are \$39 per person and include five food and five drink tickets per person, party favors and parking. Those wishing to dine prior to or during the festivities, can choose from one of three restaurants, no reservations necessary. Tickets are available at the New Year's Eve desk in the main lobby of the hotel, or call Ticketmaster, 645-6666. For more information, call 593-1234.

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New Year's Eve Concert featuring Steve Young and Katy Moffatt, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 at the Birmingham Unitarian Chruch. Call

New Year's Eve celebration begins 8 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner 9 p.m. features prime rib. Entertainment by Sterling featuring sounds from the 1950s through today. Dinner, dancing and guest room, \$239 per couple, includes three drinks and brunch. Call 349-6666.

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Open reservations 5-7 p.m. At 9 p.m. festivities begin with a Prix Fixe dinner prepared by Chef Tim Cikra. Short walk to Savory Ballroom for after-dinner drinks and dancing to Sterling. Cost \$175 per couple for feast and dancing. Cost for feast, dancing, guestroom and brunch is \$250 per couple. Call 305-5210 for reservations

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Morton's of Chicago, The Steakhouse in Southfield, provides an alternative for New Year's Eve partygoers who want to design their own dinner, and not be limited by package deals: Morton's regular menu at regular prices and a selection of champagnes and sparkling wines. Reserva-tions available for three seatings, 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., a \$25 per person deposit is required. Call 354-6006 for reserva-

Three seatings beginning at 5 p.m. The third at 9:30 or 10 p.m., priced at \$75 per person includes four-course dinner, ordered off the menu, plus listening and dancing to Mutual Admirations Society and party favors. Call 961-7766.

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Michigan Opera Theatre's First Annual New Year's Eve Opera Gala in the Westin's Renaissance Ballroom, black tie event begins 8 p.m. with dinner at 9 p.m. Dinner followed by a performance of Act II of Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus, champagne toast at midnight, dancing to the Emil Moro Big Band. Tickets \$85 per person, \$299 for an overnight package for two. Two other options are dinner at The Summit or River Bistro and lounge party. Call 567-XMAS for reservations and information.

Pointers for planning holiday parties

When hosting a holiday party, AAA Michigan recommends emphasizing food and fun activities to take the focus off of alcohol. Here are some tips

■ Schedule only a short cocktail hour and serve measured drinks. Also offer alcohol-free alternatives. Don't be a "pour" host by forcing drinks on guests.

Stock your buffet table with starchy and protein-rich foods such as pasta and potatoes to help retard the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.

■ Encourage "designated drivers" and make sure they don't drink alcohol during the party. Do not allow an intoxicated guest to drive. Call a cab, drive the guest home or make other arrangements

pointers from Marjorie Reed-Gordon, a consultant to Stouffer Foods.

■ Plan on 2½ drinks per person. Separate the drink serving area from the buffet to control traffic flow. Make ice cubes ahead of time and store them in plastic bags in the freezer or in an ice chest. One pound of coffee yields 24 cups

■ Allow for six to eight appetizers for each person.

■ Figure a 6 to 8-ounce entree serving per guest.

■ Serve fruit and two other des-3 sert choices. Prepared grapefruit sections, marinated overnight in cranberry juice for color and served in a large bowl, is festive and low in calories.

■ Add a caterer's touch with garnishes of fruits, vegetables, evergreens, flowers or herbs.

■ For a party of 25, you will need 35 wine glasses, 75 cocktail napkins, 32 dinner plates, 32 sets of silverware, 30 dinner napkins, 32 dessert plates, 30 coffee cups, and 30 dessert forks and teaspoons.

To create a dramatic centerpiece for a buffet, float two white lilies in a shallow glass bowl filled with fresh cranberries and a little water. Surround the bowl with boughs of evergreens and continue them down the table, along with various size candles for Here's a recipe to try. Submitted by Laura Huzar of Reese, it was a third place winner in the Alpena Regional "Great Pretenders," contest sponsored by AAA Michi-

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¼ cup pineapple juice

1/8 cup orange juice 1/2 banana

5-6 strawberries 1 cup 7-Up Scoop of ice

Blend together ingredients. Garnish with orange slice and maraschino cherries. 1 serving.

Cake, gingerbread house contest deadline nears

Student, amateur and professional cake decorators are invited to enter cakes in a contest being hosted by the 12th annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Cakes will be on display, indoors, during the Ice Sculpture Spectacular Event.

Forms are available at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 Wayne Road, Westland, 261-3680. If you'd rather, call the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Specutacular office and they'll mail you one.

A Gingerbread House Contest, open to adults and kids, ages 10 and under, will also be held during the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, For more information, call 455-0052, forms are available at Days Gone By, 550 Forest in the Westchester Mall, Ply.

The houses will be on display in the Westchester Square Mall on Forest Avenue throughout the festival. Entries must be delivered to Days Gone By no later than Monday, Jan. 10.

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Shooting ranges would benefit from legislation

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Local governments would have a more difficult time pushing shooting ranges out of business under two controversial bills passed by the state Senate.

"It's totally unregulated. You can have them open 24 hours a day," protested Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, whose hometown had an indoor range just a block from a high school.

"This would take away the right of local units to control hours of operation," said Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, an opponent. "I believe people who live in the neighborhood need to be able to turn to local elected officials for protection."

"These regulations have one purpose: to harass sport shooters," said the bills' sponsor, Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton. "I have 60 townships in my district, and they would have 60 different sets of regulations," said the rural Jackson County lawmaker.

"I used to think the National Rifle Association was unreasonable," said Sen. Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood. "NRA said there would be licenses, taxes and harassment. It turned out to be true. The NRA was right. You (opponents of Hoffman's bills) want to

license, tax and take guns away."

The Senate Tuesday passed, 25 to 11, the key measure declaring

"It's totally unregulated. You can have (shooting ranges) open 24 hours a day."

Sen. George Z. Hart D-Dearborn

"a sport shooting range is not a public or private nuisance" if its operation "conforms to generally accepted operation practices." Those practices are defined as standards of NRA, although NRA isn't named in the bill.

The bill, opposed by the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association, also prohibits local units from restricting shooting ranges already in operation but not from writing restrictions prior to establishment of a range.

Area lawmakers voting yes: Republicans Michael Bouchard of Birmingham, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, Robert Geake of Northville and David Honigman of West Bloomfield.

Voting no: Democrats Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills, William Faust of Westland and Hart, whose district includes Garden

Faust offered an amendment that would allow local units to impose "impact fees" on target ranges and use the money to buy nearby houses that are affected by noise. It drew only nine of the

necessary 20 votes

"This says, 'Soak 'em,' " said Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, opposing Faust's amendment. "This Legislature has expressed strong aversion to impact fees." Dingell said the Dearborn range attacked by Hart has moved out.

The debate turned bitter with religious and ethnic remarks. Said Pollack: "We can get reelected even if we're not blessed

with the holy water of the NRA." Added Virgil Smith, D-Detroit: "You white folks may be afraid of them (NRA). I'm not."

The Senate's position was the same as it took in prohibiting local units from having tighter handgun restrictions than the state. It asserts the state's preemption of gun regulation.

Michigan's constitutional protection of gun ownership, stronger than the U.S. Bill of Rights', says: "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

The bills have been sent to the House. Refer to Senate Bills 788 and 789 when writing to your state representative.

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New area code kicks in

Blame it on the fax machines. For the first time since 1947, southeast Michigan has a new area code, 810, which splits the former 313 code area in half along Eight Mile Road.

Wayne County residents, except for a few Livonia inhabitants, retain 313 for an area code. All Oakland County residents get 810.

Ameritech officials say the new area code is necessary because new ways to use phone lines keep being invented. "Designers of the original area code plan back in the 1940s could not have anticipated just how quickly available numbers would be used up by the skyrocketing popularity of personal pagers, cellular mobile tele-

phones, computer modems and fax machines," said Ameritech area code manager Dean Hovey.

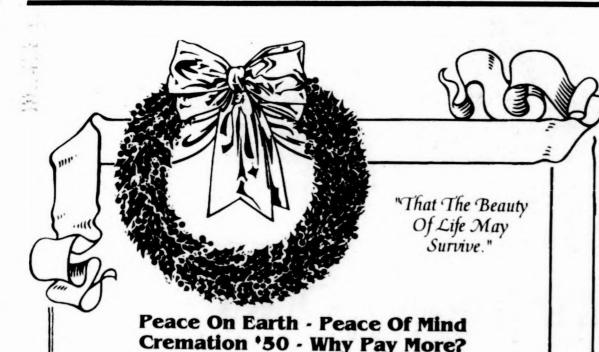
More than three million new phone numbers have been created by the new area code for southeast Michigan. Even so, Ameritech expects to reach capacity again in 20 years.

Ameritech spokesman Leon Sowell reports that some people have had difficulty getting calls to go through when they dial the new area code. But the fault lies in non-Ameritech phone-line switches that haven't been programmed to recognize 810 as an area code, Sowell said. This problem is expected to be fixed soon, as the switch owners are notified.

as the switch owners are notified. Ameritech is anxious to have it known that the new area code won't make anyone's phone bill higher. Calling Southfield from Redford will still be a local call, even though the caller has to dial 1-810 to do it. No call that was local before will be long-distance now, Ameritech says.

Also, calls will still go through using 313 until Aug. 10 so that we all might grow accustomed to the change. After that, Wayne County residents calling individuals in Oakland, Sanilac, Lapeer, St. Clair, Genesee and Macomb counties must dial 8.0 to do so. Oakland County residents calling folks in Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe counties must dial 313.

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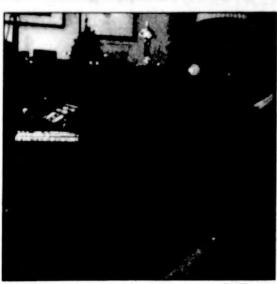
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SUBURBAN LIFE



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At home: Dale Myers used his home computer to create his "Robo Jr." cartoon.

He 'toons' at home with his Amiga

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

It doesn't take millions of dollars or a prestigious studio to produce an award-winning cartoon.

It could take just an Amiga home computer.

Dale Myers of Livonia used that to create the endearing story of "Robo Jr.," a mischievous young robot/space alien who causes a little trouble while his parent searches for motor oil. It debuts on WDIV-TV Channel 4 at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve.

So far the seven-minute cartoon has received rave reviews during the SIGGRAPH (Special Interest Group on Graphics) 1993 convention and in October earned a Joey Award at the San Jose Film & Video Festival for best computer animation.

"'SeaQuest' and 'Unsolved Mysteries' (television shows) are using the same software.

Compared to those things, mine was impressive because it was one guy . . . as opposed to Amblin Entertainment," Myers explained in an editing suite at WDIV-TV.

WDIV vice president of programming and production Henry Maldonado agreed. When he saw it for the first time, he had big plans for it.

"I showed it to him and he flipped out and said,
'Let's make a half-hour special with it.' I said, 'OK.
Let's talk,' "Myers said with a laugh.

The half-hour special will include the cartoon as well as a step-by-step demonstration of how Myers created the character of Robo Jr. The show opens with the tuxedo-clad Myers emerging from a limousine to attend the "world premiere" of "Robo Jr." at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. ("We're playing up the whole star aspect of it," he said.)

Kids pile into the theater following Myers.
When the hype dies down, he tells them,
"Something that's more fun than watching car-

toons is making them."

The story is told through flashbacks. He tells the children that he came up with the idea while playing Frisbee with his dog. Any human situation

lends itself to a cartoon storyline, he said.

"Ideas are all around; you just gotta pick one,"
he said.

Myers explained that unlike most animated specials that are created in production companies, Robo Jr. was done entirely on Myers' home computer system. After conceiving the story idea, he scripted, directed and spent close to a year animating the short by using a myriad of sophisticated desktop computer programs.

"The big appeal to the kids is that they can do it (at home) and it doesn't have to be done at Disney studios or something," he said.

Myers has produced computer graphics for industrial and broadcast films on a free-lance basis since 1989. A former WNIC-FM disc jockey, he has worked a total of 20 years in radio and video production. He began his career in computer graphics as a writer/producer for the Detroit branch of CBS/Fox Video.

When the division that produced industrial training films folded, he bought the Amiga for word processing. In his spare time, he started fiddling around with the graphics programs. He decided to pursue it seriously in 1989.

Although the 38-year-old would ideally like to see Robo Jr. the subject of its own TV series, it's a nice surprise to have WDIV's interest, he said.

"Doing a local broadcast is a nice thing," although it wasn't his ultimate goal, he said.
"It came along the way. It's one of those situa-

tions that fall out of the sky. You grab it and run with it," he said. "The World Premiere of Robo Jr." will air 8-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, on WDIV-TV Channel 4

Robo Jr. is Myers's mischievous space alien.





Twas the night

Dinghy Sharp sure knows how to tell a story. With keen memory and hand gestures as varied as the stories she tells, Sharp spins a Christmas tale with a surprise ending.

BY SUE MASON



There are different ways of experiencing a story. You can write the story; you can read the story; or you can tell the story.

For Florence Dinghy
Sharp, telling the story is
the favored course. A longtime member of the

Detroit Storytellers League, Sharp has a way with stories that leaves an audience hanging on her every word.

With hand gestures, facial expressions and

voice inflections, she makes even putting on a microphone sound interesting - "Getting wired is difficult; I feel like an astronaut on a tether."

The main "dessert" for the last of the three fall luncheons sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, Sharp left participants with holiday cheer as she recalled a childhood story and some of the history of our very American Santa Claus.

A former Farmington special education teacher who has been recognized as a pioneer in remedial education, Sharp works as a consultant with school systems across the country and as a speaker for educational groups. She also performs storytelling programs for organizations and schools as well as libraries and hospitals.

She offers a wealth of knowledge about the jolly old elf. She quickly tells of his evolution from the European St. Nicholas to a Santa Claus who lives at the North Pole, has elves help make toys, and travels with reindeer. The talk is interspersed with explanations of Victorian customs.

"Thomas Nast put Santa Claus at the North Pole and had the elves help make the toys, but Mrs. Claus didn't come along until 1927," Sharp said. "The reindeer came from



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Magical: Using her voice, facial expressions and hand gestures, Dinghy Sharp casts a Christmas spell over her audience.

Washington Irving."

Nast was a 19th century political cartoonist and illustrator who spent 44 years entertaining people with his work. His version of Santa Claus debuted in 1868. The original of the highly recognizable lithograph that shows Santa with a clay pipe and holly wreath is at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, according to Sharp.

Deep interest

Her interest in Santa includes 187 versionsold and new- of Clement Moore's "A Visit From St. Nick," better known as "The Night Before Christmas." And her story repertoire includes a Cajun version of the poem that has Santa riding a skiff and being pulled by eight tiny alligators.

But interesting tidbits aside, it was the story with its surprise ending that keep the audience transfixed. It comes from Sharp's childhood, from her grandfather who lived in Maryland. Normally, the family didn't visit at Christmas because of the weather, but one year they did visit, much to the delight of her

grandfather.

"Grandpa was excited because he never got to really share Christmas with us," she said.

"He said, 'There's a story I want to share with you that I've wanted to share since you were born, but couldn't. It was told to me by my grandfather."

The story centered on Christmas Eve in 1822 and Sharp's great-great-grandfather, whom the family called Papa. The family lived on a six-acre estate in New York; Papa was a professor of Greek, Latin and Hebrew at what was then Columbia College in New York City.

Papa had figured he had done all of his chores for the holiday, including making a new wax candle, when Mama reminded him still had to go to town to get the Christmas goose and make up a story for their oldest daughter, who was seriously ill with tuberculosis, Sharp said.

Papa hitched up the team of horses to the sleigh to head to town. It was snowing so heavily that he couldn't see, but he knew the horses would get him there like they did every day.

"The snow was so heavy and so wet, he couldn't see, but then a miracle happened," Sharp said. "Like turning the handle on a pump, the snow stopped and the wind blew down the Hudson River, freezing it into icicles. The moon came out and it looked like a dream."

Among the things Papa saw was Peter, the town handyman, with his big, round tummy and flowing beard and wearing a red parka.

"The children would tease him, wanting to know if he tucked his beard in his nightie to sleep," Sharp recalled. "He was always telling the children stories of his homeland, Denmark, especially about St. Nicholas. He told wonderful folk tales about his homeland, and the children were always anxious to hear them, especially at Christmas."

Peter would chop wood and deliver it to the homes in town. On Christmas Eve, he was busy "giving the only gift he could afford, the gift of his labor. He was leaving wood at every home so no one would be cold for Christmas," Sharp explained.

Papa's story

Papa got the goose and headed home. The children were busy getting ready for bed. They washed in a pan of soapy water water Mama

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Sharp has a way with stories that leaves an audience hanging on her every word.



Writer likes orderliness and has a place for everything



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I love your column in the Observer and look forward to seeing it. I would like to have your talent, which intrigues me.

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I'm a 74 years young righthanded female.

Farmington

Although time does not allow me to answer all the letters I receive, I do try to select those who have written more than once. also selected this writing as I feel she is a nice person to feature during Christmas week.

In this handwriting sample is a spirit of orderliness. Her surroundings would be neat, tidy and attractive. She has a place for everything and likes things in their

Her daily routine is well-organized. I can see her objective planning and the implementation of it. Her strong desire for accuracy suggests one who strives for perfection. The small details receive careful attention even though they may also be a source of annovance sometimes.

Good concentration is evident here. She can zero in on one thing at a time and lends exclusive attention to whatever it is. She probably has a retentive memory

Hers is a keen mentality and an innate love of mental activity. In addition, she may have a good mind for figures or money. This is a woman with a strong sense of responsibility. She is efficient, conscientious and disciplined. She is also thorough and works hard. Those who know her best have learned she can be counted upon to fulfill her obligations.

Her foundation was laid in a conservative upbringing and she has not strayed too far from it. Her attitude regarding morality and ethics is rather rigid and her conscience is her guide.

Dignity is much in evidence here. She is a sensitive woman.

She fears criticism and can usually be found conforming to the mores of society.

This is a modest woman. She does not feel the need to be in the limelight to be happy. There is little pretense about her. She is the same personality in public as she is in private life.

At times she feels she has been taken advantage of and has her guard up to prevent this from recurring. Sarcasm is her defense when she feels threatened. Perhaps this is the reason for a little irritability I see.

Close friends are chosen with care. She tends to keep her own counsel and is reluctant to reveal too much of her inner life. Although emotional, she appears to have a strong need to exercise

The empathy in her handwriting tells us she is caring, friendly and often helpful. The lessons of life have taught her not to be

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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 all helpful, and objective feedback is always welcomed.

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Christmas

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had made for them, then rinsed out their stockings, hanging them by the chimney to dry. When they were done, they gathered around Papa and he told his story.

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,' Sharp said, waving her hands in an all encompassing motion. "Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse . . .

Her presentation of Moore's poem was a memorable one, but it wasn't until she finished with the "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night," did she let on why she chose to use it for Papa's

"That was written by my greatgreat-grandfather, Clement Moore, in 1822," she said. "Actually, written is probably the wrong word. I think he must have put down some couplets on the back of an envelope, but it was never written down.

Moore's poem was such a hit that even more relatives came the next year to hear him tell it.

"A cousin came from Yonkers and wrote it down on the back of the envelope," Sharp said. "She

Thomas Nast put Santa Claus at the North Pole and had the elves help make the toys, but Mrs. Claus didn't come along until 1927.'

Florence Dinghy Sharp

went home and had it published in the Troy Sentinel. She was so excited she hurried back to show Papa. He was so furious because she had given away his Christmas present that she was banished from the house for many years."

Parts of the published poem reflect the cousin's lack of knowledge of the Danish language. According to Sharp, Donner and Blitzen should have been "dunder and blitzen," meaning thunder and lightning.

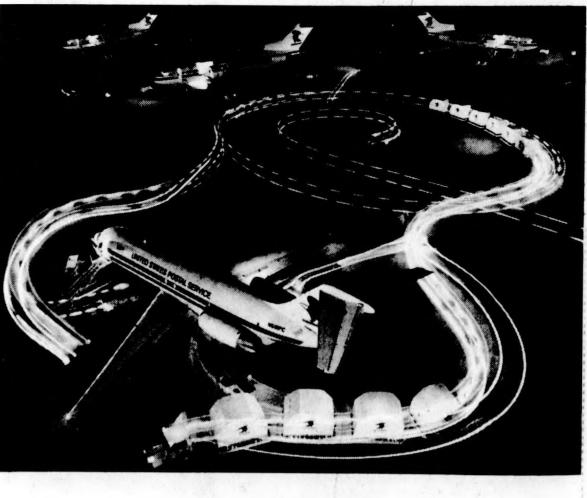
The poem became part of public domain because of its appearance in the newspaper, but in 1848 Moore did an anthology of children's stories and the last one in the book was his beloved "A

Visit from St. Nick," Sharp said. Moore willed his estate to Columbia, which maintained it as a children's museum. "It was kept going by the pennies of New York school children," Sharp noted. Today, what's left of it can be found "on Ninth Avenue between 21st and 22nd Street by the Big

Boy and the Gap."
Up in years, Sharp has had to curtail her travels, although she said her holidays will take her to Charlotte, N.C., and San Diego, Calif., with a stop in Chicago -'If you care to come along, just hop on my sleigh."

So, with the help of Visual Specialties of Farmington Hills, Sharp has come up with video presentation about Papa and his poem. The cassettes cost \$20 each, plus 4-percent sales tax, payable by check, Visa or Master-Card, and are available in a regular version and signed for the hearing-impaired.

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Memory loss. Disorientation. Night wandering. Tantrums. These have become the all-too-familiar signs of someone suffering the degenerative effects of Alzheimer's disease. Recently, however, several other characteristics have been added to the list.

According to research conducted at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, people with Alzheimer's who live at home even those who are still relatively young and physically fit — are far more susceptible to falling than elderly people who do not have the disease. In many cases, all it takes is one serious injury from a fall to start the downward spiral toward death.

There are two large contributors to the increase in falling in the Alzheimer's population, said Dorothy Booth, assistant professor of nursing. "The cognitive impairment caused by the disease has something to do with it, but home safety may also play a critical role."

In a yearlong study, Booth and two graduate nursing students followed 11 people with Alzheimer's who were living at home with a full-time caregiver. The median age of the patients and the caregivers was 68, although some patients were as young as 59. In that year, 36 percent of the Alzheimer's patients fell at least once, while none of the caregivers fell. One patient even fell 10 times in a month.

These patients don't know where their body is in space. When you ask them to grasp an object, they may come in way below or above it.'

Alzheimer's: More than memory loss

Dorothy Booth

"These patients don't know where their body is in space, Booth said. "When you ask them to grasp an object, they may come in way below or above it. That's why pathway clutter, stairways and poorly lighted areas are particularly hazardous for them.'

To protect those with Alzheimer's from dangerous tumbles, and in the process keep them living at home as long as possible, Booth urges caregivers to have a health professional skilled in this area conduct a home safety evaluation.

Often, the suggestions will be as simple as switching to a cordless phone or improving the lighting. But in other cases, pieces of furniture that emerge as obstacles may have to be removed or relocated.

"It behooves us to preserve the dignity of people afflicted with Alzheimer's by keeping them active and preventing injury," Booth "And safety-proofing the home is a big step caregivers can take in that direction.'

A significant but sometimes overlooked reason behind the falling is that Alzheimer's creates ha-

voc with visual-spatial perception. According to Dr. Jonathan Trobe, professor of ophthalmology and associate professor of neu-rology at the U-M Medical Center, poor visual judgment is an early warning sign of the disease.

Common symptoms include difficulty recognizing people, interpreting pictures and distinguishing between objects, especially when their borders are obscured or overlap. For example, someone with Alzheimer's may have difficulty identifying a bottle of beer in a crowded refrigerator or a particular article of clothing in a full drawer.

Yet when such people get their eyes checked, the results are normal. This is because the vision problems associated with Alzheimer's have nothing to do with the eye itself, but with the way the brain interprets the eye's signals.

"It seems as if their problems are visual, but they aren't; they're spatial," Trobe said.

After years of research, Trobe and collaborator Charles Butter, a U-M professor of psychology, have come up with a simple

screening test for the visual-spatial impairment typical of Alzheimer's, a test that may lead to earlier diagnosis of the disease.

It is a user-friendly screening designed to help optometrists and ophthalmologists easily distinguish between a visual-spatial impairment and a merely visual

"Often these patients are told they are crazy, that there's nothing wrong with their eyes," Trobe said. "This test allows us to make the diagnosis early and keep them from circling around trying to figure out what the problem is."

Trobe emphasized, however, that the test itself cannot make a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. Rather, it is designed as a screening tool that tells eye-care providers when a patient should be sent for a full neurological evaluation.

Trobe's screening test, described in a recent issue of "Archives of Ophthalmology," consists of four exercises. Patients must identify a simple line drawing, a drawing embedded in a grid of lines, drawings that overlap each other, and images that are fragmented and have deleted parts.

Currently, Trobe is sending the test to selected eye-care providers around the country who will use it on their patients and report back on its effectiveness. He eventually hopes to distribute the test to optometrists and ophthalmologists nationwide.

Memories



Holiday event: Mary Letters, director of special events, hangs special remembrance ornaments on the Hospice Services of Western Wayne County Inc.'s Tree of Memories. Set up in the J.C. Penney Court of Westland Mall, the tree helped raise money to help terminally ill patients and their families.

ANNIVERSARIES

Douglas

Eugene and Elanore Douglas recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a fami-

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 18, 1948. She is the former Elanore Pfau.

Twenty-year residents of Livonia, the Douglases have three children - Edward of Texas, Ruthann of Canton and Sheila of Rochester Hills. They also have five grandchildren.

He is a retired Detroit Police sergeant. Members of St. Collete's Church in Livonia, they recently returned home from a trip to Eu-



Elmendorf

Leonard and Mary Kathleen (Kitty) Elmendorf of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 28.

The couple exchanged wedding yows in 1943. She is the former Mary Kathleen Pritchett.

The Elmendorfs together built the home they have lived in since 1949. They have four children -Leonard Jr. of Livonia, Robert of Garden City, Darlene of Livonia and Claudia of Garden City

and two grandchildren - Bryan and Christina Joy.

He is currently the superintendent at Schreiber Roofing Company where he has worked for more than 42 years. He also is a private pilot and enjoys making frequent scuba-diving trips to the

She also is very active in water sports and swims five days a week at the YMCA. She also enjoys traveling and spending time with



NEW VOICES

MICHAEL and TISH LIND-MAN of Garden City announce the birth of MATTHEW MI-CHAEL Oct. 27 at Annapolis Hospital. He has a brother, Brent. Grandparents are Bob and Doris Jean Lindman of Plymouth and Virginia Kozakowski of Southgate.

CRAIG and CATHY GIB-SON of Inkster announce the birth of ALLISON RENEE Oct. 30 at Annapolis Hospital. She has two sisters, Catelynn Elizabeth and Samantha Ruth. Grandparents are Al and Sandy Harrison of Garden City, Carl Renard of Alpena and Roy and Rachel Gibson of Curtis.

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the late Leland George, and Dale and Elizabeth Chambers of Nixa,

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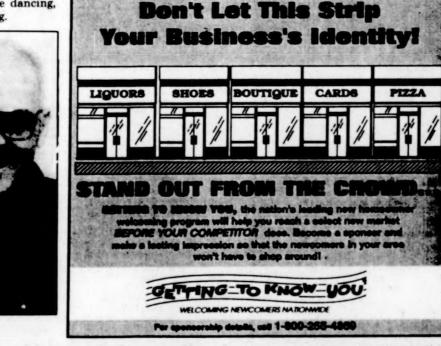


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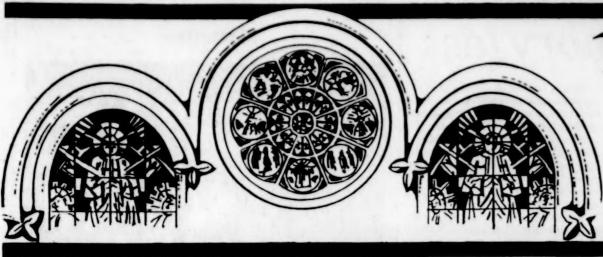
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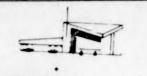
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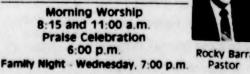
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Services celebrate spirit of Christmas

On Christmas Eve 175 years igo, the popular Christmas carol, Silent Night" was first written. Franz Gruber, organist of the little church in the village of Oberndorf, Austria, found that the organ was out of order and could not be used for the Christmas service the next day.

Desperate, he thought that perhaps a new song would help. So he asked his friend, Josef Mohr, the pastor, to write verses for the song and those verses he set to music.

At the Christmas service the next day the new song was sung by Gruber, Mohr and a young soprano to the accompaniment of a guitar. The song was "Silent Night."

The tradition will be continued at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia when the Christmas carol will be sung during the 11 p.m. Choral Candlelight Service of worship. Worshippers will receive a votive candle to be raised during the singing of "Silent Night," accompanied by guitar, as it was 175 vears ago.

The candlelight worship will follow a variation of the "Lessons and Carols" service that comes from King's College in Cambridge, England. Through song, scripture, prayer, Christmas selections by the Choir of Christ Our Savior and carols by the congregation, the Christmas story will unfold.

A pre-service concert will be at 10:30 p.m. Featured will be the Brass Choir, Woodwind Ensemble, Handbell Choir and organ. The Cherub, Choristers and Handbell Choir will be featured at 7 p.m. in the family Christmas Eve worship, under the theme, "Stranger in the Straw." A special children's message will be shared.

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, worship will be at 10 a.m. with the theme, "The Best Present." Communion will be celebrated. Christ Our Savior is at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96. For more information, call 522-6830.

There will be two services of worship at Good Hope Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve. Family worship will be at 7 p.m. and will include junior choir anthems, a children's sermon, a motion choir and a carol Communion service.

The candlelight worship at 11 p.m. will include senior choir anthems, a traditional Communion service and candle-lighting ceremony involving all worshipers. Good Hope is at 28680 Cherry

Hill Road, Garden City. Christmas at Newburg United Methodist Church will include programs, pageants, carols and candles pointing the way to Beth-

And to celebrate the birth of Christ, Newburg will have three special Christmas Eve services. At 6:30 p.m. will be the special family worship service, featuring carols and candle lighting. A nursery will be provided.

The 8:30 p.m. worship service will also have carols and candle lighting, while the 11 p.m. worship service will have carols, candle lighting and Holy Communion. Special music will be by choirs, organ and hand bells. Newburg United is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve family service at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Christmas Eve candlelight service with Holy Communion at 10:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, the worship service is at 10 a.m. with Holy Com-munion. St. Matthew is at 5885 Venoy Road, Westland.

A Christmas Eve candle-lighting service will be at the Garden City Presbyterian Church at 7 and 9 p.m. There will be special music by the adult choir, carol singing by the congregation and a message, "Happy Birthday, Jesus," by the Rev. Gareth D. Baker. The service will close with everyone participating in the candle lighting. Garden City Presbyterian is at 1841 Middlebelt Road, south of Ford Road.

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve children's service at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24. There will also be an 11 p.m. candlelight service Christmas Eve and the Nativity of Our Lord worship at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day. The church is at 42690 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call 981-0286.

Main Street Baptist Church will have a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. There will be carol singing, special music and a devotional message by the Rev. Mike York. Main Street is at 8500 North Morton-Taylor Road, just south of Joy Road, Canton. For more information, call 453-4785.

Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church also have special services planned. On Christmas Eve, there will be a family service at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Christmas carol and candlelight service at 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day, the Festival of the Nativity service will be at 10 a.m. Salem National is at 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. For more information, call 728-

The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will celebrate Christmas with three candlelight services on Christmas Eve. There will be a family service at 5 p.m., a service of Holy Communion at a p.m. and a late service beginning at 11 p.m. Each service will be preceded by 30 minutes of special

On Christmas Day, there will be one worship service at 10 a.m. The church is at Church and Main streets in downtown Plymouth.



Reaching out is year-round job

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Maybe Carol Savage was Christmas Carol in another life. She has dark hair and pixie features and everywhere you look in her office there are presents. Oh, yeah, and lots of food.

She laughs when told she must be Santa's sidekick, but quickly tells you it's the giving nature of others that makes her job so rewarding. Savage is director of the Christian Service Office of St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia, which is helping to make Christmas a bit brighter for more than 200 needy families in the community and at its sister Church, Martyrs of Uganda in Detroit.

'None of this would be possible without the people of this parish," she said. "They're so giving. We have a budget for Christian outreach that would be much more limited if the people weren't so generous."

This is the 15th year St. Edith Church has reached out to help those less fortunate. Christmas is the busiest time of the year for Savage and her cadre of volunteers.

The shopping is the easiest part of the Christmas effort. A giving tree in the lobby of the church was decorated with 900 gift tags. The tags are a coded shopping list; each contains the gender, size and item needed by the recipient. Parishioners took a tag, bought the gift and returned it, with the tag attached, to Savage's office.

Working with cash donations and Stan's Market, which offers the pantry a 10 percent discount year-round, they're able to feed the families, although Savage admits the pantry "will be empty and donations will have dried up" by the end of the holidays.

'We'll be dry by Christmas, but we were able to do what we needed to do," she said. "After Christmas, we see a real decline in donations."

Some of the families St. Edith helped this Christmas have year-round contact with the office. Some were referrals from Livonia City Hall and others were referred by friends or neighbors.

Savage has seen an increase in requests this year and attributes it to "trickle down, whatever is going on in the general society affects us.

"There's so many people who are unemployed who didn't think they would be and who need help," Savage said. "I think the more we get known, the more opportunity there is to get calls for help.

Planning for the holiday outreach started in October, when plans were made for the Thanksgiving deliveries. Once that holiday was past, work started on Christmas.

Savage has a core group of volunteers who coordinate each phase of the outreach. Jeanne Treff and Pat Rashid right hands," according to Savage - and their crew have the job of calling recipients and get-

ting information for the gift tags and food orders. The coding is used to protect the confidentiality of the families.

"We never ask their religion or even if they go to church," Savage said. "All we care about is to make it nicer for them. We try not to refuse anyone who needs help, but we try to make sure we don't duplicate what's being done by the Goodfellows.

Also a part of Savage's holiday outreach committee is Redempta Quinlan, who with some 20 volunteers sorts and packs the donations for delivery by Anne Pomaville and her crew of another 20 church members.

"We're like a workshop with elves," Savage said. "People enjoy doing it and we're getting more and more efficient. We're good at what we do.'

Savage remembers when the Christian Service got its start. The year was 1979 and the outreach was on "a very small basis; we started out with a library and a box of referral cards." It has grown a hundredfold and now reflects the philosophy of St. Edith's pastor, the Rev. Jim Scheick.

'We have a very similar vision of this," Savage said. "Father Jim's philosophy is that it would be very hard to preach the message of the gospel on Sunday and during the week say no. It would be so opposed to what we are taught. I guess we're on

the liberal social end of the spectrum with our modern approach to living our faith.'

Savage has found support for the outreach from not only the parishioners, who filled most of the 900 requests, but people like the grade school students who adopted a family with eight children. Each grade - there are eight — was responsible for gifts for one of the children.

Students in the religious education program also got involved. The two fourth garde classes combined to buy a gift for a child, then had a Polaroid picture taken to attach to the present. The sixth grade class made a huge card to go with their gift.

Even the church youth group helped. It adopted two children and also held a scavenger hunt that brought in 600 cans of food, Savage said.

Together, the school children and religious education students raised \$285 for the outreach in addition to buying gifts.

"Just to see those faces," Savage said of the students' help. They come in as a group and are so enthusiastic. I tell them, you help, but that beauty of making their lives better will be with you the rest of your lives.'

Savage is always accepting donations and those interested in helping to restock the pantry should call her at 464-2027.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue

You can also obtain current information about events, speakers and service schedules, etc., by calling 901-4750 or 953-2048 on a Touch-Tone phone. You must have your four-digit church I.D. ready. For more information about the service, call Bryan at 953-2297.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Single Point Ministries' ongoing grief support group meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23 and Jan. 6, in Room A-15 of Ward Presbyterian Church of Livonia. There also is a meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the Calvin Room. Ward Church is at Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 422-1854.

E GREAT STORY

Evangelist Rick Amato, a recover ing addict who set Russia on its ear by presenting Bibles to both Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin, will speak at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at Temple Baptist Church, 23800 W. Chicago, Red-

Amato, founder and president of the nonprofit organization R.A.M., has gone from the welfare ward of a Detroit hospital and the depths of heroin and cocaine addiction to placing more than one million Scriptures in Eastern Eu-

Single Place Adult Ministries of

the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will host "Light & Lively," an evening with the Silver Bell Banjo Society, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the Fellowship Hall. Pop, popcorn and chips will be available. For more information, call 349-0911. The church is at 200 E. Main, Northville.

E TRUE STORY

The film "Scars That Heal," the true life story of Dave Roever, will be shown at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at the Garden City Christian Center, 33111 Ford, west of Venoy, Garden City.

Roever was a soldier in Vietnam who was burned over 40 percent of his body, lost the sight in his right eye and the hearing in his right ear when a grenade went off in his hand. The film recounts his physical healing and emotional and spiritual recovery through his faithfulness to God and the support of his wife, Brenda.

MEW YEAR'S EVE

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, will have a New Year's Eve worship at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. People are invited to join in closing the year in worship and thanksgiving. For more information, call 981-0286.

Ring in the New Year with a service of celebration and vision at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Rev. Luther Werth will lead the worship, focusing on the theme of "Time and Eterni-For more information, call the church at 522-6830.

I 'COME THE MORNING'

Covenant Community Church will show the newest dramatic film from World Wide Pictures, "Come the Morning," at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at the church, 25800 Student, Redford. Produced by the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the film uses the contemporary issue of homelessness as a backdrop for the timeless message of man's need to reconcile himself to God. For more information, call 535-3100.

"TWELTH NIGHT"

The choir of the Church of the Divine Savior of Westland will have its fourth annual "Twelth Night" concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix. The choir will present traditional and contemporary Advent, Christmas and Epiphany music during the hourlong concert. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is by donation.

B DIVORCE RECOVERY

St. Edith Parish in Livonia will host a repeat of its fall divorce recovery workshop 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 12 through March 9. The workshop will be facilitated by Dave Carpenter who will address the needs of those recently divorced and those divorced for a longer period of time.

Topics covered during the nineweek seminar will include self-esteem, dealing with anger, letting go of the past, co-dependency, single parenting and personal freedom. A separate session will address the annulment process for Catholics.

The workshop will be held in the A/V Room in the church annex. The cost is \$30 and registration can be completed through Jan. 5 by calling 464-2027. St. Edith Parish is at 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, Livo-

ON THE FAMILY'

A 10-week study group, using the John Bradshaw videocassette series, "Bradshaw on the Family," will meet 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 20 to March 4, at the St. Hilary Education Center, 23749 Elmira, Redford.

The program looks at the family as a system and how children, in adapting to the system, grow into compulsive and addictive patterns of behavior that cause difficulties in their adult lives. Evelyn Booms and Joan Lowell will facilitate the study group.

The cost is \$50 for the series and \$10 per session. Registration must be completed by Jan. 14 and can be completed by sending a check, payable to Sisters IHM, to Evelyn Booms, IHM, 5890 Evergreen, Detroit 48228. For more information, call her at 336-4559 or the St. Hilary Education Center at 533-1560.

E CHAPEL OFFERMOS

For weeks, the children of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Wayne gave small offerings at chapel services. The quarters they collected totaled \$380, which they sent to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fareham, England.

Located on the southern coast of England, the small congregation is one of 14 Lutheran churches left in Bugland.

40TH ANNIVERSARY

Our Lady of Loretto Church in Redford began commemorating its 40th anniversary the weekend of Dec. 10. The celebrations, led by the

Rev. Joseph Esper, included a Mass, with Bishop Walter Schoenherr officiating, and reception on Dec. 10, the Feast of Our Lady of Loretto.

Archbishop Adam Maida celebrated Mass on Dec. 12, and at 3 p.m. that day members of the parish gathered at the Roodbeen Family Center for four hours of karaoke music, games for the children, character drawings, a hall of history, dinner and evening prayers.

Our Lady of Loretto is at 17175 Olympia, Redford.

TALK IT OVER

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors "Talk It Over" the second and fourth Fridays of the month in Knox Hall of the church, Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 422-1854.

E CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLUB

Children ages 5 through the fifth grade are invited to a nondenominational Bible Club. The club meets 4-5 p.m. Thursdays for snacks, songs, verses and a Bible story at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township.

This year, the club will cover the Book of Exodus, including such favorites as the Passover, Moses and the burning bush an manna from heaven. There also

will be special stories for Christmas and Easter. There is no charge for the club, and transportation home is available. For more information or to register, call 420-2420.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Single Point Ministries sponsors a men's fellowship group at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Garden City. For more information, call the Single Point office at 422-1854.

BIBLE STUDIES

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Single Place Adult Ministries will meet 10-10:45 a.m. Sundays for its Sunday Morning Gathering in the library of the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. For more information, call 380-3291.

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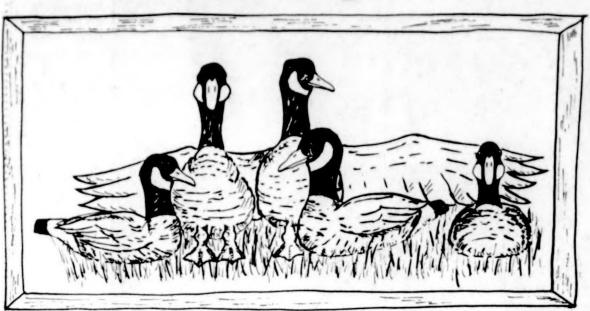
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Natural world provides interesting family portraits



Family reunion: Mallards begin pairing in fall. Courtship activities can be seen before ice forms on ponds and lakes. A pair that has bonded together will stay close to each other, demonstrating their attachment.



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When you look out your window into the back yard, you are also looking at some family gatherings. Though it is hard for us to recognize the Corvus from the Brachyrhynchos in the crow family gathering, or the Branta from the Canadensis in the Canada goose reunion, there are family units making up the group.

The holidays

are a time of the year when fami-

lies make every

effort to get to-

gether. Sharing

stories, helpi ng

with the meals

and maintaining

that family bond

are just some of

the reasons why

people enjoy

gathering for the

Not all birds stay in family units after nesting. Many birds actually force their young from the area in which they were raised. When the young return from migration, or establish their own nesting territory next season,

they will return to the general vicinity of where they were raised.

Some adult birds, like cardinals for instance, remain close to their mate of the previous season. If that season was successful, and both birds are alive, they will likely mate and raise another brood. Maintaining a bond through win-

ter allows early nesting in spring. Mallards begin pairing in fall. Courtship activities can be seen before ice forms on ponds and lakes. A pair that has bonded together will stay close to each other, demonstrating their attachment. In winter, when food can be scarce, it has been shown that bonded pairs are dominant over pairs that are not bonded. So it is to their advantage to pair early.

A small group of crows seen in our yard is a family unit made up of the two adults and their young of the previous nesting season. Large groups are composed of two

or three family units. Next nest ing season the young from the previous season will help the adults gather nesting material and feed the young - their brothers and sisters.

Small groups of Canada geese seen in winter are also family units made up of the adults and surviving young of the year. Adults help to protect inexperienced young, and if they migrate, the adults show the young where to go. It was once thought that all animal behavior was inborn, or innate. Behavioralists are now recognizing that there is more learning involved in all kinds of

animal behavior. Next time you look out your window, you may be framing a family portrait of backyard birds.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.







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Wily words: Librarian Federico Acerri displays the power of prose in an exhibition "Postmarks from the Heart" at the Livonia Civic

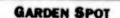
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MARTY FIGLEY

Book beat's rich with good reads

is such a busy time of year that once in a while we need to put our feet up and read or study a good book. Following are a few for your consideration:

■ "Enjoying Roses" (Ortho Books, \$39.95) is a beautiful and beautifully written account of these popular flowers. The history of the rose is fascinating reading and is just the beginning of the abundant information. Major classes of roses are presented in very clear terms so that the proper rose can be selected for a particular site. Information about planting roses in the ground or containers guides the most novice gardener. Nothing has been omitted - from their care, arranging, displays for judging, propagation and hybridizing, to enjoying them in crafts and recipes and photographic tips. The encyclopedic section of the most outstanding roses available commercially in the U.S." is icing on the cake.

■ In "Designing a Garden" (Camden House, \$19.95 paper), author Allen Peterson guides us through the seasons in his one-acre garden in southern Ontario. He explains how the garden is an extension of the home and how and why he combines many kinds of plants for great effect and continuous bloom. Peterson gives design ideas that can easily be adapted to our own gardens. I like the way he correlates everything and the naturalness of his garden. A wealth of information.

■ "The Living Garden: The 400-year History of an English Garden," by George Ordish (Houghton Mifflin, \$10.95 paper), describes a tract of land first cultivated in 1556: the first garden planted by the homemaker, with herbs. We become acquainted with and follow the family and the subsequent owners, and learn about the earth and all the intricacies of plants and animals (domestic and wild) and their relationships to the ecology and each other. Captivating narrative.

"Invitation to the Garden: A Literary and Photographic Celebration," edited by Ferris Cook (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$45), contains exquisite photos taken by nine distinguished garden photographers that artfully illustrate the plants. Cook reminds us that the garden season begins at different times of the year for gardeners and there is hope and anticipation whenever that is. The photos are accompanied by poems and essays that relate to the garden and the plants.

Enjoy a section of "The Secret Garden" by F.H. Burnett (when Mary opens the door for the first time); H.G. Wells' account of orchids; a letter by William Morris in 1888 to his daughter; and much more. This is a volume to treasure at any time of the year, to reflect upon nature and its meaning. Beautiful.

■ "Willows, The Genus Salix," by C. Newsholme (Timber Press, \$34.95), may surprise you with the number of these plants suitable for home gardens. Newsholme takes us through the selections by size, which will help in siting them. They have grown throughout the world since before the Ice Age and have been used in medicine, for crafts and as ornamentals and ecological plants in the landscape. The line drawings show the complexity of the various species.

■ "Miniature Orchids," by Jim and Barbara McQueen (Timber Press, \$24.95), is just the book for orchid lovers with limited space. The McQueens operate an orchid nursery in Australia and write from personal experience. The descriptions and growing needs of 298 of these small plants are accompanied by color photographs.

"Improving Your Garden Soil" (Ortho, \$8.95) gives all the lowdown on how to accomplish this goal and suggests plants for problem places. Several public gardens that had poor soil and their success in improving conditions are featured. A good basic book on the subject.

■ "Wild Woodlands: The Old-growth Forests of America," by Bill Thomas (Taylor, \$35), eloquently tells the story of the native forests from underwater forests and deserts to alpine peaks. Thomas describes the life that exists here - birds, mammals and the vegetation — and explains the way they are interrelated; how the forests can regenerate through natural progression. He shares his personal experiences in these forests. His photographer's eye takes us on a visual visit with fascinating photographs

A most happy holiday season to you all!

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is 644-

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

"Art As Gift" at Nelson's Gallery in Livonia

features the work of area artists. Bob Sklar's Creative Encounters column. Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.



Bookmarks, collages carry his feelings

■ Feast on food for the soul at an exhibition by the Mad Monk. Federico Acerri brings his words of wisdom to the Livonia Arts Commission showcases in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN SPECIAL WRITER



Federico Acerri's vords of wisdom color bookmarks and abstract colages in a one-man show entitled

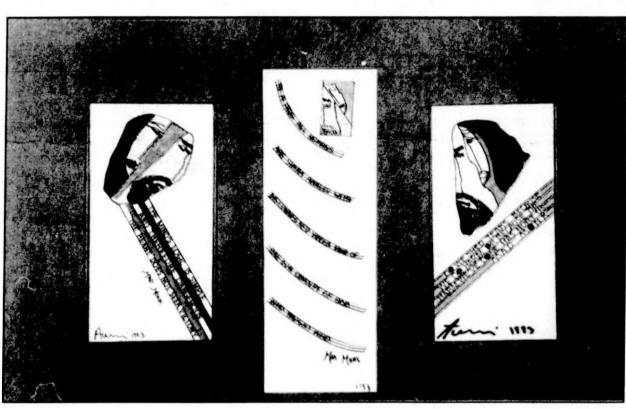
"Postmarks from the Heart" through Dec. 29, courtesy of the Livonia Arts Commis-

At least one is sure to stir you to

Why not drop by on your lunch hour to feast on a little food for the soul in the two circular showcases on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

By day, Acerri is a mild-mannered librarian; by night, the Mad Monk, a thespian acting through an alter ego crafting prose. Culled from 54

See BOOKMARKS, 4D



Mad Monk: Frederico Acerri crafts bookmarks to fill with thought provokers like, "A broke heart gives one more flexibility because the cracks allow the heart to expand."

DiBlasi applauded for artistic excellence

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN SPECIAL WRITER

Francesco DiBlasi's tromboneplaying grandfather started him on cornet at age 31/2, inspiring a lifelong love affair with music.

By age 12, DiBlasi had played the 1939 New York World's Fair. At 19, he made his conducting debut at Town Hall, directing the New York Little Symphony, comprised of 50 New York Philharmonic members.

On Dec. 14, the 66-year-old conductor/music director of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra received recognition for a lifetime of musical accomplishments. He received the Wayne County Artistic Excellence and Community Commitment Award from the Wayne County Council For The Arts at a reception in the Historic Wayne County Building in Detroit.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, a former Livonia mayor, presented the awards to 13 recipients in honor of Italian-American history. Other winners were Joseph Maniscalco, Tony Spina, Steve Antoniotti, Edward Baker, Florence Maiullo Barnes, Louella Barons, Andrea di Tommaso, Reno Garagiola, John Lobbia, Mary Castelvetere Siciliano, Frank D. Stella and Oresto J. Verlardo.

"It was an honor to be associated with Joseph Maniscalco, Tony Spina, Frank Stella and the other recipients," said DiBlasi in an interview at his Livonia home of 24 years.

DiBlasi has had a long and illustrious career as both a musician and conductor, his training rooted in the most prestigious music schools, including The Juilliard School of Music, L'Ecole de Pierre Monteux and

Detroit Institute of Musical Art. In 1948, he left Juilliard to accept a position conducting and playing with the famed Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo for three seasons

Over the past 45 years, he has conducted the International Symphony of San Diego, Buffalo Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Little Symphony, Michigan Opera Company, Philadelphia Orchestra, Pittaburgh Symphony, Juilliard Opera, Canton (Ohio) Symphony, St. Cecilia Orchestra (Rome) and Scandinavia Symphony as well as performed under conductors Stravinsky, Copeland,

Bernstein, Mitropolous, Paray, Stokowski, Fritz Reiner and Arthur Fiedler.

One of the high points in his career came in 1950 when he "joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as assistant first trumpet playing on all the famous 1953-62 recordings at old Orchestra Hall."

While with the DSO, he organized the Pontiac Symphony, which recently celebrated its 40th season. At the same time, he was music director of the Michigan Opera Company for five

In 1964, DiBlasi went to New York for four years to play with the Metropolitan Opera, Stokowski's American

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591-7279. COLOR IT BLUE

The \$1,400 in proceeds from the Livonia Historical Society's eighth annual progressive dinner Nov. 13 is ticketed for the Alexander Blue House restoration project at Greenmend Historical Village.

Local history buffs envision the 142-year-old, white-clapboard house becoming a self-supporting setting for receptions, conferences, meetings and parties. Period furniture will reflect 1880s Livonia Township.

The money will go toward expanding the roadhouse kitchen and living room in the back of the

Art Beat

house into a banquet room that seats 150. The eight dinners have raised about \$25,000. Overall, more than \$65,000 has been raised toward the \$700,000 needed to restore the twostory, 12-room house, once home to a Livonia Township civic leader on Middlebelt and Greenmead's only example of Italianate architec-

The house was moved to Greenmead in 1987.

Superior Arts, in conjunction with Westland Parks & Recreation, will sponsor the Westland Spring Craft Show March 25-27 at the Melvin G.

Baily Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road. The new event will become a twice-yearly

show, in spring and fall. There's room for 120 artisans at the 17,000swuare-foot site. Call Westland Parks & Recre-

ation: 313-722-7620. E VERY SPECIAL ARTS

Very Special Arts Michigan's southeast regional committee will host a "Celebration of Arta Ability" May 6-7 at Wonderland Mall in Livo-

nia, it was announced last week Meanwhile, a Very Special Arts regional art exhibit will be held March 11 to April 4 at

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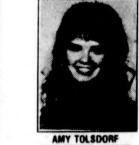


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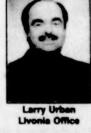




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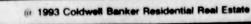


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Happy Holidays To You And Your Family! Thanks for a Great Year!





Still gift hunting? Consider a book



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By now, you've probably read and heard more than enough advice about what books to choose for all the avid readers on your holiday list this vear.

This won't be more of the same. But it can help with your

holiday shopping. Even if, at this late date, you still can't decide on the perfect book for your favorite book lover, not to worry. Just relax and remember that the aforementioned not only enjoy books, they usually enjoy anything related to books, too. You really can't go wrong with any of the follow-

■ To accompany a cozy reading session on a winter night, present your favorite bookworm with a Barnes & Noble Literary Cafe Gift Basket. Each straw basket contains an eight-ounce "author mug" (choose from Anne Tyler. Virginia Woolf, William Shakespeare or James Michener), plus packets of herbal tea (the cardamon cinnamon is as tasty as it sounds), a stainless-steel tea infuser or Gayle's chocolate bars and various flavoring syrups. At Barnes & Noble, Bloomfield Hills; \$15.

■ Consider calendars. You'll find the best selections in bookstores.

"A Literary Companion" for 1994 is assembled from the collection of the Library of Congress.

Featuring 12 great black-andwhite photos of noted writers like Faulkner, Joyce and Chekhov, the large calendar contains comments by and about each. Pomegranate Calendars and Books; \$10.95 at Borders.

For the storybook set: "Children's Classics" is a lusciously from favorites like "Rapunzel," Beauty and the Beast" and "The Ugly Duckling." Such noted artists as Victoria Lisi, Ruth Sandcontributed; an excerpt from each story accompanies the artwork. Andrews & McMeel; \$10.95 at Borders. Keepsake quality.

■ Speaking of the marking of time (and the storybook set), you might want to take a look at the unusual Alice in Wonderland clocks offered at the Livonia Civic Center Library Gift Shop. The faces of the analog timepieces are adorned with pastel scenes from the Lewis Carroll stories, as they is awarded when 100 points accuwere originally illustrated by John Tenniel. Licensed by Pan MacMillan Children's Books, the battery-powered clocks are priced from \$37.95 to \$39.50.

 Don't forget puzzies and games. Check out "Burning Evidence," a challenging jigsaw puzzle, complete with a secret image that helps players identify the deadly arsonist bent on turning the fictional Metro City into an inferno. The puzzle kit contains the short whodunit (written by John Lutz) plus 1,000 puzzle pieces. By be-PUZZLED; at Jacobson's, \$20.00. Other mystery puzzles are avail-

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■ Go in a slightly different direction. Take a friend on a leisurely tour of the Main Branch of the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward. Make sure to set aside time for the Rare Book Room, where you'll discover some very special, but little-known Detroit

While you're in the area, visit John King's Used Book Store, 901 W. Lafavette. Arrange ahead of time to visit the Rare Book Room there, too. Unearth more treasures. Call 961-0622.

■ Drive someone you love to Ann

Acerri carries a notebook with

"Cast your heart to the rose.

him so when the muse strikes, he

is able to immortalize the words

Never mind the thorns. You won't

for posterity:

Arbor in 1994 to hear noted authors speak as part of the Visiting Writers Series, sponsored by Borders and the University of Michigan. Admission is usually free, so arrive early. Most events take place at the Rackham Amphitheatre, 915 E. Washington. Call 764-6296 for a schedule.

■ And don't forget: bookends, bookplates, bookmarks, sweatshirts and t's with a literary theme. Ditto posters, postcard collections, even postage stamps.

Finally, a generous offer to build bookshelves for a disorganized book collector has never been refused. Some of the best gifts simply don't come in glittery, giftwrapped boxes.

Last words: A copy of longtime Ford publicist John Sattler's memoir, "Fifty Years Ahead of the News" will be included in a time capsule assembled to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Public Relations Student Society of America. The capsule will be opened in 50 years and the material inside it displayed at Walt Disney World.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a longtime member of Detroit Women Writers, tracks the books and literary industry for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She says she "has a lifelong interest in reading, everything from great novels to cereal boxes." You can leave a message for her on a touch-tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number,

In tune: Francesco DiBlasi, music director of the Livonia Symphony, now in its 20th season, has won a Wayne County Artistic Excellence and Community Commitment Award.

DiBlasi from page 1D

Symphony Orchestra. While there, he was a member of the orchestra that gave the first seven concerts at Lincoln Center under German conductor Herman Scherchen.

In 1969, DiBlasi was appointed assistant conductor and assistant first trumpet with the Buffalo Philharmonic under Lukas Foss. He returned to Michigan in 1973 to organize the Oakway Symphony, later to become the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, now in its 20th sea-

DiBlasi, who founded the LSO's Young Artist Competition 15 years ago, serves on the faculty of Madonna University in Livonia. He believes the future of classical music lies in exposing young people at an early age. That's why he introduced the LSO's popular children's concerts last season.

In regards to why he founded the Young Artist Competition, he says you can't teach talent. It's inborn and you pick it up with experience. The competition provides aspiring young musicians and vocalists the

opportunity to gain just that. What's next for the man who

earned a bachelor of arts degree at Madonna College and a master's degree in performance from Eastern Michigan Uni-

DiBlasi, who loves nothing more than studying scores in front of his fireplace, was recently offered two southern orchestras (Shreveport and Savannah) with budgets near \$1 million but turned them down because he "doesn't want to commute that much.'

DiBlasi, at age 66, says he 'doesn't want to be so busy that he doesn't have time for life." Instead, he wants to make the LSO a state and nationally respected orchestra.

Since his uncle in Italy lived to be 106, DiBlasi figures he has another 40 years of contributions to make to the world of music. His future plans include taking a promising Livonia pianist to New York to debut the young artist's awardwinning piano concerto.

The Wayne County Council For The Arts was formed in 1989. In 1991, the first year the awards were given, six artists were honored, including Livonia photographer Carlos Diaz.

Bookmarks from page 1D

years of life experiences, Acerri, as his signature Mad Monk, beckons us to practice the art of contemplation.

'The secret of my heart is that no doors are closed" reads one bookmark; "Love is so powerful, it is frightening. If it is not, look elsewhere" warns another.

"People seem to like what I do. What I write about, everyone's pretty much experienced. I think it reminds people of what happens in their life. It reminds them of their wife, or boyfriend or relationship," said Acerri in an interview at his Livonia home.

"I want people to learn to appreciate themselves and whoever they're with. I think when someone is around for a long time, we take them for granted. Then when they're gone, we realize.'

To add a dash of spice to the prose, Acerri renders simple line drawings in ink, accenting them with colored pencil and watercolor. He spends some 30 hours a week writing and drawing and

"It's not a hobby. It's an inte gral part of my life," Acerri said. "I think everyone's creative. My parents encouraged creativity.

Although Acerri's father had only a fourth grade education, he instilled in him the love of words by taking him to the library often.

Born and raised on the east side of Detroit, Acerri attended Nativity of Our Lord elementary

Slide entries for the 1994 Mich-

The competition is open to all

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and high school. He graduated with a bachelor's of art degree from Wayne State University where he majored in political science. After four years in the Air Force, he returned to Wayne State to earn a master's in library sci-

Basically self taught as an artist, Acerri has taken classes in calligraphy, printmaking and pottery at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. He has exhibited abstracts, photographs and prose/drawings at the library where he has worked for the last 22 years.

Acerri says he is particularly fond of the Dada school of art with its reliance on text and drawings to convey meaning. As an information specialist for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, where he is head of reference, Acerri searches

"When kids ask me what I do for a living, I say I'm an answer man," Acerri said, laug

Acerri uses symbols frequently in his work. Hearts and roses dominate. "I use the rose because it means beauty. The swan is fidelity," Acerri said.

Between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. is his most creative period; however ideas seemingly spring from nowhere into his thought, sometimes at work and other times while driving a car.

Ellen Phelan, a native Detroiter

with bachelor of fine arts and

master of fine arts degrees from Wayne State University, will be

guest artist and juror for the 1994

Phelan, schooled in a broad va-

riety of techniques, has enjoyed a

long career in both the studio and

the classroom and was the recipi-

ent of WSU's Art Achievement

Award in 1988. She will make an

initial screening from the 35mm

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"People have ideas of what a monk is, religious. My monk person is religious and a bit of a rogue. He's kind of like a combination of Zorba the Greek and a

monk. Appolonia is his ideal woman. Appolonia and the Mad Monk appear throughout his work as a

graphic symbol: half man, half

"It shows the female side of man, and the man side of woman," Acerri said.

"I think what I've learned (about life) I've learned from women. Women are more honest with their words, with their feelings. They might say about my work, it's too idealistic, or not idealistic enough.

"I think I'm a bachelor because I'm an idealist," says Acerri and he's probably right. "The secret of success is not to believe it."

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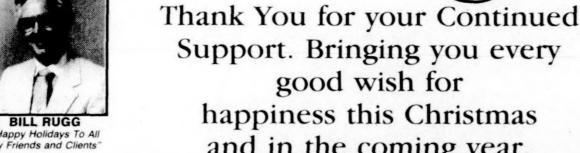


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Treasure yuletide photos



I've often written about photographing during the holidays because at no other time of the year are more pictures taken to record treasured family memories. Today, I'd like

to review some of the important pointers for picture taking at

Christmas time and also to give you some new ideas to consider.

The best kind of "people" pictures to take at holiday time are casual ones, even candids. Rather than pose everyone stiffly in a line, have family members and friends sit or stand casually. Use your self-timer so that you can get in the picture, too.

Snap the kids as they happily unwrap new presents under the tree. In all the excitement, they won't even know you're there and you'll be able to obtain natural,

spontaneous expressions. Fill the frame for impact and watch the background for distractions or unwanted reflections from mirrors and windows.

Use flash and slow-speed film. This way, your shots will be sharp, clear and fine grain so that you can have quality enlargements made.

Don't forget other holiday subjects that will add variety to your shots. A closeup of a sparkling tree ornament, the wreath on the front door or the Christmas dinner table all will pay off with fine yuletide pictures.

For those of you who live in 'snow country," holiday time is the perfect time for capturing dramatic winter scenes on film. Photo opportunities after a snowfall abound.

Need some gift ideas for the camera buff in the family? How about one of the many fine photography books or quality photography calendars that are available? The stores have many selections and they could be just the

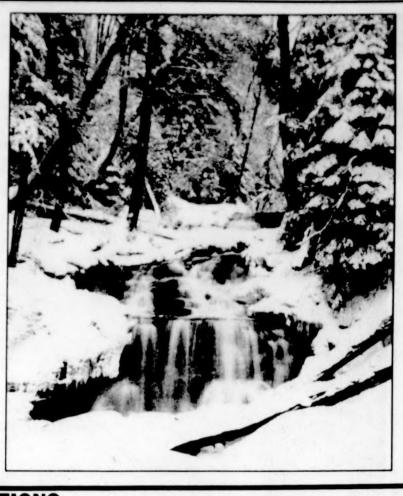
thing to keep an interest in photography stimulated throughout the year.

Another unusual idea is to 'give" a photography class or workshop to the aspiring camera enthusiast in the family. All metropolitan areas offer many classes. Just check your local newspaper or inquire at your camera shop for schedules.

Another idea: Buy a gift certificate for a family portrait at one of the local studios. This is truly a personal and unusual gift for those special relatives, friends or neighbors.

To all of my readers and friends, please accept best wishes for a happy, healthy, holiday season and a picture-filled 1994!

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a meysage by dialing 953-2047 on to touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is 644-1314



In season: Holiday time is the ideal time to photograph dramatic winter scenes. This "Christmaslike" picture was taken by Monte Nagler at Munising's Wagner Falls.

EXHIBITIONS

Send calendar items about Oakland County art gallery exhibitions to The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009 fax 644-1314. Send items about Wayne County exhibitions to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 — fax 591-7279. Attention: Creative Living editor.

■ NELSON'S GALLERY

Continuing - "Art As Gift," Janelle Agar (abstracts in mixed media), Richard Arthur (nature photography), Carl Angevine (surrealist oil paintings), Tom Dyer (portraits in pencil and lithographs), Christine Fleischer (handblown glass paperweights), Audrey Harkins (floral watercolors), Tom Igel (watercolors and pen and ink lighthouses), Robert Mekus (handpainted folding screen furniture), Diane Mitchell (Southwest oils and guache), Jaqui Suleski (abstract and floral watercolors), Marie Tuthill (landscapes in oils and watercolors), Brian Walker (geometric abstracts in acrylics), Joe Wisniewski (handblown glass pa-

perweights, vases and vassels), Christina Wong (watercolor florals, landscapes and calligraphy). Meet the artists 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. To Jan. 5. Terrence Corners, 16376 Middlebelt, Livonia. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday, to 8 p.m. Thursday, to 5 p.m. Saturday.

LIVONIA CITY CENTER LIBRARY ART GALLERY

Opening — Cranbrook art instructor James Gilbert of St. Claire Shores, showing his fiber Arts Commission-sponsored exhibition Jan. 8 to Feb. 12. Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Plymouth.

Continuing — Livonia Arts Com-

mission hosts Livonia resident Federico Acerri's bookmarks and abstract colleges. To Dec. 29. Second-floor circular showcases. Southeast of Farmington Road and Five Mile Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY

Opening — Artwork of Donald Calloway Jr. of Detroit, who works in watercolor, oil, pastel, mxied media. Subjects include portraits, landscapes, abstracts. Show runs Jan. 12-28 in the lobby of the city hall, Farmington Road and Five mile. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to

5 p.m. weekdays. ATRIUM GALLERY

Continuing — South Lyon artist Dyana Hesson, who uses the color technique of pre-Impressionists to create dramatic oils. Layering color on color and blending shades, she illuminates each petal of a flower. Also: Marilyn Blinder of Southfield (watercolors and mixed media paintings), Suzanne Young of Berkley (raku), Stan Megdall of Birmingham (glass), David and Kami Turner of Madison Heights (jewelry). 109 N. Center, Northville.

SANDRA COLLINS

To Dec. 24 — Holiday selections by gallery artists. The gallery will be open until 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 23. Call 642-4795 for other hours or information.

■ DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

To Dec. 24 - "To the Market," a holiday show, and an all-media juried exhibition. The holiday show features clothing, furniture, iewelry glass ceramics two-dimensional work and much more at various price ranges. The allmedia exhibit includes the work of 20 to 30 Michigan artists chosen from hundreds of entries. Holiday gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 300 River

Place, Suite 1650, Detroit, 393-1770. Hours: Dec. 20-24 are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET To Dec. 24 — The annual holiday

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To Dec. 25 - A French nativity scene will be displayed in the window, featuring handsculpted Santon dolls dressed in unusual provencal clothing, expressing the characters of a traditional nativity scene as well as other residents and workers from a typical French village coming to witness the birth of Christ and bringing the fruits of their labor as gifts. The store, specializing in European antiques and interior design, is at 119 N. Center in Northville. Call 347-4333.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

To Dec. 29 — "Environments II," presented by the Birmingham Society of Women Painters at the County Galleria, in the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pointiac. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Exhibitions are in partnership with the Michgian Council for A-s and

Cultural Affairs. ETON GALLERY

To Dec. 30 — "Michigan Friends of Photography" members exhibition includes the diverse images of more than 50 fine art photographers. Among those featured in the show are Bob Kangas, head of the photo department at Community College-Royal Oak, Dayna Willard of Birmingham, Steve Benson, Andrea Eis, Steven Rost and Judy Eliyas. All are graduates of Cranbrook. Michigan Friends of Photography is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting creative photography. The gallery is

at 151 North Eton, Birmingham. Limited holiday hours. Call 649-

MATIONAL CONFERENCE OF **ARTISTS GALLERY**

To Dec. 30 — Renowned visual artist Varnette P. Honeywood's work in collage, watercolor and acrylic. 216 Fisher Building, Detroit. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Satur-

■ GROOVE GALLERY & BOUTIQUE

To Dec. 30 — "Shop the Groove," a holiday show exhibiting five local artists' work. The artists are Barbara Pekkala (ponchos, handpainted cards, ornamental angels, handsewn scarves), Janet Kelman (glass tables, pins, mirrors framed in geometrical shapes, glass bowls with flowers etched inside), Cecilia Seidler (watercolor paintings of architectural scenes, gardens and windows with sunny views), Linda Littlefield (necklaces. bracelets, earrings and rings incorporating semiprecious materials) and Claudia Calson-Keg (collage art with found objects and handmade paper). A holiday tree will be festooned with ornaments from Africa and some trinkets from some of the featured artists.

Royal Oak, 398-8162. RUBINER GALLERY

To Dec. 30 — Sculptures and paintings by Glen Michaels, one of Michigan's most celebrated and gifted artists. The show features his much-acclaimed blage sculptures that incorporate tiles, bronze, fused glass and painting, and his small, jewel-like oil paintings of still life and antique toys. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, 7001 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 430A, West Bloomfield, 626-3111.

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GALLERY

To Dec. 30 — Detroit artist Gilda Snowden's paintings in "Abstract Visions." In the L.B. King Building, 1274 Library, Detroit. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 1-6 p.m. Saturday.

■ JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN/

MUSEUM GALLERY To Dec. 31 — "The Artist and the Quilt" exhibit and sale, featuring works by artists of Jewish descent or depicting Jewish themes. Walk-throughs with Merry Silber and docent tours available. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, 661-1000, Ext. 470.

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and New Year's Day. SYBARIS GALLERY

To Dec. 31 - New work by internationally known fiber artist Lillian Elliott, a native Detroiter. Washington Square Plaza Building, 306 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 202 E. Third, Royal Oak, 544-3388.

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To Dec. 31 - The gallery's 14th annual holiday show of ancient art. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 540-1600.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

MUSEUM OF ART To Dec. 31 — "The Fair View:

Representations of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893." Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor, 764-

ARTSPACE

To Dec. 31 - New works in clay by Kaiser Suidan. The gallery is at 534 N. Woodward in Birmingham. Call 258-1540.



Decorate home with angel dust

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN SPECIAL WRITER

A sign covered with angel dust in the window of Frame Works in Plymouth catches the curiosity of passersby: "Join Us For a New Christmas Tradition: Introducing Heaven on

With an invitation like that, who could resist opening the door to sneak a peak inside? Lo and behold, what will you find? A host of heavenly angels displayed among gossamer clouds and white sparkling lights.

"Angels seem to be a popular theme this year. We would love people to come in and see our angels up above the clouds," said Al Larson, owner of Frame Works in Plymouth, Livonia and Canton Township. "My staff has outdone themselves creatively on these piec-

Larson and his staff began assembling the display nearly five months ago. If you're looking for decorating ideas to add a touch of gold to your home this holiday season, there's something here for you.

Innovative framing and matting that encircles only half the print, antique-looking gold wood frames, use of marbleized papers and a sprinkle of glittery angel dust under the glass (How did that get there?) bring the imagination to life.

Magnificent Botticelli angels seem ready to take flight alongside a lone gilded angel by Charles Dwyer Jr. who asks, "So what color would you suppose the sky will be tonight?"

An anonymous piece of prose in the midst of it all continues the questioning: "How does an artist make visible the invisible? Make physical the divine?"

Whether it's to find an answer why angels have symbolized divine comfort, protection and guidance in cultures throughout the ages, or simply to enjoy a holiday treat, hurry to see these celestial creatures by Dec. 22 before they take flight.

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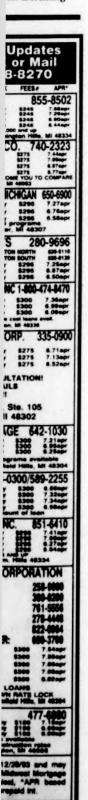
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Offering too much or too little money for a house can be one of the many pitfalls involved in the buying pro-

Obviously, offering too much money can come back to bite the buyer. No one likes to be taken financially. If the offer is unrealistically low, however, negotiations can be stymied by an insulted seller who may refuse to consider future counter offers.

With help from a real estate sales associate and a little common sense, a buyer should be able to make a reasonable offer that jump-starts negotiations with a seller, said Doug Stranahan, divisional president for Novi-based Century 21 Great Lakes Inc.

Remember, all agents you contact during the buying process legally represent the seller unless they have a specific written agreement to work for you.

A good first step in the process is to compare the seller's asking price with prices actually paid for similar homes in the same area within the past year.

Using data from local multiple listing services, a sales associate can provide a list of selling prices for similar homes and help the buyer make meaningful comparisons.

"Typically, a buyer's first inclination is to make an offer which is comparable to one of the lowest recently accepted offers for similar houses," Stranahan said. "The seller may not be overly enthusiastic about this type of first offer, but may not reject it either — as long as it's reasonable."

Another place to get information is the assessing department or treasurer's office at the municipal building where the house is located. By law, residential properties must be assessed at one half of fair market val-

An evaluation of selling prices may not be possible in a home that doesn't really compare with others in the area. In this case, the buyer could have the home's value professionally Typically, a buyer's first inclination is to make an offer which is comparable to one of the lowest recently accepted offers for similar houses. The seller may not be overly enthusiastic about this type of first offer, but may not reject it either — as long as it's reasonable."

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There is always the risk, however, that another buyer could make an offer and purchase the home before an appraisal is completed.

In any case, researching selling prices of similar homes usually provides a good figure that can be used as a starting point for the negotiation

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before submitting that document. "It should contain a time limit for

the seller to accept, reject or negotiate your offer," Stranahan said

Buyers demonstrate their seriousness by submitting deposits with written offers. A deposit of five to 10 percent isn't abnormal, but a larger deposit may be encouraging to the

In a situation where two buyers make the same offer, the seller will often select the buyer with the bigger deposit.

"Making a well-researched offer and applying a reasonable amount of earnest money best demonstrates a buyer's serious interest and encourages the seller," Stranahan said. These are the best steps a buyer can take towards successful negotia-

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It is hard to answer your question specifically without knowing exactly what the relationship is between the management company and the attorney. Obviously, if the attorney represented the management company or any of its principals, that fact should have been disclosed to the association before the attorney was retained, clearly by the attorney, and probably by the management company.

To the extent that the attorney is economically tied in with the management company, which would otherwise preclude him for pursuing the manauement company, arguably that fact should have been disclosed to the association, which, presumably, relied on the attorney to advise it in regard to its dealings with the management company, perhaps even in the matter of the management agreement.

The association in the future should be mindful of retaining an attorney who does not have any tie-ins with the managing agent or the management company that would affect his/her ability to represent the best interests of the association at all

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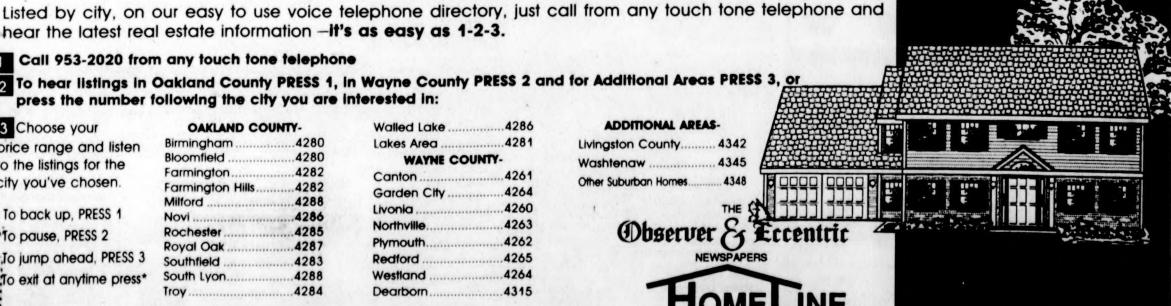
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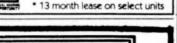
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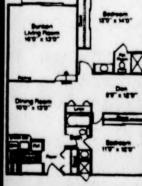
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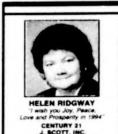
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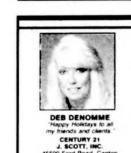




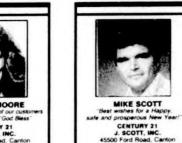


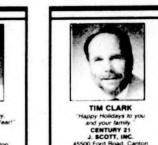






















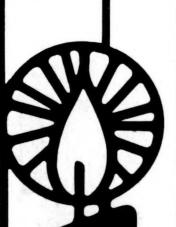










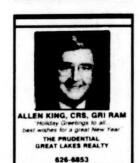




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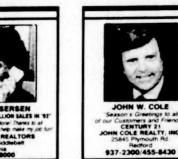








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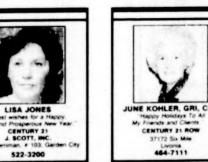


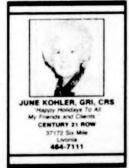
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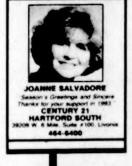
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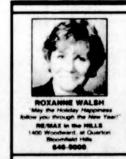




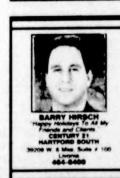
















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Catherine A. Peters of West Bloomfield was named information service department director for the Ann Arbor-based Michigan Peer Review Organization, an independent group that ensures medically necessary health care services are delivered effectively and efficiently

William G. Watters of Troy has joined First of America-Southeast Michigan as vice president-floor plan group manager of commercial banking. He comes to the bank with 25 years experience in commercial banking.

David F. Murphy of Plymouth was named senior partner of the Southfield office of Source Finance, a national executive recruiting firm specializing in accounting and financial searches.

Lisa Pilzner of Livonia was named a supervisor of the Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer Planning Team in the media department at the Southfield office of Bozell Worldwide Advertising. The former senior media planner has been with Bozell 12 years.

Gregory Stein of Bloomfield Hills has joined Southfieldbased BBDO advertising as senior vice president-management supervisor for the Dodge Car account. He had been naitonal advertising manager for Volkswagen of America.

Borovoy of Marc A. Farmington Hills was named president of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association president. He's chief of podiatric surgery at Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Lisa Morris of Livonia was promoted from assistant account executive to account executive at Hermanoff & Associates, a Farmington Hills public relations firm. She'll continue to work on the agency's health care, real estate, service and nonprofit accounts.







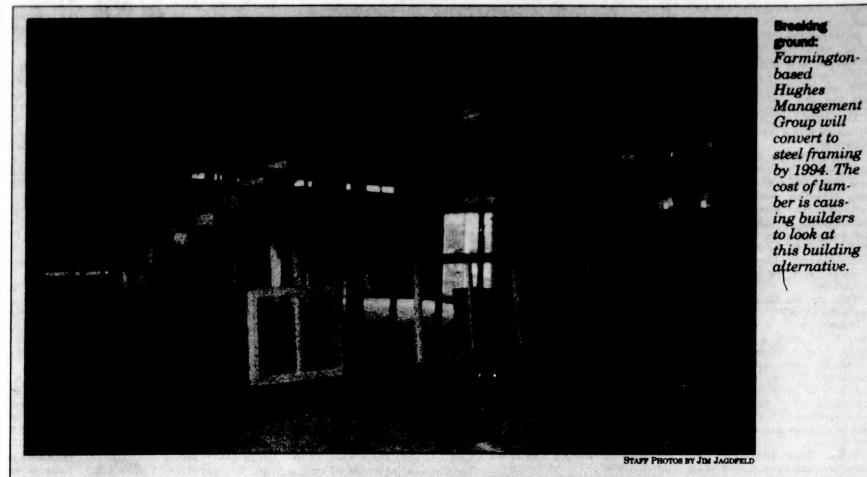






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Builder lays framework for steel houses



our forests and dwindling supplies of oldgrowth trees, has spurred builders nationwide to consider alternatives to wood framing.

The high cost of lumber, partly caused by gov-

ernment restrctions limiting the harvest of

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER SPECIAL WRITER

As Hughes Management Group winds up construction at McGee's Grove, a 35-home site condominium in Westland, it is initiating some groundbreaking work that's causing area builders and home buyers alike to take notice.

The last three homes in the subdivision, off Palmer between Newburgh and John Hix, will be framed in steel.

Buyer acceptance of this new con-

cept has been excellent, according to Bill Bliss, Hughes marketing manager. All but one of the homes is sold (an 1,850-square-foot split level priced at \$115,000), and the company has received numerous inquiries from potential buyers.

Like builders nationwide, John Hughes, owner of Farmington-based Hughes Management, has tracked lumber prices for a couple of years and is alarmed by the upward trend. By 1994, all of Hughes residential developments will be steel framed, a building alternative that is widely catching on across the country.

"We didn't decide to convert to steel overnight. We've done a tremendous amount of homework to re-engineer our existing plans," said Hughes, who's also built high-end wood framed homes in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

For starters, the builder worked out construction details with The American Iron & Steel Institute and consulted with residential steel frame builders worldwide. For several months, he worked with Southfield-based LBA Engineering to convert his plans to steel.

Smede & Son Steel Co., a Redford Township supplier of steel members used for wood framing, put Hughes in touch with Dale Industries, a Dearborn-based supplier of the light-gauge steel used for steel framing. For the consumer, the cost for steel framing is the same as wood framing, according to Hughes.

"We've had a lot of cooperation from suppliers. Of course, there's a learning curve to this conversion. but all of the same building principles apply to steel. Our carpenters put down their hammers and pick up a screw shooter," Hughes said.

All structural and non-load bearing walls, headers, beams and floor joists are framed with channelshaped, galvanized steel sections (called C-sections), ranging from 14 to 22 gauge. For now, roof trusses are fabricated on the job, but Dale Industries is working on a more efficient component, Hughes said.

See BUILDER, 2E

Trade group gives auto dealers a clearinghouse

BY DOUG FUNKE

STAFF WRITER

Some 260 members - "practically 100 percent of dealers in the metro area," according to Rod Alberts - belong to the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

Alberts is executive director of the association, which is headquartered in

"It's probably one of the oldest in the country, founded in 1907 or 1908," said James P. Tellier, owner of Chevrolet dealerships in Detroit and Grosse

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Car guys: DADA president James P. Tellier (left) and executive director Rod Alberts work to promote the business interests of people who own car retail operations.



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Visual identity: Jim Graham of RK&A Design Group worked closely with his staff to develop the Detroit Challenge logo.



Suburban firms help boost Detroit

Southfield-based RK&A Design Group has designed and produced a logo for the Detroit Challenge, completing the initial phase of the metro campaign's visual identity

Jim Graham, RK&A account executive, worked closely with his design staff to develop the logo

"Our priority was to create a strong, instantly recognizable element that would unite and identify the many factors and participants in the Detroit Challenge," Graham said. "The primary objective in developing this logo was to portray Detroit as the solid, viable, approachable business community we believe it

Other suburban firms that have joined RK&A Design Group in accepting the Detroit Challenge include Lee Somerville, attorney,

Bingham Farms; Edwards, Koshiw, Melton & Co., accountants, Troy; Brose Media Services, Southfield; Dalach & Zielinski, accountants, Troy; Dun & Bradstreet Information Services, Troy; Signature Associates, Southfield; Laser Recharge, Southfield; IBEC Computer Repair, Novi.

The Detroit Challenge is a business development effort launched by metro Detroit businesses with the goal of attracting 100 new businesses to the city in a six-month period ending May 6. To learn more about the Detroit Challenge, call 1-800-852-4520.

'One of the things we want to convey with the logo is that participating firms are actively involved in business growth in the Detroit area, and are seriously committed to achievingit," Graham said.



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Pointe and DADA president. "It

was basically created for an auto show that was being put together, a very small show with eight or nine cars.

Seven hundred vehicles will be displayed and upwards of 50 new model introduced Jan. 8-16 at the North American International Auto Show sponsored by DADA at Cobo Center in Detroit.

But the dealers have other

"An association is a group of businesses with a common bond," Tellier said.

"So many issues are out there from federal legislative regulations on emissions to state regulations regarding certification of mechanics. The association is a clearinghouse of information so that every member is aware of what's going on," he said.

Following are edited excerpts of a recent interview with Tellier and Alberts:

What do you think your image is out there?

Tellier: That's a tough question. We're such a high-profile group. We're at different points of a scale. For some people, we're at the bottom. For others, the top.

Alberts: If someone has a bad experience or a problem, they think everyone is like that. Unfortunately, things are not always in our control.

Tellier: When something goes wrong in a sales transaction or on a service basis and if a consumer, perhaps, isn't satisfied, if he gets to the media, it becomes a profile

Dealers are now so concerned with customer satisfaction . . . they do everything in their power so that whatever a customer has coming, he gets.

What's the status of your dispute with the Federal Trade Commission on dealership hours of operations?

Tellier: General terms of agree-

ment are there. We're waiting for final resolution in Washington.

Who was more right? It was expensive litigation on government's part and on the dealers' part. We went through three different presidencies. The whole issue became moot because many dealers, due to market conditions, opened on Saturday.

Alberts: Now a lot of dealers are open on Saturday. All we're looking to do is leave it to individual dealers to decide and not let government dictate hours.

Tellier: It's a very emotional thing. People who buy cars on Saturday aren't working. From a business standpoint, it (Saturday) is one more day of overhead. You need a switchboard operator, someone to wash cars, sales staff, management.

What about the trend to nohaggling sticker prices?

Tellier: For every survey that said people are in favor of nodicker sticker, another says people want to negotiate a price.

Alberts: That's why consumer satisfaction indexes are going into

Tellier: Another thing you have is trade-in (on a deal). You can get 20 qualified appraisers and you may get \$500, \$600 variance on a car. If a majority wants that (no-haggling), I assure you auto

dealers will adjust to the trend. Alberts: When you get into a big-ticket item, people want to negotiate price

What kind of job opportunities are available at dealerships?

Tellier: Obviously, you have different sized dealers. One statistic I've seen is that the average dealer hires 60 employees.

I have 92 employees (total) at my two dealerships. Now, the primary area a dealer needs employees obviously is technician. It's not like knuckle-busters. Today, technicians working on cars are very high tech.

When I was going through an appenticeship, mechanic was not looked upon as an outstanding career. Today, a well-trained mechanic is an important asset to any dealership.

There's always a need for salespeople. A salesman today has to be a very sophisticated person. Cars are sophisticated. We have anti-lock braking systems. The consumer wants to know what they do, why they're safer. People want to know about airbags.

A parts counter person has to know how to find parts for repairs in the shop and consumers coming in. Everything is getting into computers.

We have consumer satisfaction experts, or whatever you want to call them, to make sure customers are satisfied and, if not, what we have to do.

What's the biggest issue facing your association today?

Tellier: The immediate concern of dealers obviously is the change of taxes in Michigan, the (potential for increasing) sales tax to a higher figure. We have such a high-priced commodity, an increase of one or two percentage points has a big impact on us.

What are some of the things your members do that people might not know about or don't get a lot of attention?

Alberts: We raised \$1.1 million last year for children's charities with the auto show. Look at the good number of people we employ 15,000. That's a lot of people feeding families.

Tellier: Many are involved in community groups, Rotarians, Lions clubs. Members are active selling papers for the Goodfellows. We donate Resusci-Anne dolls for people learn to do CPR. Driver's ed cars . . . come from

In general, I'm very impressed at how many dealers are very in-

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Bill Hunt of Garden City is the

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a master control operator, cam-

eraman and producer for Ford

Communications Network, PASS

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David P. Wilcox of Livonia



was named administrative assistant at MacTemps, Southfield. Brian Palmer of Birmingham She previously was a personnel administrator for American Furniture Co., Albuquerque, N.M. MacTemps specializes in temporary and permanent job placement for clients using IBM/Windows and Macintosh.

> Richard Paul Probst of Northville earned the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation from the International Board of Standards and Practices for Certified Financial Planners, Denver, Colo. He's owner and principal of Linsco/Private Ledger, Northville, and a vice president and director of the International Association for Financial Planning for Southeast Mich-

Bradley & Associates, Northville.

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Michelle Sudhoff of Westland

Alan D. Stuart of Plymouth was elected to a two-year term as president of the Public Relations Society of America's Senior Council of the Detroit chapter. He's president of Stuart Communications Group, Farmington Hills. Frank A. Butler. Butler Public Relations president, Troy, is vice president; Dale Jablonski, Dale Corp. president, Troy, is treasur-

Dennis Merlo of Livonia is the new account executive at WKBD-Fox 50 in Southfield. He previously was in sales at Ameritech Publishing and at The Detroit

Alex Shteynvil has joined Spalding, DeDecker & Associates, a Madison Heights consulting engineering and surveying firm, as a project engineer specializing in road and bridge design. His latest project was designing the Merriman Road/CSX Railroad grade separation and road expansion in

William E. Grace was promoted from second vice president to vice president of Michigan National Bank, Farmington Hills. He manages the accounting data base and assists budgeting, forecasting and management reporting for the bank's business units. The Huntington Woods resident joined the bank in 1985.

Lisa R. Banes of Royal Oak Plante & Moran, a Southfieldbased accounting and consulting firm. She joined the accounting staff in 1988, specializing in municipalities and the nonprofit sec-

Ray Wezner of Rochester Hills was named vice president of MARS Advertising, Southfield. He'll direct Tactical Promotion Administration, the company's newest division.

D. Michael Jehle of Bloomfield Hills becomes president and chief operating office of MCA

Mortgage Corp., Southfield. Gloria Dopp of Plymouth was named vice president of finance. Spencer Silk of Bloomfield Hills was named vice president of information systems.

Patricia Hahn of Farmington Hills is director of education at Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts, Southfield. She previously was director of education at National Education Center, Detroit, and was program director for the three campuses of the Michigan Paraprofessional Training In-

William E. Judy, a graduate of Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, was named sales engineerautomotive bearings for The Timken Co., an Ohio-based manufacturer of bearings and alloy steels. He joined the company in Canton, Ohio, in 1989 as an associate sales engineer-original equipment bearings.

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Kathryn Peel has joined Childtime Childcare, Farmington Hills, as the company's first director of human resources. She previously was director of human resources services for Mercy Health Services.

Dr. Marla Scafe of Rochester Hills was named vice president, dean and chief academic officer of Walsh College, Troy. The former chair of Walsh's management and marketing departments and director of the master of science in management degree has been interim dean for nearly 18 months. She's taught at Purdue University, University of Oklahoma, Tinker Air Force Base, Central Michigan University and St. Mary's College. Before joining Walsh in 1985, she conducted supervision and conflict resolution workshops for private industry.

Katie Hiotaky of Birmingham was promoted from assistant account executive to account executive at W.B. Doner & Co., Southfield. She prepares strategies, generates promotions and handles media for several accounts. She joined the company in 1990.

Debbie Spehar becomes design center manager for English Gardens. She'll oversee production and distribution of all fresh, silk and dried floral products for English Gardens stores in West Bloomfield, Clinton Township and Dearborn Heights. She previously was a designer supervisor for Nature Nook and also managed Expressions, Birmingham.

Robert E. Vince of Birmingham has joined T.I. Investments, Dearborn, as a registered representative specializing in private pensions and select tax favored investments. He previously was a trust officer for banks in Detroit and Richmond, Va.

Marie Delewsky of Farmington Hills was named 1993 Podiatrist of the Year by the southeastern division of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association. She has practices in Troy and Shelby Township. She was recognized for her work as past president of the southeastern division and for her involvement in other professional

Builder from page 1E

'Basically, we've converted a frame house to steel, while taking advantage of the engineering strength of steel. We're not just replacing wood stud by stud. Our goal is to use steel to its greatest advantage, so that we can develop a superior product at an affordable cost," Hughes said.

His company places steel studs 24 inches on center (wood studs are 16 inches apart), so construction time is shortened and less material is used. Steel also offers greater design flexibility because it can be rolled to any size, while wood comes in specific lengths, Hughes added.

Why an alternative to wood

Lumber prices have increased steadily since July, when the government limited the harvest of forests in the Pacific Northwest to 80 percent of last year's yield.

Lumber prices rose about 10 percent from November to December, and industry analysts won't be surprised by a similar increase in January, said Fred Capaldi, president of Farmington Hills-based Builders Association of Southeast Michigan and president of Capaldi Building, Rochester Hills.

"It's the old economic principle

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> John Hughes builder

of supply and demand," Capaldi said. "Today, we're concerned about our forestry products. For now, we have the supply, but we don't have permission to take it. Assuming we can't harvest as much as we'd like, man's ingenuity will come up with innovative ways to do things and steel framing is one way.

Also, unstable lumber prices and uncertainty about future supply (90 percent of the country's old-growth timber has been used) make it difficult for builders to price out new construction.

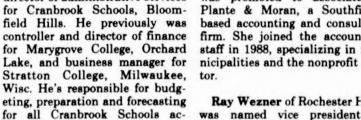
Meanwhile, steel prices have been unchanged since the early 1980s.

"As lumber prices increase, residential steel framing is bound to happen," said David Lubin, architect and partner in Bloomfield Hills-based Lubin/Tringali Associates. "It hasn't caught on yet in southeast Michigan, but I'm very impressed with the system. Steel is straight and stable, and it eliminates many of the problems wood

Besides its stability, steel is made of 66-percent recycled material, something that Hughes and

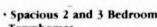
Steel also is fireproof, it doesn't warp, shrink or rot, it resists bug infestation and there's no waste. Builders also say steel sections are more consistent than wood. which has to be checked for warping and knots.

Everyone in the industry is concerned about rising lumber prices, but sometimes these things come as a blessing in disguise," Capaldi said, "Remember, necessity is the mother of invention. Sometimes change is difficult, but I'd rather be out in front looking at new ideas than be the caboose trying to catch up.



Gina Jaynes of Westland was named production coordinator at Film Craft Video, Farmington Hills. She previously worked at Cine Group, Bloomfield Hills, and in the marketing division of

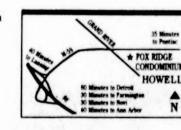
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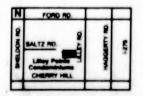
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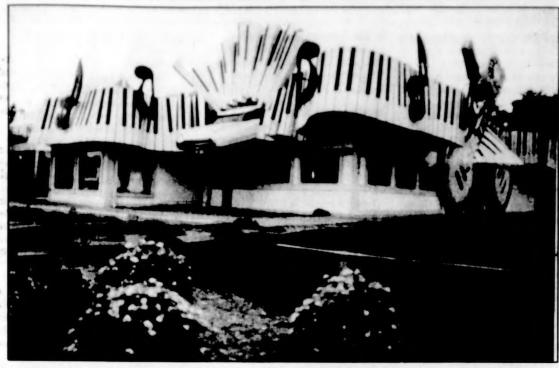
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Eye catcher: Marygrove Awning employees were honored by an association of their peers for the whimsical awning they designed for Wooly Bully's on Seven Mile Road in Northville Township.

Coverup

Awning firm wins industry award

Livonia-based Marygrove Awning took first placed in the commercial awnings category of the 1993 International Achievement Awards Competition for its wraparound awning resembling a winding, exploding piano keyboard for a 1950sstyle restaurant in Northville Township.

The awards, sponsored by St. Paul-based Industrial Fabrics Association International,

The winning whimsical, complex fabric structure creatively hides an existing mansard roof. The framework, whose projection from the building ranges from six inches to three feet, flows around the back end of a vintage Cadillac and two huge guitars.

The annual competition recognizes the latest advances in industrial/technical fabric de-

sign and manufacturing. Judging is handled by a team of industry experts, educators, and consumer and trade publication editors. There were 200 entries in this year's competi-

IFAI serves its membership by facilitating worldwide development, application and promotion of products manufactured by the technical fabrics

Simulation focus: customer complaints few service providers know how to

Human Synergistics International, a Plymouth-based international training materials publisher and management counsulting firm, has introduced its newest Business Simulation, the Customer Complaint Situation.

The simulation teaches participating team members the skills necessary to effectively handle customer complaints and how to identify and initiate necessary changes within an organization to ensure the complaints are properly resolved and do not re-occur.

This off-shelf, cost-effective program is designed to be administered by an organization's own staff and includes participant materials and a leader's guide.

Eighty percent of North American jobs depend on the performance of a service rather than the fit any organization. production of products vet very

effectively manage the process of assisting a customer with a com-

When a complaint is properly handled, it offers an opportunity for product or service refinement as well as a chance to redeem a customer. If a complaint is mishandled, however, it could result in both the loss of a customer and lasting damage to a company's good name, according to the company.

The Customer Complaint Situation was designed to teach participants a process for effectively receiving a complaint, identifying and resolving the problem, and learning from the experience. The instrument was designed to be easily customized so that it would and Business Simulation.

Small teams of program partici

pants are presented with a simulated but very realistic customer complaint situation and are asked to rank-order a series of action or activities involved in handling the complaint. In the process, they learn the different steps involved in handling a complaint and how they are interrelated.

The team decisions are then compared with to the customer service expert's ranking and rationale; participants learn why these steps are important. At the same time, individuals learn the value of improved problem solving when working in groups.

The Customer Complaint Situation is the latest addition to Human Synergistics' series of widely used team-based Survival

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James Thomas





Mark McCaffrey

Car dealership fills 3 positions

Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia has named a new and used car manager and has welcomed two new employees.

James Thomas of Augusta Township was named new and used car manager. Formerly a new and used car salesman, he has been a Tennyson employee for 15

Nicole Alonzo has joined the dealership as a new and used car saleswoman. She has completed an automotive sales training

course and is in the process of completing the Truck Marketing Institute course. She brings four years of retail experience.

Mark McCaffrey of Livonia has joined Tennyson as a body shop

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.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6

CAREER NIGHT

The Continuing Education Center at Oakland University presents a free career night to tout its legal assistant program 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Oakland Center on campus, Rochester Hills. Call 370-3120 for

INVESTMENT CLASS

The Activities Group and the Metropolitan Activities Group Investment Clubs present a basic investment class on the stock market, investment analysis and techniques beginning 7 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Library, Lone Pine and Telegraph. The class lasts nine weeks. Fee of \$30 plus book purchase "How to Buy Stocks" required. Class leader: William Waggoner II. For information, call 624-

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

STOCK CERTIFICATES

The National Investor Relations Institute Detroit Chapter hosts a presentation on alternatives to retail investors holding physical certificates when purchasing stock The luncheon meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. in the Renaissance Club at the Renaissance Center. Speaker: James J. Volpe, vice president at First Chicago Trust

Co. of New York. Cost is \$20 for members. \$25 for non-members. For information and reservations by Jan. 7 deadline, contact Lisa Hudy of Franklin Bank at 358-5170. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

CABLE LEGISLATION The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber

of Commerce presents a program "Legislative Changes in the Cablevision industry" 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi Speaker: Bob McCann, general manager, Oakland County Metrovision. Cost of the breakfast meeting is \$10. For information,

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

GROWING BUSINESS

Human resources consultant and trainer John Sterner kicks off the 1994 Human Resources Publications seminar series with a day-long offering "Growing Your Business in the '90s." The seminar goes 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield. Topics include management types, maximizing efficiency, corporate cultures, personal strategic planning and reducing turnover Cost is \$95 in advance, \$105 at the door Phone 581-2047 for reservations.

SUPERVISION PRACTICES

The American Society of Employers, a non profit association, presents a seminar "Principles & Practices of Supervision" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. The seminar continues during the same times on successive Thursdays, Jan. 20 and 27 Speaker: Dick Warner, ASE's mana education division. Cost is \$395 for

members, \$475 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500.

AFFLUENT INVESTORS

Prudential Securities sponsors a free seminar on professional money management for affluent investors 7 p.m. at the Detroit Golf Club, 17911 Hamilton. Speakers: David Sowerby, chief economist and director of fixed income for Beacon Investment Co., and Lyle Wolberg, financial advisor with Prudential. Reservations required at 259-5512.

MONDAY, JAN. 17

EMPLOYEE EMPOWERMENT

The American Society of Employers presents a seminar "How to Make Employee Empowerment Work" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Speaker: Phyllis M. Herrin, Personnel Consulting Group. Cost is \$195 for members, \$225 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500. TUESDAY, JAN. 18

GOAL SETTING

Ann Savell, a Bloomfield Hills consultant, presents "Goals, Planning & Prioritizing: A Systematic Approach" during a luncheon of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Memman, Livonia. Tickets cost \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For reservations, phone 427-2122.

PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

The American Society of Employers presents a seminar "Effective Performance Appraisals" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its office at 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Speaker is Joyce Kelly, a human resource development consultant. Cost is \$195 for members, \$225 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500.



Insurance rep retires

Paul A. Kashawlic of Redford Township retired as a representative for American General Life and Accident Insurance Co., Garden City, ending a 29-year career.

He joined the company's Detroit office in 1964, where he was an agent and later sales manager. He transferred to Garden City in 1969 and in 1971 was promoted to sales manager of the Redford district. He became field training supervisor in 1978, the year he became district manager of the Philadelphia west office. He returned to Detroit a year later. He became sales manager of the Redford office in 1987 and transferred to Garden City in 1990.

Kashawlic has attended 10 of the firm's annual national leaders conferences, twice as a member of the President's Council of top producers. He also has received the National Sales Achievement Award from the National Association of Life Underwriters, Washington, D.C.



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MARKETPLACE

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The two-for-one pizza franchiser is the 12th largest in the U.S. Howie's was named the official pizza of Pine Knob Music Theatre, Clarkston, in May.

LAND CLEAN-UP

Livonia-based Millgard Environmental Corp. (MEC) was awarded a contract to clean up about 135,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil at the former Liquid Disposal Co., Utica. The site was added to the national priority list in September.

MEC will install a groundwater extraction system and treat the soil with an EPA-approved flyash/cement grout mix that solidifies the contaminated area.

The company's patented Mec-Tool system, a high-volume boring and mixing tool, will inject grout into the soil at pressures up to 200 psi.

III FORD SUPPORTS SME

For the eighth consecutive year, the Ford Motor Co. Fund has pledged \$50,000 to the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Manufacturing Engineering Education Foundation. The foundation helps fund university-level programs to attract engineering students to manufacturing ca-

Ford's 1993 grant helped bolster engineering programs at Miami University, Rochester Institute of Technology and Worchester Polytechnic Institute.

"Our ability to compete in a worldwide market, with products that are manufactured to the highest quality standards, and to provide good customer value will rely heavily on our engineering skills," said Eugene M. Nelson, Ford manufacturing and plant engineering manager, transmission and chassis division, Livonia, and a SME foundation board member.

Since 1981, Ford has pledged \$413,000 to SME's education fund, said Frank J. Riley, founda-

B LONG-DISTANCE REP

Walled Lake-based Business Network Communications, a wholesale long-distance service company, is represented locally by John Knopf, Canton.

BNC offers discounted longdistance services to any size business, teleconferencing, 800 number service and operator services New suscribers also get four hours of free long-distance calling the first year.

For information, call 397-8353.

HOST FOOD FEST

Lansing-based Centrum Management Corp. hosted Fall Food Fare on Nov. 20 to introduce the community and new clients to The Meadows of Livonia, a new apartment community for seniors More than 300 visitors got a look at the 166-unit complex and tasted the fare of 27 Livonia-area restaurants, grocers, bakeries and delis.

"Livonia is a civic-minded community. We had tremendous response from the restaurants and businesses that donated their food and services. This event was a real success," said Carol Hechler, Meadows of Livonia

manager. The community for independent seniors opened at 28811 Jamison, south of File Mile, east of Middlebelt, last July. About half of the complex is leased, said Hechler. For information, call 522-6008.

SHE'S SUPERTEMP

Tondalaya M. Mitchell of Detroit was named SuperTemp for the month of October by her employer, TempExchange Inc.. Southfield. She was awarded for her work in the data capture department at Automated Marketing Systems, Southfield.

Mitchell graduated from Cooley High School, Detroit, in 1991 and is studying medicine.

SuperTemp provides temporary staffing from offices in Southfield, Bloomfield Hills and Clinton Township.

DESIGNERS CLUB

The Designers Club, a newly formed Livonia-based buying club for professionals in the field of interior design, offers its members special prices on selected fabrics and furnishings.

Membership is open to designers, manufacturers representatives, installers, seamstresses and others working in residential and

commercial design. Members also may bring their clients to the club's sample showroom.

Manufacturers represented by the club include Stroheim, Schumacher, JAB, Kravet, Swaim, Kron, Park Place and others.

For membership information, or for designer referral, call 421-3233.

M NEW LINE

Livonia-based Garwood, Buda, Knight & Associates will represent Auto-Owners Insurance, the sixth largest mutual property and casualty insurer in the U.S.

Lansing-based Auto-Owners of fers personal and commercial property casualty insurance, annuities and life and health insur-

M NEW BRAKE SHOP

Canton resident Mark Girimont has opened The Brake Shop, Inc. at 1700 W. 14 Mile. Royal Oak. The shop, a national franchise, opened Dec. 6, specializing in automotive brake repair and replacement for domestic and import cars and trucks. The shop also offers fleet service for commercial accounts.

The Royal Oak franchise is the 32nd opened in Michigan. The franchiser is headquartered in Clinton Township.

III U-M BUSINESS QUIDE

The University of Michigan has free information for area businesses interested in tapping the expertise of U-M faculty and programs.

'Research and Development Resources: A Guide for Business es" lists more than 30 university offices that offer information about economic development programs, university research, the university's computer facility and library, continuing education, reference and research and university placement offices.

For a copy, call (313) 763-5587, or fax requests to (313) 763-4053. Mail requests to Guide for Businesses, U-M, DRDA, Wolverine Tower, 3003 S. State, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1274.

TAP ROSS ROY

Bloomfield Hills-based Ross Roy Communications will handle marketing communications for Domino's Pizza's northeast region. Ross Roy took over Domino's midwest region marketing in September 1992.

The full-service marketing, communications and advertising firm will open a Baltimore, Md. branch this month and begin work Jan. 1.

MEW SPONSOR

Troy Chamber of Commerce member ABB Paint Finishing is the newest sponsor of Family-Works of Troy, an agency that provides family support services to Troy employers. One of Family Works services is helping metro Detroit families find child and adult care.

Other sponsors include Troy businesses William Beaumont Hospital, The Budd Co., Kelly Services, Kmart Corp. and Walsh College.

BBDO MAKES FORTUNE

An article in Fortune Magazine's Nov. 15 issue cites Southfield-based BBDO advertising as an example of large agency success in an industry being reshaped by smaller shops. The article, "Do You Need Your Ad Agency?" refers to BBDO as a lone creative dynamo among global agencies. It says BBDO's creative output is unaffected by its size. In its ranking of agencies, Fortune calls BBDO "King of creativity (which is) important in this ad-zapping era."

NEW BRANCH

Old Kent Bank-East has opened a full-service branch at 27255 Lahser, Southfield. The office offers 24-hour banking, Saturday hours and drive-through service. The Brighton-based bank will open branches in Canton Township and Novi.

SIGN PACT

ComSpec International, Bingham Farms, a designer and developer of computer software, and Oracle Corp. will jointly assist companies that use or install Oracle products. ComSpec also will resell Oracle's products, including relational database.

The joint venture with California-based Oracle will result in a 50 percent increase of ComSpec's technical staff in 1994, according to Bob Brender, ComSpec vice president.

III NAME DONER

Southfield-based W.B. Doner & Co. will handle advertising for Minneapolis-based National Car Rental/Interrent. National leases General Motors vehicles and has

more than 5,000 locations in 130 countries.

E TOP TUE

Tension Tamer Softub, Rochester Hills, is the local distributor for Softub spas. Californiabased Softub is ranked 100 on INC Magazine's list of the 500 fastest growing privately held companies in America.

Tension Tamer, the third largest Softub dealer in the U.S., has received Softub's gold sales award for sales and customer service for the past three years.

E DESIGN AWARD

Southfield-based Jon Greenberg & Associates, a retail design firm, earned an honorable mention from the Institute of Store Planners and Visual Merchandising & Store Design Magazine for the design of Scott Shuptrine Furniture, Troy. The firm renovated the 80,000-square-foot building, formerly a warehouse, to highlight the store's new lifestylespecific merchandising.

JGA also won honorable mentions for designs for Marshall's and the Detroit Institute of Arts museum store at The Somerset Collection, Troy.

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M NEW CELLULAR ONE

Cellular One, a cellular service and phone equipment repair center, has opened a 7,100-squarefoot sales and service center at 28117 Telegraph, Southfield. The center previously was at 20998 Bridge, Southfield.

The new store includes a customer education room with product information on video, a kid's room and a business center with phones for customer use. The service area includes an oversized bay for large vehicles, including tractor trailers.

"With our newest prototype store, we are looking to develop a unique concept of total customer service," said Don Kermin, senior vice president of Cellular One's northern region.

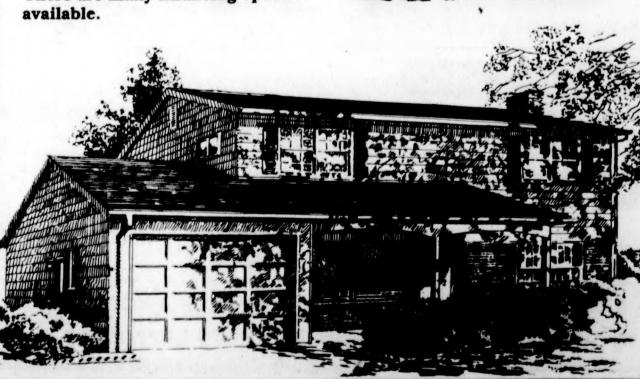
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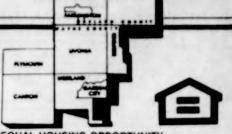
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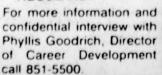
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