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School unions get modest raises



Four Wayne-Westland school employee groups have new contracts, with pay raises far below the levels of past years. The new trend is more toward modest raises accompanied by pay freezes.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A two-year salary freeze that ends next August for Wayne-Westland teachers will be followed by a two-year contract extension that officials say remains frugal in an era of financial uncertainty.

The agreement for the 880-member

Wayne-Westland Education Association — the district's largest employee union — won sweeping approval Monday night from the seven-member school board.

The board also supported three other contracts for skilled trades workers, central office employees and administrative cabinet members.

When their pay freeze is lifted next August, teachers won't receive any across-the-board pay hikes. Rather, an additional pay level will be added to the top of their salary schedule, providing raises for teachers with 11 years or more on the job.

The pay hike will amount to a 2.3 percent increase in spending, said Dan Snee, assistant superintendent for employee relations. The cost will be \$922,000.

That will be followed in the 1997-98 school year by a 2.5 percent raise for all teachers that will cost \$1,050,000.

Teacher salaries now range from \$27,620 to \$64,490, and they will range from \$28,311 to \$68,086 when the contract expires, Snee said. Few teachers receive the maximum salary, he said.

Recent contracts have signaled a notable departure from agreements of earlier years, when teachers saw double-digit increases that cost several million dollars.

Even so, the latest pact wasn't difficult to sell to teachers, with 93 percent voting to ratify it, WWEA president

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A class act



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

School show: Rehearsing a scene in which student Joe Ferone (played by Jay Bentley) is in trouble are: Katie Foster (right), in the role of a high school administrative assistant, and Katie White (left) who plays a high school teacher in the upcoming comedy, "Up the Down Staircase." During a dress rehearsal, director/drama teacher Sheri Smith makes up Meredith Buddington. The show will be produced Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For more on the show, turn to Page 3A.



Mother gives up rights to young son

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland mother has given up her parental rights to a 2½-year-old boy who, according to police, may have been abandoned in a wooded area of Oscoda Township during a camping trip.

Cynthia Louise Rock, 29, terminated her parental rights to Dalton Alan Smith during a custody hearing last week in Inoc County Probate Court, Detective Allan MacGregor said.

However, Dalton's father, who is serving time in prison for abusing the boy, is continuing to fight for custody, MacGregor said.

A court ruling on whether Glen Smith should eventually be awarded custody of the child is expected within a month. Smith, imprisoned for first-degree child abuse, is supposed to be released late next year, MacGregor said.

"He's still fighting for custody," the detective said.

The boy's stepfather, William Edward Rock, who was with the mother when Dalton disappeared for 26 hours during a September camping trip, isn't seeking custody, MacGregor said.

Dalton remains in temporary foster care as the issue of custody continues to unfold in the juvenile court system. He would be placed for permanent adoption if his father loses his bid for custody, MacGregor said.

Dalton was the subject of a wide-

spread hunt after disappearing Sept. 2 in the woods of Oscoda Township. Authorities there have said the boy may have been abandoned, only to be found 26 hours later at the end of an exhaustive search by law enforcement agencies, tracking dogs and local volunteers.

He was found three miles from his parents' campsite by a couple that spends the summer months in the

See MOTHER, 2A

Senator visit planned

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, whose district includes Westland, will be at Wayne City Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday to talk with 8th District residents and answer questions. The city hall is located at 3355 S. Wayne Road. Appointments aren't necessary, and residents may talk with Bennett on a first-come, first-served basis.

Senior dance set

Westland Center will host a senior citizen dance at 11 a.m. Monday in the lower level auditorium. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The senior dance is held the first Monday of every month. Local seniors are encouraged to attend.

PLACES & FACES

Mall has holiday events

Westland Center has a series of holiday events in progress. On Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m., customers can meet Westley Holiday Bear. On Tuesdays, free holiday gift-wrapping will be offered with receipts of \$75 or more. On Wednesdays, a holiday concert series will be held at 7 a.m. in the East Court. On Thursdays, customers who buy one large photo with Santa will have an opportunity for a free photo with Holiday Bear from 6 to 8 p.m.

Senior wins award

Cecilia Kabanowski of Westland has been nomi-

nated for a Citizens Insurance Senior Award, given to recognize contributions of senior citizen volunteers. The program, in its seventh year, is sponsored by Citizens Insurance Co. of America. More than 170 seniors have been nominated. A panel of judges representing business and public agencies will later choose 10 finalists, who will receive a \$500 cash award and a \$500 donation to their charity of choice.

Students on dean's list

Westland residents Kevin Brown, Marquitta Underwood and Larry Clairmont have been named to Cleary College's dean's honor list for winter 1995. Students have to have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and carry at least nine credit hours a semester to be named to the list (Cleary is in Ypsilanti).

John Glenn High students plan school comedy

John Glenn High School drama students won't have to go far to learn more of the environment of their upcoming comedy.

The students will produce "Up the Down Staircase," a comedy dealing with teachers and students in a large high school.

Curtain time is 7 p.m. Thurs-

day, Friday and Saturday for the play to be produced in the school auditorium, on Marquette west of Wayne Road.

Directing the comedy will be first-year Glenn teacher Sheri Smith.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Katie White will portray Sylvia

Barrett, a high school teacher who runs into various problems with students. Jay Bentley will have the male lead of student Joe.

Other major roles will be filled by Monica Nozewski as Bea Schachter; Courtney Green as principal Maxine Clarke; John Dafeo as English teacher Paul Barringer; Katie Foster as administrative assistant Mrs. McCabe; Leslie Elam as school counselor Ella Friendenberg; Kristen Guskovict as school nurse Charlotte Wolf; Steven Rice as English Department chairman Samuel Beater; and Kelly Boyer as chief clerk Sadie Pinch.

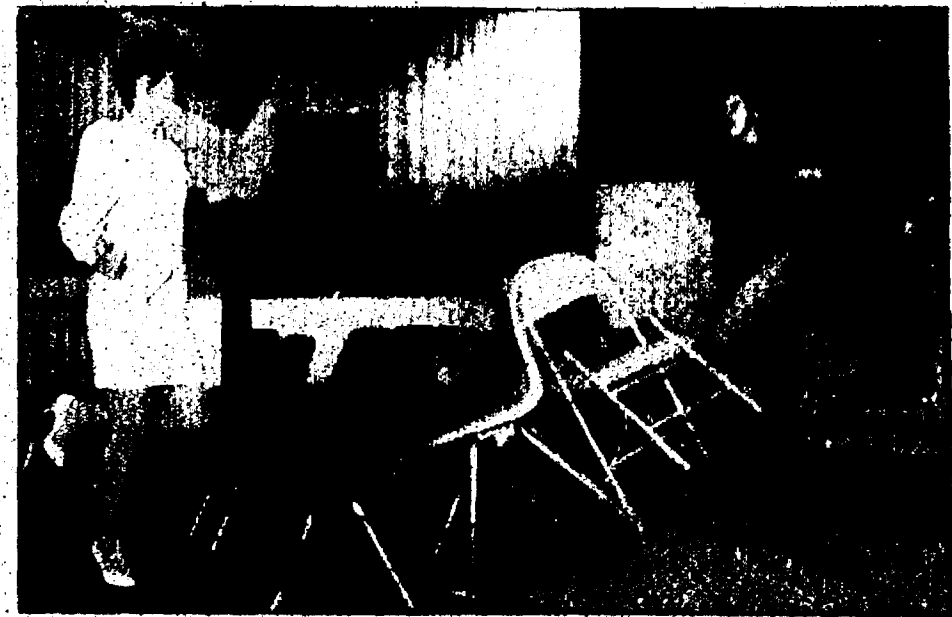
Other cast members are Nell MacKinnon, Matt Vail, Amanda Caporosso, Meredith Buddington, Angela Nichols, Randy Glenn, Lisa Chrzanowski, Jeremy Stuart, Shamika Copeland, Terry Reese, Sharla Schryer, Nicole Schaefer, Jamie MacPartlan, Courtney Sak, Calvin Poellnitz, Loreal Fowlkes, Allison Billings, Megan Demara and Amber James.

Crew members are Sarah Murray, Kirsten Fidh, Daryn Verkenis, Rachel Bartling, Marjorie Brooks, Angel Clements, Derek Moss, Amy Armstrong and Heather Aldinger.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Class project: John Glenn High School cast members act up in a classroom, part of their rehearsal for the "Up the Down Staircase" comedy to be produced Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



Student 'upset': Jay Bentley plays an upset student in the Glenn High School comedy "Up the Down Staircase." In the scene being rehearsed is Katie White, who portrays a high school teacher.



School fun: Drama students Neil MacKinnon and Courtney Sak rehearse a scene from the upcoming student comedy about a large high school.

Infant child care program about to get a reprieve

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

An infant child care program run at Jackson Center that should have ceased to exist four years ago is about to get a reprieve from the Livonia Board of Education, which serves the northern section of Westland.

Four trustees — Frank Kok-enakes, Joe Laura, Daniel Les-sard and James Watters — said Monday they were willing to overturn a controversial board policy set in 1988.

If the policy had been implemented then, Jackson Center's infant care program would have been phased out by 1991.

Two trustees — Sue Clulow and Pat Tancill — said they wanted to stick with the decision the board made in 1988 and let the program die.

If that happened, the child care program would end June 30, 1996, said Superintendent Ken Watson. Trustee Ken Timmons was absent from Monday's committee meeting in which the fate of the program for infants was debated.

The board's vote on whether to reinstate the program is to take place Monday, Dec. 4.

No vote is needed if the trustees decide to follow their predecessors' wishes and let the program end; the district will simply be following through on policy set seven years ago.

News of the canceled program that never closed surfaced after a price increase to make the program cost-effective was announced recently for parents with children in the program.

Tancill, who sat on the board in 1988, recalled that her colleagues voted to phase out the program when James Carl was superintendent.

Tancill supported phasing out the program then, and she still

The majority of the trustees said they are willing to keep the program running as long as it stands on its own feet financially and doesn't use K-12 money to pay its bills.

does now.

"It's unfortunate, no, unforgivable, that board policy was not enforced," Tancill said. "What if we made cuts in the SAFE program and they did not happen? Back then, there was a concern about liability. Why incur that liability? We are not in the child care business. The private sector does not provide it, so why do we? Our responsibility is for K-12 education."

But the majority of the trustees said they are willing to keep the program running as long as it stands on its own feet financially and doesn't use K-12 money to pay its bills.

"Child care is not the primary mission of a school district, so it must be cost-effective," Watson said. "We need to protect K-12 programs before branching off into other areas. We can't subsidize something and take away from our K-12 programs."

Proposed rate increases scheduled to take effect in January and July 1996 will create self-sufficiency, said Jay Young, director of community services. Under the proposed fee increase, families in January will pay \$488 a month for child care for infants up to age 2½.

"We are undercutting now at \$107 per week when the going rate is \$140 per week," Young said. "The program currently is subsidized, with money going for utilities, custodians. We didn't get

one negative response from the letter we sent out regarding the rate increase. I suspect most people can afford the increase."

The district subsidizes other programs, such as drivers' education, food service and adult education, said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business.

In backing reinstatement, Laura said the program did not have to be self-sufficient as long as the child care programs at Jackson Center are self-sufficient overall.

The board's decision in 1988 was based to a large degree on fears that the district was raising its legal liability by taking care of infants.

Since the birth of the program in 1986, no serious liability issues have surfaced, Liepa said.

While backing reinstatement, Watters cautioned that the district does assume extra risk in running the program.

"If a youngster is injured in the program and there is a sizable claim, the money will have to come from somewhere," Watters said. "That's a risk that must be managed. I support continuation of the program, with proper supervision. But I don't want to see any serious problem down the road."

Reinstatement of the child care program does not mean the program is protected if the district suffers program cuts, Watson said. "It will still be on our 'cut' list if cuts are necessary to balance our budget."

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CLASS OF 1961
Planning a fall 1996 reunion.

Grosse Pointe
CLASS OF 1944
June 15, 1996, at the Lochmoor Country Club...

Grosse Pointe South
CLASS OF 1971
July 27, 1996, at the Assumption Cultural Center...

Lakeland
CLASS OF 1976
July 13, 1996, at Laurel Manor, Livonia.

Livonia Bentley
CLASS OF 1976
Aug. 24, 1996, at St. Aidan's Banquet Center...

Livonia Churchill
CLASS OF 1976
June 15, 1996, at the Novi Hilton, Novi.

North Farmington
CLASS OF 1968
Aug. 10, 1996, at St. Aidan's Banquet Center...

Oak Park
CLASS OF 1968
Planning a reunion.

Plymouth Salem
CLASS OF 1976
Aug. 10, 1996, at the Novi Hilton, Novi.

Redford Union
CLASS OF 1961
Aug. 3, 1996, at the Farmington Elks Club...

Redford Thurston
CLASS OF 1968
Sept. 28, 1996, at the Radisson Golf and Conference Center...

Riverside
CLASS OF 1968
July 20, 1996, at the Airport Marriott Hotel.

Royal Oak Dondero
CLASS OF 1968
Aug. 10, 1996, at the Holiday Inn, Troy.

St. Cunegunda
CLASS OF 1944
Is planning a reunion.

St. Mary of Redford
CLASS OF 1944
A reunion is planned for Sept. 14, 1996.

Southfield Lathrup
CLASS OF 1968
Aug. 10, 1996, at the Farmington Elks Club...

Southgate Aquinas
CLASS OF 1971
July 27, 1996, at Robert Jones Knights of Columbus Hall...

Sterling Heights
CLASS OF 1968
Nov. 29, 1996, at the Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights.

Ann Arbor Huron
CLASS OF 1976
July 19, 1996, at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor Pioneer
CLASS OF 1976
July 20, 1996, at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Ann Arbor.

Benedictine
CLASS OF 1968
Is planning a reunion.

Berkley
JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1961
Aug. 17, 1996, at the Northfield Hilton Inn, Troy.

Birmingham Baldwin
CLASS OF 1944
Is planning a reunion.

Birmingham Groves
CLASS OF 1976
Aug. 17, 1996, at the Holiday Inn, Livonia.

Birmingham Seaholm
CLASS OF 1976
Aug. 2, 1996, at the Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy.

Bishop Gallagher
CLASS OF 1971
July 20, 1996, at the Gowanus Golf Club, Mount Clemens.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser
CLASS OF 1990
7:30 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Old Woodward Grill, Birmingham.

Dearborn Fordson
CLASS OF 1966
Nov. 9, 1996, at the Italian American Club, Dearborn.

Detroit Cass Tech
CLASS OF 1977
A reunion is planned for June 1997.

Detroit Central
CLASS OF 1968
A reunion is planned for Nov. 30, 1996.

Detroit Denby
JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1958
Are planning a reunion.

Detroit Finney
CLASS OF 1976
Sept. 14, 1996, at the Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights.

Detroit Henry Ford
JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1971
A reunion is planned for Aug. 17, 1996.

Detroit Mackenzie
CLASSES OF 1944-54
A reunion is planned for Sept. 6-8, 1996.

Detroit Mumford
CLASS OF 1968
Is looking for classmates.

Detroit Redford
CLASS OF 1944
Is planning a reunion.

Detroit St. Andrew's
CLASS OF 1967
Oct. 4, 1996, at Laurel Manor, Livonia.

Detroit St. Cecilia
CLASSES OF 1948-58
Are planning a reunion.

Detroit St. Leo's
CLASS OF 1944
Is planning a reunion.

Detroit Southeastern
JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1948
A reunion is planned for Oct. 5, 1996.

Farmington
CLASS OF 1961
Aug. 2, 1996, at the Double Tree Suites, Southfield.

Trenton
CLASS OF 1976
A reunion is planned for July 5, 1996.

Truman
CLASS OF 1944
Is planning a reunion.

Warren Mott
CLASS OF 1976
Oct. 12, 1996, at the Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights.

Wayne State
UPWARD BOUND
A 30-year reunion is planned for June 1996...

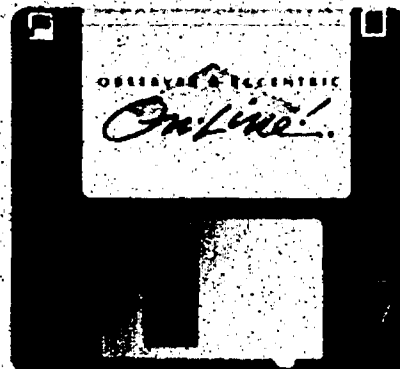
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Staff changes announced

The Observer Newspapers recently named Beth Sundria Jachman as a reporter and Casey Hans as a copy editor for the Wayne County editions.

Sundria Jachman will cover the county government and business beat for all Observers in Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Westland and Garden City.

She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of South Carolina. She has been with the Observer Newspapers for seven years as a copy editor. She previously worked as a reporter, copy editor and copy desk chief at the Beaufort Gazette newspaper in Beaufort, S.C.

She won a first place for front page design in the 1994 Suburban Newspapers Association Contest. She lives in Livonia.

Readers may call her at 953-2122.

Hans, a copy editor for all local editions, returns to the Observer after more than two years as information coordinator for the Canton Township government, where she handled promotional work and other communications duties.

Hans holds a bachelor's degree in English from Western Michi-



Beth Sundria Jachman



Casey Hans

gan University and a master's degree in journalism from Michigan State University. She was previously a reporter for the Farmington Observer and the Southfield Eccentric from 1985-93 and also worked on the staffs of the Owosso Argus-Press and the Davison Index newspapers. She also has experience in business and marketing.

As a copy editor, Hans is re-

sponsible for editing copy and design of Observer news pages. She is a resident of Livingston County.

Readers may call her at 953-2128.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES A. NEVE SR.

Services for Mr. Neve, a former Garden City Public Services Department supervisor, were Oct. 23 from St. John Neumann Catholic Church, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. The Rev. George Charnley officiated.

Mr. Neve, 71, of Garden City, died Oct. 19 in Garden City Hospital. Born Feb. 22, 1924, in Detroit, he was a longtime municipal DPS employee until retirement.

Survivors include: wife, Mary; daughters, Donna Laflan and Candice McDade; son, James Jr.; stepchildren, Tembra, Frederick, Susan, Hope and Thomas McClelland; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sister, Dorothy Bennett.

Memorials may be donated to the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan.

BUDDIE B. HUNT

Services for Mr. Hunt, 58, of Garden City were Nov. 27 from the Lane-Stuckey Funeral Home, Morehead, Ky, with burial in Fultz Cemetery in the same city. Rev. Gayle Price of the Church of God in Carter County, Ky., and Brother John Cossin of the Jesus Center in Farmington, Mich., officiated.

A special service was also held for him Saturday, Nov. 25, in the Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

Mr. Hunt, a 19-year resident of Garden City, died Nov. 24 at

home. Born Jan. 10, 1937, in Hazard, Ky., he was a foreman at the General Motors Hydramatic plant in Willow Run. He was also a co-pastor of the Farmington Jesus Center, which he joined as a member in 1983.

Survivors include: wife, Marian; sons Stephen Dewayne, Jeffrey Lynn, Robert Bruce and Noah David; daughters Angela Renee, Deborah Sue and Joyce Ann; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Joe, Harold, Wayne and John Paul; and sisters Hazel, Louise, Carol and Margaret.

JEWEL TERRY McDONNELL

Services for Mrs. McDonnell, 91, of Westland were Nov. 29 from

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, followed by cremation. Rev. Neil Cowling officiated.

Mrs. McDonnell died Nov. 25 in Hope Care Nursing Home, Westland. Born Nov. 15, 1904, she was a homemaker.

Surviving is a nephew, Ray Terry of Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred.

Arrangements were by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

GRACE E. GAMBER

A memorial service for Mrs. Gamber, 89, of Westland is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, from the Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, on Inkater Road near Marquette, Garden City. Rev. Ralph Fischer of St. Matthew Lutheran

Church will officiate.

Mrs. Gamber died Nov. 24 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. She had been cremated.

Born April 4, 1906, in Benton Harbor, Mich., she worked in the estate planning and life insurance fields.

Survivors include: daughter, Lucille Hoedl of Northville; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sisters Eileen LaCombe and Shirley Ido.

Memorials may be donated to the Angela Hospice.

JERRY P. NEAL

Services for Mr. Neal, 56, of

Romulus were Nov. 27 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Rev. Joe Jones officiated.

Mr. Neal died Nov. 23 in the University of Michigan Hospital. Born Jan. 6, 1939, he was a supply sergeant.

Survivors include: wife, Linda; daughter, Dawn Mayes; son, Jerry Lee; grandchildren, Adrienne Lea Mayes and Joshua Phillip Neal; mother, Bernice Neal; brother, Wayne; sisters, Glonda Mink and Linda Neal; and several nieces and nephews who live in Westland.

Schoolcraft course offerings listed

Schoolcraft College is presenting several courses. Here is a look at a few of them.

Personal Income Tax Update & Review, a two-week course on Saturdays, will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning Dec. 2. Federal and Michigan personal income tax changes will be reviewed. The fee is \$74.

A Government Contracting seminar is planned Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 in Schoolcraft's

McDowell Center, room 310. Call 462-4449 for further information.

Conducted by Schoolcraft's business development center, the seminar will give participants an understanding of what it takes to be a successful government contractor. State and federal government contracting will also be discussed. Fee is \$25. Call 462-4438 for more information.

A safety administrator seminar

on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 12, 13 and 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center in Garden City is being co-sponsored by the Michigan Department of Labor Safety Education and Training Division and Schoolcraft's continuing education division.

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Michigan House approves welfare reform package

BY JOHN BARR STAFF WRITER

The most important welfare reform package in a generation was overwhelmingly approved by the Michigan House recently, said state Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, who supported the initiative.

House Bills 5353 and 5354 provide a framework to develop the most comprehensive changes in the nation, he said.

"This measure changes the focus of welfare," Law said. "It breathes new life into a system that has turned into an endless cycle of frustration."

Under the plan, the Department of Social Services adopts a fresh name and focus. The new Family Independence Agency would require each adult client to have a customized agreement outlining specific recipient responsibilities. This social contract must be honored by the recipient for assistance to begin and continue.

"This plan rewards those with initiative," Law said. "Applicants who demonstrate responsibility will not be turned away. Those who decide not to comply will face tough penalties."

The plan also contains provisions that would:

- Require minor parents to live with a parent or in another adult-supervised household to receive assistance.

- Mandate that adult recipients be employed at least 20 hours per week, or in Work First programs, education or training, community service or self-improvement activities.

- Require recipients to cooperate in the establishment of paternity, and the securing of child support,

as part of their social contract obligation.

- Mandate treatment and periodic drug testing for recipients who fail to comply with social contract goals due to substance abuse.

A key amendment, sponsored by House Republicans, affects benefits for new mothers. It establishes parenting, child development and nutrition classes as options for meeting social contract requirements from six weeks after birth until the infant is three months old.

"We understand the added difficulties new mothers face and want to reassure them that the Legislature has installed provisions to protect their children," Law said.

After extensive floor debate, lawmakers also crafted a bipartisan compromise to maintain legislative input on the new agency's rules. Legislators insisted on such oversight to ensure the elected representatives of the people remain involved in the policy-making process.

"Lawmakers are giving the FIA a number of freedoms to ensure the success of this program," Law said. "It is imperative that a rigid set of checks and balances is in place from the start."

The reforms were developed by several bipartisan advisory groups throughout Michigan that examined such crucial issues as child protection, cash assistance, child care and Medicaid. Nearly 400 focus groups, involving 4,000 individuals, gave input.

Law said: "The Engler administration's Work First program is proof that incentive programs work. Unemployment rates are at

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Pet Supplies "Plus" will be donating the film and other photography costs involved in the photo sessions.

Pet Supplies "Plus" has been an active supporter of the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society almost since the company's founding as a single pet shop in Redford in 1988.

Today there are more than 100 Pet Supplies "Plus" locations in 15 states, making it the largest pet product retailer east of the Mississippi.

"We're looking forward to hosting the Pet Santa Photo event," said Jack Berry, president and founder of Pet Supplies "Plus." "It will provide people with a great way to include their pets in the holiday festivities, while helping a good cause at the same time."

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Driver, 74, is killed in Ford Road crash

A 74-year-old Garden City man was killed last week when he drove his vehicle in front of an on-coming van on Ford Road, west of Newburgh, in Westland, police said.

Donald Eugene Emerson died of injuries suffered in the 4:30 p.m. Nov. 20 accident that occurred as he and his wife were driving away from a pet supply store, Westland police officer Steve Frazer said.

The wife was hospitalized for a couple of days and is recovering, he said.

Victoria was hit broadside on the driver side when he pulled in front of a 1990 GMC van, Frazer said. Emerson wasn't wearing a seat belt, the officer said.

No charges will be sought against the van driver, who wasn't at fault, Frazer said.

The van also hit another vehicle during the accident, though the third vehicle and Emerson's car never collided, Frazer said.

Police are investigating the possibility that Emerson, for whatever reason, may have been unable to stop his car as he pulled into the road during heavy traffic, Frazer said.

Emerson's 1994 Ford Crown

Fitzsimmons seeks GOP nod in 13th

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

About 30 people gathered Monday afternoon amid displays of balloons and flags as Joe Fitzsimmons announced his candidacy for U.S. Congress in the 13th District.

Fitzsimmons, a former Ann Arbor business executive, will seek the Republican nomination.

The winner of the Republican primary will face freshman Democrat U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers in next year's election.

Saying he firmly believes that one person can make a difference, Fitzsimmons, a Republican, gave an announcement speech that touched on education, welfare, taxes and crime.

Local Republican elected officials put in appearances at the gathering, held at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township. An earlier announcement gathering was held in Ann Arbor Monday morning.

Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor, and Terry Bennett,

township clerk, made brief visits to the gathering. Other local Republicans in attendance included Elaine Kirchgatter, Canton Township treasurer; Phil LaJoy, Canton Township trustee; Steve Ragan, Schoolcraft College trustee; Sean Cox, 13th District Republican Party chairman, and Tom Hickey, president of the Plymouth Republican Club.

The 13th District includes Canton and Plymouth townships, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City and the southwest quadrant of Livonia and 15 other communities in Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

"Today, for our children, and ourselves, education must still be a priority — our first priority," Fitzsimmons said.

"But we are increasingly surrounded by an education system that no longer educates. A system which needs to again learn how to prepare our children to be competitive in today's global society — where knowledge is everything. I can't accept an America that has

an education system that's less than the best in the world, because I remember when it was the best," he said.

He cited a welfare system "that just doesn't work. What was once a helping hand has become a part of a hopeless cycle of poverty and despair."

Saying he will not accept a community that abandons its own, he said he will not accept a government that allows dependency to become a way of life.

Fitzsimmons said he has "witnessed an erosion in the America in which I grew up," including crime that is preying on society.

"Everywhere I go people express a detachment from their communities — and a distrust of our government. Distrust for a government which is fueled by waste and mismanagement, corruption, skyrocketing deficits, budgets that can't be balanced and a tax burden of more than 40 percent on the average family," he said.

"I cannot accept a government



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that is unaccountable to the people," he said.

Fitzsimmons, an Ann Arbor resident, recently stepped down as chairman of Ann Arbor-based University Microfilms International, where he worked almost 30 years.

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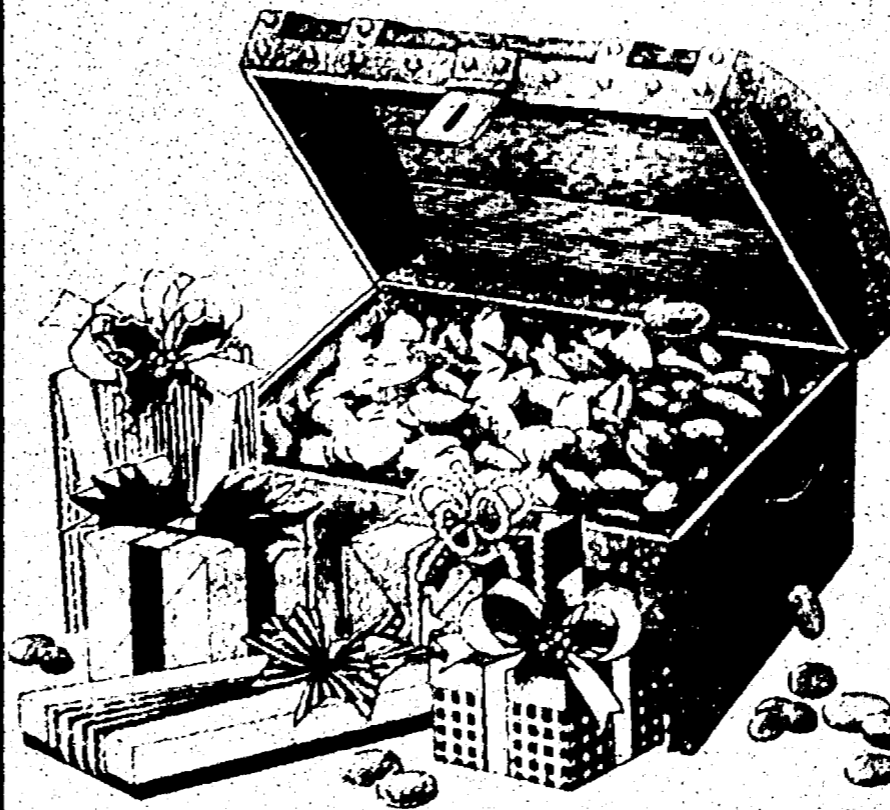
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Modified school code heads for House committee vote

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

With grim warnings from the public to go easy on radical changes, the House Education Committee is preparing to vote Tuesday on 1995's top K-12 bills — a revised school code and "schools of choice."

Rep. William Bryant Jr., R-Grosse Pointe and chairman of the panel, said his version of Senate Bill 679, the school code, will raise the cap on so-called "charter schools" but not remove it entirely, as the Senate's version did.

Wendy Wagenheim, Birmingham resident who is the new voice in Lansing of the American Civil Liberties Union, asked lawmakers not to remove the cap until the Court of Appeals decides the constitutionality of giving state money to what were previously private schools operating with charters.

"The quick conversion of many previously private schools to charter schools is not even a thinly-veiled attempt at manipulating the law; it is a blatant misuse of public funds," Wagenheim said in public testimony.

She cited the Muskegon Chronicle's two-day revelation that Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ, veiled by an intermediate corporation it controlled, was the financial backer, board strength and landlord of Trivalley Academy — in violation of the Michigan Constitution and the existing charter school law.

The ACLU spokesperson said inadequate monitoring by universities which charter public school

academies "has given us greater cause for concern, not less. Central Michigan University has one person making on-site visits."

She concluded: "Public school academies which are already in operation under charters need to be evaluated."

Current law, part of the Christmas Eve 1993 Proposal A package, places a cap of 35 on the number of public school academies that may be chartered. The Senate version removes the cap. Bryant's version would limit universities to 100 charters, place no limit on community colleges, and allow the Education and Social Services departments to charter.

Carol Waszkiewicz, representing Michigan for Public Education, said, "Charter schools threaten the religious neutrality of public education. . . There is no evidence they stimulate public schools."

With charter academies receiving public funds, the Kalamazoo resident said, "there is less public support for public schools."

Waszkiewicz blasted Senate Bill 639, "schools of choice," which would allow parents to enroll children in any public school that will accept them. "It is potentially segregationist," she said, "because there is not publicly funded transportation."

Hundreds of supporters of bilingual education jammed the fourth-floor meeting room and corridor of the State Capitol urging that their program continue to be required, not made voluntary on the part of school districts.

Dr. Phyllis Clemens-Noda, Troy resident and faculty member at Eastern Michigan University, said bilingual education is getting "a bad rap from the media" because of "nasty political connotations."

"There is no attempt to disrupt the unity of this nation," Clemens-Noda said. "We teach English. This is the bottom line." She suggested the program be called English Language Proficiency Development because the pupils' native tongues are used to support teaching in English, not replace it.

Bilingual education today receives \$4.2 million in state aid — the same as when it was started in 1978, she said. "If pushed into a corner, I would say retain the mandatory law and keep (eliminate) the money," she said.

Bryant scheduled meetings of the House Education Committee, a policy panel not connected to the Appropriations Committee, for 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 5.

He said SB 679, the school code, "and, if the votes are there, 639," schools of choice, would be reported out to the House floor for action before year's end.

Bryant and Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, two Republican moderates, lead the House Education Committee, but the bulk of its GOP membership consists of the party's most pro-charter faction. The panel has eight Republicans and seven Democrats, including Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

Area salons to open for AIDS benefit

Local hair salons in Canton Township, Livonia and Westland are participating in a fund-raiser Sunday, Dec. 3, for people infected with HIV/AIDS.

Friends PWA Alliance in cooperation with Beaute Craft and radio stations 89X and The River are sponsoring Positive Hair Affair from 1-4 p.m. Salons will

donate 50 percent of the proceeds from the day to Friends PWA Alliance, a non-profit organization that provides service to people infected with HIV/AIDS.

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Holiday problem Salvation Army needs help

With political issue groups demanding equal time at shopping centers, the Westland-Wayne Salvation Army Corps became the latest victim in the "let's be fair to all" policy by the Westland Center management.

While the Observer can sympathize with the mall's national management office in trying to avoid being a battleground for various organizations with conflicting views, the Salvation Army will be missing out on a popular sight at which donors gave \$15,000 last year.

Salvation Army Capt. Mark Welsh hopes that the loss of the profitable mall location can be made up at other retail centers during the current Christmas season.

While volunteers won't be allowed to stand on any mall-owned property, the Salvation Army volunteers will be able to use a spot on the Central City Parkway (formerly Cowan Road) side of the J. L. Hudson's store for its familiar bell ringer solicitors. The reason for that location is that Hudson's owns that portion of the property. The department store has demonstrated its corporate citizenship spirit by wisely agreeing to allow the Salvation Army to continue using that location.

It's too bad that the battleground for public issues has cost the Salvation Army a chance to help local needy families.

Rob Stuart, spokesman for the Atlanta-based Compass Retail Inc., which has managed the mall since mid-1993, said the company is implementing the new policy at the 37 shopping centers it manages across the nation.

Stuart said the policy stems from recent legislation, in such states as New Jersey, that he said could force shopping centers to admit other groups if Salvation Army volunteers are allowed

to raise money.

"If we let the Salvation Army in, we could open ourselves up to letting anybody in," he said, adding later, "We just can't let them come into the mall with their bells and kettles."

Stuart cited pro-life groups, pro-choice groups and union picketers as among those that could potentially seek the same mall access as the Salvation Army.

Since the Salvation Army has entered the Westland community six years ago, it has made a crucial difference in the life of low-income families, particularly those in the Norwayne neighborhood.

The national organization has not only provided basic necessities, such as food, for those families throughout the year, but has gone a step further in creating important recreation and socialization programs for youngsters who usually have nothing more positive to do after school than hang out in their neighborhood.

The Salvation Army is providing an important fabric in improving the quality of life for low-income people in all sections of Westland. Its 18-month-old service center on Venoy near Palmer is a highly visible, \$1.2 million structure which makes it clear that the Salvation Army is an important institution in the community and will be here for a long time.

If readers miss any Salvation Army bell-ringers, watch for them at the Hudson's entrance on the north side of the mall or across the street at the Target Store, on Warren Road west of Wayne Road.

As always, donors may mail checks to the Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, Westland 48186.

Let's make sure that all needy families can enjoy the spirit of the holiday season.

Rally 'round public education

At this revered, patriotic season of the year, let us give thanks for the institution that kept us unified and strong, that taught us patriotism and Americanism, that taught us respect for our fellow humans, even those different from us — the public schools.

Now, however, Michigan's public schools are targets of a counter-revolution. From the mid-1980s to 1993, we reformed school finance to give non-industrial districts the same kind of per-pupil funding that the richest districts had. We passed laws for curriculum standards, diplomas that meant something, innovations like student portfolios. We required schools to have improvement plans and to be accountable to the voters through annual reports.

The counter-revolution would repeal most of that.

There are signs, however, that the counter-revolution, slapped together by state Senate Republicans, will be stalled in the House. There, Education Committee leaders are splitting the school code changes into bite-sized changes. Other representatives, including Republicans and Democrats, are asking hard questions about the Trojan horse called "charter schools" that senators should have discussed.

The House Education Committee has set a Dec. 5 deadline for voting on its version of improved school quality.

As the Legislature revises, updates and pares down the school code, it is time to ask some hard questions about SB 679, the Senate's vehicle:

■ Michigan has 35 charter schools, and the Senate bill will take off the lid. Charter supporters estimate 400 or 500 charter schools will be

formed. But what research is there to show that charter academies actually are offering better education?

■ The pro-charter literature says charter schools are supposed to be reconstituted public schools. Many aren't. It turns out that many charter schools were private schools until 1994. They're just getting state aid now. It looks more and more like the charter schools are just a devious way to get around the Michigan Constitution's ban on aid to private and parochial schools, not a market response to parents' desires for more choices in education.

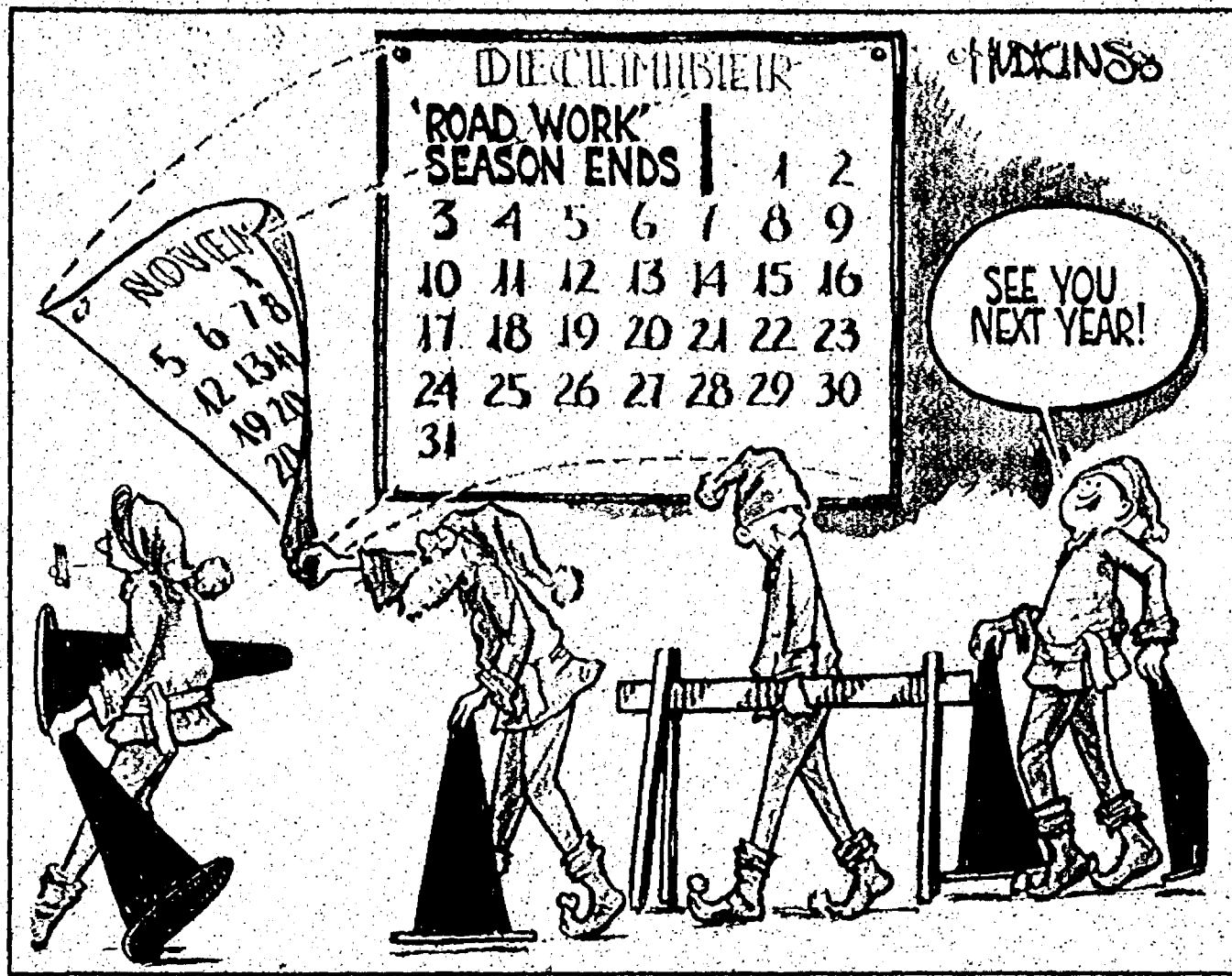
■ As charter schools drain off more and more of the state school aid fund, aren't we actually diluting the amount of money going to true public schools? And isn't this defeating the purpose of the voter-approved Proposal A to save school funding?

■ And isn't there a question whether the state has enough dedicated taxes to support the existing public schools, let alone to bail out private schools masquerading as charter schools?

By now, the curious reader will have concluded that there is a hidden agenda in the counter-revolution's savage attack on public schools, school funding, teacher certification standards, curriculum standards, school improvement plans and the rest.

We in Michigan have barely re-equipped public schools to do their job. From their founding in the 1830s until now, Michigan's public schools have played a key role in making ours a strong and unified nation. This is no time for our representatives to yield to the ideological hidden agenda of the "charter" and "choice" counter-revolution.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Family very thankful

This Thanksgiving, we had much to be thankful for. One year ago, we weren't certain that Brad would be celebrating Thanksgiving with us in 1995. In August, 1994, he was diagnosed with colon cancer that had spread extensively through his liver.

Joyfully, Brad did celebrate Thanksgiving with us and is looking forward to seeing our boys' eyes sparkle Christmas morning.

Thanks to all of you who have touched our lives these past 15 months. We loved the oodles of cards that have come our way, the gentle words to our hurting hearts, the hugs that speak more than words, and the many prayers that have never reached our ears but were heard by our Heavenly Father.

Many of you donated supplies and gave generous donations to the craft and bake sale out at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor that the St. Joseph Canton urgent care staff sponsored on our behalf.

The majority of you remain faceless and nameless to us — nevertheless, please know that we feel your love and support.

Brad has beat incredible odds by being pronounced cancer-free in September.

The survival rate past one year of diagnosis is only 5 percent. We praise the Lord for his healing through doctors and chemotherapy, and our hearts are grateful for any way you have touched our lives and helped ease our burden. We ask for your continued prayers as he does run a high risk for recurrence — we're taking it one day at a time — and today we are joyful — with humble hearts.

Brad, Kristine, Christian and Andrew Skaggs, Westland

troit-area baseball fans is somewhere around the city of Novi. Why not build the stadium in northwestern Wayne County — so it would be convenient for the "paying fans"?

Personally, I wish Mike Ilitch had never laid eyes on the "historic" Fox Theatre. Virtually everyone realizes that the Fox Theatre is and always will be an economic "white elephant" — a money loser.

Economically speaking, "live theater" is deadlier than a door nail. Sadly, our new ball park did not necessarily have to share its fate with the "old-fashioned" Fox Theatre. It's unfortunate — especially for the kids.

As currently structured, the proposed stadium is starting to look like just another political "pork barrel," and a guaranteed economic boondoggle.

I would say to Detroit Mayor Archer and Mike Ilitch: "If you build it — they still won't come."

Walter Warren, Westland

The lie of the liberals

It has been pointed out that the Republican plan for reforming Medicare schedules increases in each of the seven years to the year 2002, when, with other reforms and modifications, the budget can be balanced.

Liberals continually suggest that the Republicans are planning to cut Medicare \$280 billion dollars over the next seven years. Bill Clinton repeatedly maintains that the Republican plan for Medicare reform calls for cuts.

Not a dime will be cut in any single year. Substantial increases are planned in each of the seven years until 2002.

Al Gore made speeches on three consecutive nights in one week spewing the same misinformation other liberals are mouthing. It is surprising that both print and broadcast media are reporting the same misinformation the liberal members of Congress are suggesting.

It is one thing for the media to report that the Democrats are claiming cuts in Medicare are planned by the Republicans; it is a horrendous mistake to report planned cuts as facts on their own.

Surely, most liberals in Congress would not score on the bottom of the bell curve; they are deliberately misinforming the people. Misinformation? Forget the euphemism. Reporting cuts to the Republican plan to reform Medicare is a lie.

Neil Goodbred, Livonia

New stadium is 'pork'

If you need further proof that wealth and political power do not necessarily bestow intelligence — or even basic common sense — just look at the decision to build the new Tiger Stadium in Detroit's Cass Corridor.

What ever happened to the old real estate maxim: "location, location, location"?

Please note, the Cass Corridor is not exactly a natural "family venue." In fact, the proposed stadium site would be only marginally acceptable for commercial warehouses — let alone a family-oriented cultural icon, and national symbol of our area — like a new ball park.

The geographic "epicenter" of paying De-

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Will you be spending more money or less than you spent last year for Christmas?

We asked this question at the Westland Post Office.



Less. I'm medically retired 15 years before I planned.
Sharon Thompson
Westland



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More because my kids are getting bigger.
Cindy Cichowski
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POINTS OF VIEW

'Hair' provides a chance to learn and grow

BY DANIELLE DUNNE
GUEST COLUMNIST

As a student enrolled in the Creative and Performing Arts program (CAPA) at Churchill High, and as a hopeful playwright, I would like to say a few words about CAPA and the awful things that have been said of our autumn show, "Hair."

Next year will be CAPA's 10th anniversary. In CAPA, the students, teachers, and faculty are like one big, happy family. Gail Susan Mack (our director) and Steven Kosinski (director of CAPA) have recently come under fire for choosing "Hair" as opposed to "Carousel" (which, I may add, promotes spousal abuse) or something "more refined."

"Hair" is a historical piece now. We already know what our mothers and fathers did, although most do not like to talk about it. It just does not seem right to put restrictions on what we say. Let me explain further. Gail Susan Mack already knew that some songs and language would have to be cut. These things were edited out before auditions. Rodney Hosman had no problems with the script as it was. With no further adaptations, auditions went on as planned.

Then, just two days before opening, Caryle Schober gets this article in the Observer and we have to make last-minute adaptations. Where is that fair to the people who have been working on this for two or three months? Just because of one human being, we had to edit the show again.

No one in CAPA knew of her until that article. It is not known if she is a CAPA parent. It is unknown if she has any real involvement in any way with Churchill High. Ms. Mack told us that she had never heard of or seen this individual before. I do not know why she waited so long to complain.

The first thing I would like to address is the song "Colored Spade." Ms. Schober said that there was a fight over race in our school. There was not. Even if there was a fight between two races, it probably did not have anything to do with race. At Churchill, all the races get along for the most part. Whether you are an African-American, Arabic, or white, you stand up for your fellow students. It's just one of those things that all in CAPA believe.

The second part of this is the fact that Caryle took the song wrong. Anyone that knows the song "Colored Spade" knows that it's an African-

GUEST COLUMN

American person singing the song. He is making fun of the whites who fire these names at him. The third thing is, the song had already been cut from the show. (We could not find an actor to play the part of Hud, who sings the number in the show.) Another song cut from the show, due to its content, was "Black Boys/White Boys," the song about women having interracial sexual relations.

"Hair" promotes racial harmony. In addition, the "drug trip" scene in which nuns and astronauts are shown killing people is a cartoonish reference to the horrors of the Vietnam War. Furthermore, nowhere in the script does it refer to the character of Jeannie (the pregnant girl) being abused. The line from the show is "I got knocked up by some crazy speed freak." As far as Ms. Schober's opinion of the music, many of the songs were big hits, and "Hair" remains one of the most popular musicals ever produced.

The main issue I want to address is the multitude of references to drugs in the show. We have attempted to show the down side of drug use. Whether you want to admit it or not, drugs are still

around. It was an everyday occurrence then; it is almost an everyday occurrence now. Whether anyone wants to admit it, the 1960s was when recreational drug use began. Many experimented with drugs, although they may not admit it today. Some may even claim that they "didn't inhale."

You may not agree with me. You may not even know that recreational drug use is still widespread, but if you go into any classroom with dirty desks in my school, you will see a marijuana leaf drawn on the desk. Even WXYZ (Channel 7) did a report about pot, and other substances and how teen-agers like us can get involved in drugs. Drug references are widespread in today's media. This was not brought on by "Hair." It has been there all along. I may only be a sophomore here, but I saw marijuana leaves drawn on desks all last year. Nothing is changing. Most students of Churchill would not get ideas that they did not have already from this show.

Another thing, anyone who would believe ideas from this show cannot differentiate fantasy from reality. I know I can!

Thirdly, we have been working on "Hair" for two months now. Why

didn't anyone complain before? I think that it is inopportune to say the least.

The last adaptation (thanks to Caryle Schober) was made a night before opening! That is insanity! We barely got the set done in time.

Lastly, I think that Ms. Mack and Mr. K. deserve a big round of applause.

They have had so many problems from the start of this show to the finish. (The set took longer than expected, we could not find a Hud, etc.) I hope that no one holds this against CAPA or Livonia Public Schools. If I have learned anything from this show, it is that you should stand up for your right to be heard.

A few students of CAPA offered Caryle Schober tickets to the show. Mostly, I hope she enjoyed the show. If she chose not to see it, she will have expressed her right. I feel we should have a right to present this show as the historical piece it has become, and learn from that experience.

This guest column is written by Danielle Dunne, a student at the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in the Livonia district, which serves the northern section of Westland.

Republican control of Legislature hasn't solved anything

When Democrats ran the Legislature, I criticized their habit of operating like union bargainers. Bills weren't passed on their merits after thoughtful research by lawmakers. One bill was bargained against another by a handful of deal-making leaders. Bills piled up and were shoved through in a glut during a "marathon" session on the last working day of the year.

Now that Republicans control all, are things any better?

I give Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus and House Speaker Paul Hillemonds some credit. There is an even flow of work. Individual bills are judged on their merits.

But is it fairer? No.

Let Bill Ballenger, proprietor of the Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, describe how Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, got the Telecommunications Act through:

"They (lobbyists for phone companies) developed — with Dunaskiss' approval — a strategy that called for a series of mind-numbing and meaningless public hearings that delayed unveiling the actual bill, crafted behind closed doors by the senator's staff. Even lawmakers on Dunaskiss' committee were in the dark on key aspects of the legislation until they first saw it in October."

Note the pattern: 1) generalized public input, 2) a specific, ideology-laden bill crafted in secrecy, 3) brief public hearings on a very complex bill, and 4) a fast track through the Legislature.

We turn now to Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, opposing the welfare reform bills:

"This legislation has been railroaded through the legislative process. More time is needed to study an issue as complex as this and the impacts this legislation will have on the many indi-



TIM RICHARD

viduals, especially single women and children. . . They deserve thoughtful, honest deliberation and a healthy debate."

Though much needed, the welfare reform bills, the biggest change in the system in 30 years, were rammed the House in a few weeks. Those aren't

five-day weeks. Committees meet once a week. The bills went through the full House in one session of just a couple of hours.

We come now to the school code. The Senate Education Committee conducted extensive hearings on the general subject all around the state. I covered one in Farmington where 18 or more people spoke. Chairman Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, and the panel gave the impression they were listening.

The new school code was quietly crafted, unveiled, and jammed through committee in just a couple of sessions. It looked nothing whatsoever like what people talked about in the hearings. It was rammed through the Senate in two sessions.

"Schools of choice" went through even faster. It was a sloppily-crafted work that invites districts to "skim"

the best students and athletes from neighboring districts. It would allow parents to shift their kids to practice discrimination. Unlike the Minnesota "choice" law, it made no provision for transportation, causing critics to charge it was designed only for the rich. It requires a parent to give no reason — educational or otherwise — for shifting a kid.

Stille held one hearing, pretended to listen but never lifted a finger to repair the multitudinous flaws.

There is one consolation: term limits. Current committee chairs won't be in office 20 years, like Mack, Jondahl and Jacobetti, and become so jaded.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

System discourages death with dignity

I found myself thinking a lot about my father and my mother over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Part of my reflections were happy, filled with bright memories of my father's carving turkey and the smell of my mother's pumpkin pie baking in the oven.

Part, however, were sad. Both my parents died, a couple of years apart, just before Thanksgiving. They died at home, more or less at peace and with dignity. In fact, I remember vividly my father's saying to me, just a week before he passed away: "I'm not afraid to die. I've had a good life and a long life, and it's time to go."

But for most people, it's hard to die with dignity these days.

That's the disturbing message of a major study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association just before Thanksgiving. It found that after years of discussion about the right to die with dignity, nearly half of terminally ill people in America still die alone, in pain, or hooked to mechanical respirators against their wishes.

In particular, the study calls into question the effect of Living Wills, "Do Not Resuscitate" orders, and other devices intended to give patients more say in how to end their lives. Although it has been 25 years since the living will movement began, the study concludes that such safeguards against unwanted medical treatment offer virtually no protection.

Nearly one-third of patients in the study, for example, did not want to be resuscitated in the event of a crisis. But less than half of their doctors knew of their preference.

Worse, a follow-up study showed that even after an intensive program to improve communications about preferences in dying, there was essentially no change in the ways patients died. "The results . . . shocked me," said Dr. William Knaus, a coordinator of the study.

My parents offer a case in point. They had a fine and caring doctor, who knew and endorsed their wishes to die with dignity at home. Living Will documents were drawn up and repeatedly amended to keep up with constant legislative changes. They had to be signed and posted on the refrigerator door, together with the doctor's order not to resuscitate.

But it was a constant struggle. The fear, of course, was that some nurse or ambulance technician, motivated by a compelling mixture of a wish to help and fear of a lawsuit, would insert



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a breathing tube or an IV. "Once that happens," the doctor warned, "I'm not entirely certain we can ever legally get them out, even though that's what they want, that's what you want, and that's what I want to do."

Part of the problem is that doctors and nurses, hospitals and EMS technicians are all trained to make patients well, not to counsel and comfort them as they die. Another factor is the tremendous advances in medical technology that make it possible to save patients from crises that would have killed them only a few years ago. And the pervasive infestation of medicine with fears of malpractice lawsuits cannot be overstated.

It's exactly this troubling situation that has led to such interest in physician-assisted suicide, as practiced in Michigan by Dr. Jack Kevorkian. In the mind of a person about to die, the argument has a certain elegant logic: If most people are going to die in pain and without dignity, and if the medical system — and legal system, for that matter — don't respond much to the wishes of people about to die, why not find a doctor who is willing to help out?

Most physicians I talk to are appalled at Dr. Kevorkian's antics. And many want to do what they can to help their patients die with dignity in the manner and place of their choosing.

But most are frustrated at an increasingly complex medical system that has failed to adapt to the realities of the times, and and they are outraged at a legal system through which just one misstep by a doctor trying to follow the wishes of a patient can lead to a malpractice case that could ruin a career.

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Cherry takes offense for Dems

"We will move from the defense to the offense," said John Cherry, who takes over Dec. 1 as minority leader of state Senate Democrats.

"We must do more than simply criticize. We must also put forward constructive alternatives to the Republican program," said Cherry, 44, a senator for nine years after four years in the House. A Clio resident, Cherry represents half of Genesee County and six northern townships in Oakland County.

"We can offer asylum to the state's politically homeless — the independents and Republicans who reject the politics of division and false choices."

Elected unanimously to succeed Sen. Art Miller of Warren, Cherry immediately launched four "special projects" by individual senators to define Democratic positions. They are:

- Class size in K-12 schools — Joe Conroy, Flint.

- Federal block grants, which will replace specific aid programs to states and local units — Joe Young Jr., Detroit.

- "Electronic university," or how Michigan students can earn college degrees through use of personal computers — Jackie Vaughn, Detroit. Cherry said this project could help working couples and single mothers become educated to break into the middle class.

- Privacy issues due to advancements in telecommunications — Michael O'Brien, Detroit.

The new minority leader plans no major and just a few minor committee assignment changes after the first of the year.

Cherry moves up from Democratic floor leader, a post in which he orchestrated Democratic responses to the 22-16 Republican majority's bills. Republicans have

controlled the Senate since 1984.

Succeeding him as floor leader is Virgil Smith, 48, a third-term member from Detroit. Smith, a veteran of 12 years in the House, promised that "we from Detroit are team players."

Smith, also elected unanimously, scored a near-hit in 1992 when he challenged Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair in the Democratic primary. Smith still displays some interest in that office.

Cherry has two degrees from the University of Michigan — in political science and public administration. But his Michigan Manual biography lists no occupation for him prior to his election to the Legislature at age 31.

The Cherrys have a son and daughter. The couple raises prize-winning English springer spaniels.

Miller resigned as minority



Sen. John Cherry

leader after 11 years — the longest tenure ever for a Senate Democratic leader. He recently lost a race for mayor of Warren.

McNamara joins Clinton on trade mission

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara is traveling with President Bill Clinton in Ireland this week as a member of the president's international trade mission.

McNamara is acting as a representative of Michigan, touring Belfast, Shannon and Dublin from Wednesday, Nov. 29, to Saturday, Dec. 2.

The county executive said he's excited about the trip and plans to "see some of the economics of the country," including factories and the benefits of the European Economic Community system.

The itinerary includes tours of several industrial plants and various community business sites.

He said he sees a lot of possi-

bilities for the trip, including furthering a plan to attract international carriers such as Ireland's Aer Lingus to Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

This would fall in with a plan the county is working on now with the secretary of transportation to gain the only direct flights to Beijing, China, at Metro Airport, McNamara said.

After a Wednesday morning

briefing at the White House, McNamara was to travel to Andrews Air Force Base for the trip to Belfast.

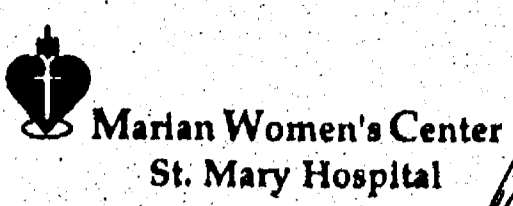
McNamara said he also hopes to talk to Clinton about some of Wayne County's projects, such as expansion at the airport, while on the trip.

He will also attend the presi-

dential address to the Irish Parliament.

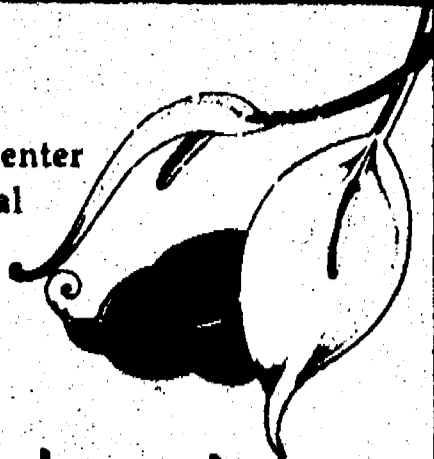
A group of about 40 officials from all over the United States, including the mayors of Chicago and Los Angeles, and the secretaries of commerce and education, will be traveling.

The president's mission in Ireland will be to keep the peace process going in that country, McNamara said.



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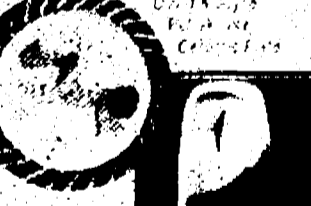
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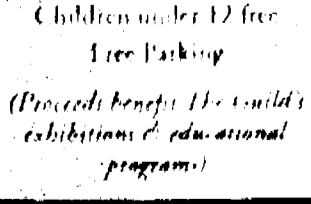
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KAREN MEIER

Test of perfect Christmas tree

Buying the family Christmas tree is a tradition we all have a say in, although some of us seem to have more of a say in it than others.

This family tradition is usually carried out on Dec. 1. We've done it like this for many years now. And so, tomorrow being Dec. 1, we'll pile into the van, after supper when it's cold and dark. That's a good time to buy a Christmas tree, after dark, because that's when the bare light bulbs strung over the tree lot are lit and the stars above shine down. And that's good.

Whatever tree we choose, it'll pass several tests before the lot guy and Ron tie it to the top of our van and we head back home.

The first test is the tallness test. The tree just has to be tall — there are no two ways about that. If it fails this test and the tree looks like a bush — as tall as it is fat — everyone laughs. That's not good. And if the tree is too tall, either the bottom gets chopped off, leaving no room underneath to put presents, which is bad, or the top gets lopped off, which means the tree will look like one of those spooky ones you see after the electric company comes through to clear branches away from overhead wires. This also is not good.

The second test: Trunk straightness. It's hard to determine trunk straightness in the tricky lighting. The bare bulbs in the lot swing back and forth in the December wind and cast crooked shadows. Now why exactly the trunk has to be straight, I'm not sure, but according to Ron, it's got something to do with right angles and chain reactions and the presence of children under the age of 5 and/or pets with four legs. I don't get it.

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All they want for Christmas is . . .

■ If you're making a Christmas list, check it twice to make sure it includes organizations like the Michigan Humane Society, First Step and the Salvation Army which count on the generosity of others to care for those people and animals in need.

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

It's the season to think of giving. And several local organizations are ready for your generosity.

The Michigan Humane Society, with a shelter at 37255 Marquette between Ford Road and Cherry Hill in Westland, has a big wish list.

Topping the list are Rubbermaid totes, a Rubbermaid desk, blank videotapes, organizers, AA batteries, Scripto pens, jumbo paper clips, jumper cables, brooms, snow shovels and snow blower, flashlights, hand soap dispensers, Kleenex, laundry detergent, pickle containers with lids, Polaroid film, 35mm film, guinea pig food, hamster and gerbil food, puppy chow, and cat chow.

Also wanted are markers, sponges, Dawn dish soap, office supplies, canned vegetables, Pine-Sol, rawhide bones, paper towels, duct tape, plastic dust pans, cat and dog toys, a video camera, garbage cans, plastic gloves and drier softness sheets.

"In summer we take in 80 to 90 animals a day," said Tara VanSickle, bookkeeper. "It drops to 50 or 60 a day this time of year. We have dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, guinea pigs and mice. We've had chinchillas and ferrets, too."

VanSickle also reminds gift-givers not to surprise an unsuspecting person with a live animal this



JIM JACOFFEL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Comfort and joy: Eight-week-old Kimber, a shepherd mix puppy, finds comfort and joy in the attention from Michigan Humane Society Westland Shelter employee Tara VanSickle who hopes people will remember the shelter and its occupants this holiday season.

Christmas. "We get a lot of returns after Christmas," said VanSickle. "If you want to give an animal, let the recipient help choose it. It may be that they are allergic to certain animals, or that they can't have a pet in their apartment. Better to find out ahead of time."

The Salvation Army, with locations at 33600 Plymouth Road in Livonia, 2300 Venoy in Westland, and Ford Road east of Middlebelt in Garden City, needs more than a coin or two dropped into its bell-ringer tills.

"We have a shelter program, provide food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and feed the homeless," said Fran, a worker in the Livonia center.

"We'll take anything with resale value — clothes, toys, household goods," said Bill Hudgens, store supervisor at the Romulus location, 33750 Goddard, the center for downriver and western Wayne County Salvation Army stores. "We don't take major appliances like refrigerators, because if they don't work, it costs us a lot of money to haul away. We need items in good condition, no repairs needed."

The one exception is old cars, Hudgens said.

"Even if it's not driveable, we can get scrap value," he said.

Profits are used to fund expenses for the rehabilitation center, which houses recovering alcoholics and drug addicts. Eighty-two people are

currently taking part in the program, which provides food, clothing, shelter and counseling. Participants work 40 hours per week, Hudgens said.

"We make a difference in a person's life," he said. "We can house up to 95 people."

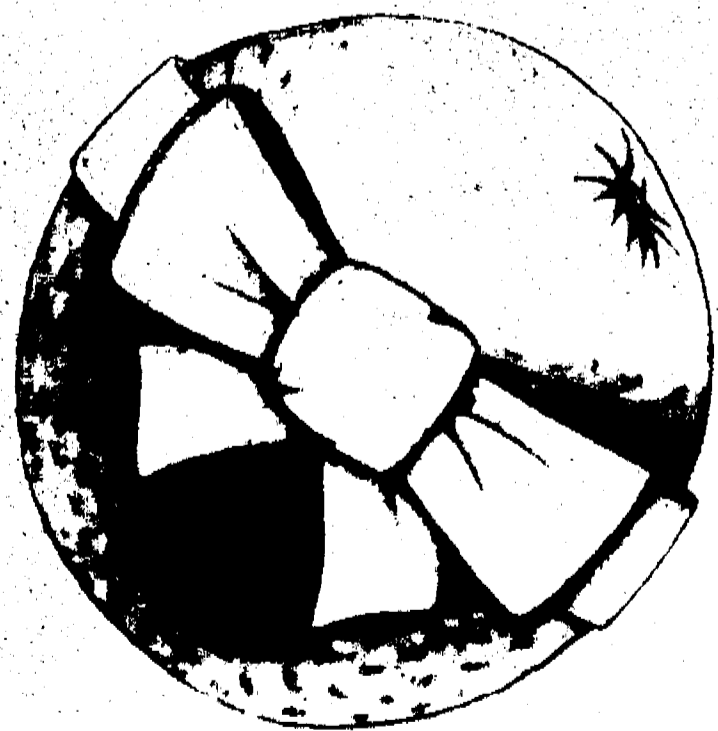
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First Step is a local shelter for battered women and their children, with a house census that hovers around 40 children and adults at any given time.

"We are always in need of new

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Bazaar benefits Third World artisans

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

At a time when most people are thinking about themselves, Debbie Coleman of Canton and St. John Episcopal Church of Plymouth are thinking about others.

The two are collaborating on a winter bazaar which will feature items from Third World countries, including the Philippines, Peru, Cameroon, Bangladesh and Indonesia.

The fair, which also features local artisans, will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

"We don't need to always make money for ourselves," Coleman said. "Sometimes it's important to support the rest of the world. We do a lot of fund raising and kids are always trying to get money more and more for themselves. So it seemed like an important time to do this (and spread the message of sharing)."

The crafts, sold on consignment, are provided by

SELFHELP Crafts of the World, a non-profit alternative trading organization and program of the Mennonite Central Committee.

SELFHELP provides fair income to Third World people by selling their handicrafts and telling their stories to North America. SELFHELP works with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed.

In 1994, SELFHELP craft sales provided the equivalent of more than 11,000 full-time jobs for Third World artisans.

The organization was founded in 1946 when Mennonite Central Committee worker Edna Ruth Byler of Akron, Penn., visited MCC volunteers who taught sewing classes in Puerto Rico. They were looking for ways to improve the lives of their students, many of whom lived in poverty. Byler brought several pieces of embroidery home to sell to friends and neighbors.

The crafts were popular and soon she added cross-stitch needlework from Palestinian refugees and hand-carved Haitian

woodenware to her inventory. In the early 1970s, the flourishing project moved out of Byler's basement and became an official MCC program.

SELFHELP pays up to half the value of a handicraft order when it is placed; the balance when the items are shipped to North America. This provides operating capital for artisans to purchase raw materials and for craft groups to pay workers.

"Byler realized that there were plenty of folks who would be happy to make things, but they had nothing up front," Coleman said.

Coleman was introduced to SELFHELP while living in Marquette, Mich. The first year she held the craft show she made \$3,000 for SELFHELP. By the fourth year, the show raised more than \$17,000 for the organization.

"Once people knew it was going to be there, they waited with all their Christmas money to come to the sale," she said.

Coleman explained that instead of buying a plastic gift for \$4.95 at the mall as a holiday gift, buyers

can purchase a carved soap stone as a gift. Other items for sale in the past include rain sticks, carved African masks, jute ornaments, jewelry from all over the world, carved animals, brass items from India, candlesticks and baskets from the Philippines.

"It's so reasonable because there's no overhead," Coleman said.

Because the prices are so low, Coleman admitted that she has sometimes gotten flack from import stores. She just tells them: "If you weren't overcharging people, it wouldn't be a problem."

"This is not a profit thing," she added. "We don't do that for that reason. St. John's is very good at doing outreach and this is yet another way to do that."

For more information about SELFHELP Crafts of the World, write to the project at: 704 Main St., P.O. Box 800, Akron, Penn. 17501-0500; call (717) 859-4971; or inquire by fax at (717) 859-2622.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Worldly crafts: Wooden carvings from Africa, handmade baskets from the Philippines, jewelry and metal sculptures are among the work of Third World artisans Debbie Coleman of Canton has lined up for a SELFHELP bazaar at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth on Saturday.

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but Ron always sounds to convincing, I believe him.

Third test: The needles must stay on the branches no matter what test. A tree gets spotted from the bunch leaning up against the fence and Ron'll pull it out into the open to size it up. Then he gives it a mighty shake. If no needles fall off, we take that tree, no matter what -- no matter if it looks like a bush or a pretzel, we take it. This third test, the needle test, is the ultimate test; it overrides all other tests. If the needles stay on, on top of the van it goes.

It's so unfair, this third test. It's so difficult for trees to pass. Most of them never have a chance and they get unceremoniously thrown back in the heap, looking rejected and sorry and sad.

I have a considerable soft spot in my heart for these Christmas trees; I'm like Charlie Brown that way. It seems to me that with just a little love and a family to gather round, any tree, even a spindly one, could look beautiful. But it doesn't seem that way at all to Ron. He believes in perfection in

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the evergreen department. Imperfections, blemishes — unacceptable.

He clearly has a Type A personality — Type A for Artificial tree. He has threatened and growled and paged through the Frank's and Sears ads over the year. He seeks perfect girth, perfect height, perfect color, perfectly behaved needles. He wants fake.

"But what about the piney, Christmassy smell of the real tree?" I ask.

He tells me they have stuff you can spray on the fake tree to make it piney smelling.

I say, "What about the birds' nests we sometimes find in the crook of the arms of the tree?"

"Oh, good question. I have a big

gob of those shiny aluminum icicle things into the branches. That'll look nesty enough."

Can you believe this?

Men.

Anyway, last year as he paged through a Kmart flier, Ron exclaimed, "Look at this. An electronic, musical bird nest with flashing red lights that sings 'Jingle Bells' continuously."

I was standing at the stove stirring a pan of Christmas fudge. The fudge and my Christmas dreams seemed to be going up in smoke all at once. The simple, old-fashioned pleasures of Christmas seemed to have been lost on this man I married. Smelly spray and electronic bird's nests and engineered hunks and aluminum icicles and flashing lights and impeccably mannered needles never, ever to become peccable and if they did, just order the replacement kit for \$9.99.

I looked up from my fudge, unable to find words to say to this man. He was looking back at me, smiling. And without wasting a second, he lovingly said, "It's Dec. 1, dear, let's go buy our

Christmas tree. Get everyone bundled up, it'll be cold out there in that tree lot."

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

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children's underwear, socks, and slippers, stuffed bears, and women's clothes, too," said Mary Joyce, donation coordinator. "For Christmas, new games and toys for children are needed — especially toys for older children like 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds. Things like clock radios, headphones, footballs and basketballs. No gun toys or other violent toys."

Other items needed are canned food, cleaning supplies, paper

towels, and toiletries. Money donations are always appreciated. First Step is at 5820 Lilley Road, Canton.

Focus:Hope has two major programs for holiday giving: Share Christmas with a Senior and Family to Family.

"A volunteer can adopt a single senior or a senior citizen couple and provide them with groceries and other necessities," a

Focus:Hope volunteer said.

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Schafer-Scheuher

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A December wedding is planned in Fowler.

Michell-Twomley

Kenneth and Dina Michell of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Suzanne Marie, to Michael Todd Twomley, the son of Robert and Patricia Twomley of Linden. The bride is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed by the Ford Motor Company as a financial analyst. Her fiancé is a graduate of General Motors Institute. He is employed by Chrysler as an engineer. A December wedding in Rose-dale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia is planned.



Adams-Shulkin

Clifford Adams of Northville and Patricia Menna of Trenton announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Anne, to David Michael Shulkin, the son of Joseph and Jean Schlubatis of Battle Creek and Gordon Shulkin of Bangor, Maine. The bride is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Central Michigan University. She

is employed as an office manager for a general contractor in West Bloomfield. Her fiancé is a graduate of Gull Lake High School in Battle Creek and Central Michigan University. He is employed as a station manager for the Macomb Cable Network in Mount Clemens. A Christmas wedding is planned in the First United Methodist Church in Ferndale, followed by a honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains.

Wark-Pearson

Roberta Ruth Pearson and Aron Frederick Wark were married May 6 in Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Dr. Robert Selberg officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin Pearson of Plymouth and Nantucket, Mass. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wark of Akron, Mich. The bride earned her bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a paralegal certificate from University of Detroit-Mercy. She is employed at the law firm of Stock and Leader in York, Pa. The groom is a graduate of Michigan State University where he earned his bachelor of science degree in packaging engineering. He is employed by Graham Packaging in York as a process engineer. Maureen Naomi O'Sullivan served as maid of honor with bridesmaids, Lauren Beth Pearson, Barbara Anne Pearson and Anne Valentine.



Alan Wark served as best man with Curt Lindenberg, Andy Bernis, Timothy Cramer, David Duke and Jason Valentine as groomsmen and ushers.

The couple received guests at the Eagle Tavern in Greenfield Village before leaving on a cruise to the Bahamas.

They are making their home in York, Pa.

Gamache-Zielinski

Gary and Susan Gamache of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh, to Norman Joseph Zielinski, son of Norm and Connie Zielinski of Dearborn Heights. The bride-to-be is pursuing a degree in education at Wayne State University. She is employed by Willow Creek Co-op Preschool as an assistant teacher. The groom is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering, also at Wayne State University. He is employed by AFL as a design engineer. A June 1996 wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.



Jones-Campbell

Lynn Marie Campbell and Aaron D. Jones were married Sept. 23 at the University Lutheran Chapel in Ann Arbor. Pastor Edward Krauss officiated. The bride is the daughter of Roger and Madeline VanOmen of Livonia and the late Robert B. Campbell. The groom is the son of Larry Jones of Hollywood, Fla., and Shirley Lambert of Ypsilanti. The bride is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Ferris State University. She is employed as the manager of a country club. The groom is a graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School and

Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by General Motors as a manufacturing engineer. The bride asked Beth Mirabittur to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Amy Campbell, Jane Moylan and Linda Transou. Ashleigh Jones was the junior bridesmaid. The groom asked Zeke Jones to serve as best man with Bob, Brett and Todd Campbell as groomsmen. The ushers were Jason and Matthew Jones. A newlyweds received guests at the Washtenaw Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon in the Greek Islands. They are making their home in Ann Arbor and at a year-round cottage in Houghton Lake.

Send in announcements

Local engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements run in the Thursday editions of The Observer. Residents of Livonia, Redford, Garden City and Westland, should send their engagement, wedding or anniversary information, with or without photograph, to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Residents of the Plymouth-Canton area should

send information to The Observer, 744 Wing St., Plymouth 48170. Preprinted forms that outline the information needed for your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement are available at either office. If you have questions regarding your announcement, call Sue Mason in Livonia at (313) 953-2131 or Bridget Moran in Plymouth at (313) 459-2700.

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Latter-day Saints' creche exhibit returns for 8th year

Nativity scenes from all over the world will be shown along with handmade quilts at The Creche, an annual nativity display by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, scheduled for Friday through Monday, Dec. 1-4.

The nativities will be on display free of charge 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 1, 2 and 4 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 3. The church is located at 31460 Six Mile at Merriman in Livonia.

"We love sharing our nativities and quilts with the community," said Leelle Snow, co-chair for this year's exhibit. "It seems like this is the best time of year to pull everyone together and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas."

More than 600 nativity scenes from more than 30 countries will be represented at the church at the corner of Six Mile and Merriman roads in Livonia. The nativities are made of many materials, including clay, stone, porcelain, fabric, metals, gingerbread, chocolate, corn husks, shucks, Israeli olive wood and even mud and dung.

A creche is an artistic representation of the birth of Jesus. Whether called the French "crèche," Italian "presepio," Spanish "nacimientto," the German "krippe," the Irish "manger" or the British "crib," the recreation of the nativity scene is one of the oldest and most sacred

Christian traditions.

St. Francis of Assisi created the forerunner of the modern creche in the Italian village of Greccio in 1223. One December night, he saw shepherds sleeping in moonlit fields and recalled the first Christmas. Inspired by the sight and desiring to see the Baby Jesus in the manger with his own eyes, he set about re-enacting the Bethlehem scene with real people and animals.

"This is the eighth year for the Creche in our area and each year more and more people are visiting," said Richard Thorderson, co-chair. "Not only is the fame of the Creche spreading but also the fame of the man who's birth we celebrate, Jesus Christ, and that's the whole purpose of our exhibit."

Also on exhibit will be hand-pieced, hand-appliqued quilts. Local businesswoman Sue Cleary is one of the many women provid-

ing the quilts along with her mother Eunice Clevenger who lives in Ohio. Clevenger, the primary contributor of quilts for the show, will introduce her latest quilt, made especially for this year's exhibit.

Joel Tapley, new co-chair this year, has been organizing the musical performances. There will be four programs, ranging from choirs to video presentations. The performances will be 7-8 p.m.

Dec. 1, 3 and 4, and 4-5 p.m. Dec. 2.

"We are really looking forward to this year's music," he said. "We have many special presentations, and like the nativities, they represent cultures from all over the world."

"We look forward to seeing the community come together this year and hope all will feel welcome," added Kathy Facione, co-chair.



Nativity scene: Among the creches displayed this weekend will be Thomas F. Clark's "Mary II," made from crushed pecan shells.

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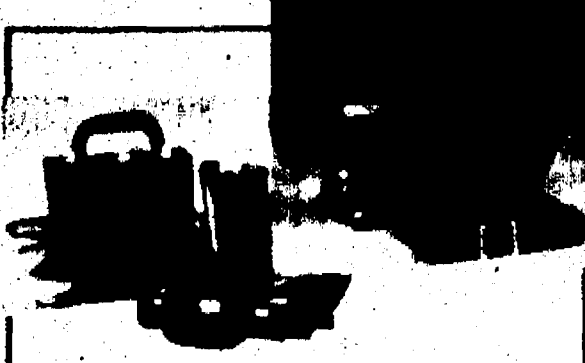
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

MOPS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will sponsor MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) beginning in January. The program is designed to meet neglected "mom needs" and offers fun, friendship and education. Preschool children 6 years and younger are welcome to join in the MOPPET program. MOPS will meet 2-4:30 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Registration is being accepted through Friday, Dec. 1. For more information, call the church at (313) 522-6830.

SELLING BOOKS
The youths of Westland Free Methodist Church are selling Entertainment books now through Friday, Dec. 1. The books cost \$40 and offer hundreds of discounts and two-for-one offers at local restaurants and merchants. Money raised will support the teens who will be attending a youth rally in Chicago. For more information, call pastor Ron at (313) 728-2600.

St. Aidan is also selling Entertainment books for \$40. Proceeds will be used to send members to the annual CYO Rainbow Youth Conference. Books can be purchased in the parish office, Farmington Road in Livonia. For more information, call (313) 425-5950.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
The Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West are holding their Christmas Fellowship Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (1/4 mile east of Newburgh Road), Livonia. The cost is

\$5 and members are asked to bring oral hygiene products for First Step. The program includes the installation of officers by Bonnie June Legge, and a story by JoAnn Korczynska from the Storytellers Guild. For more information, call (313) 464-0029.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST
The Detroit Presbytery Men's Council's 15th annual Advent Communion Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 Jefferson Ave., Detroit. The guest speaker will be Gene Goya, president of Gleaners Community Food Bank. His topic will be "Feeding the Hungry." Tickets cost \$6 and reservations are limited to 300. They are available from the Detroit Presbytery Office at (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin at (313) 425-3024.

ADVENT RETREAT
Madonna University will hold an Advent retreat, "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in its residence hall, Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. The Rev. Bob Schramm, associate director of the Weber Retreat and Conference Center in Adrian, will conduct the event. Cost is \$12 and includes lunch. For more information, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais, campus ministry director, at (313) 432-6419.

'GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'
Tickets are on sale now for Temple Baptist's dramatic Christmas musical, "The Glory of Christmas." There will be seven performances of the musical, based on the "real" meaning of Christmas — 7-9:30 p.m. Friday and Satur-

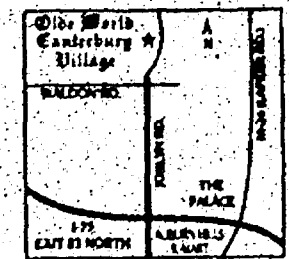
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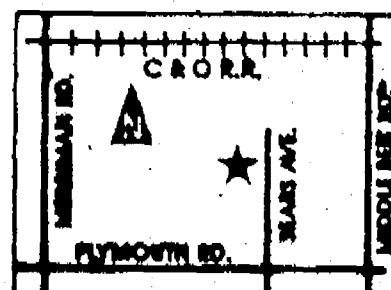
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day, Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16, and 5-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the church, West Chicago at Telegraph Road, Redford. Tickets are priced at \$4 and \$6 for balcony and main floor seating. No children under age 4 will be admitted and no nursery will be provided. For more information, call the ticket hotline at (313) 255-3339.

■ 'LIVING TREE'
The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will present "The Living Christmas Tree" in four performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3, and Sunday and Monday, Dec. 10-11, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, west of I-275, Plymouth Township.

Done as a present to the community, the 25-foot-tall tree will be decorated with thousands of lights and filled with more than 60 singers and 15 musicians. The AYU A Cappella Quartet also will perform on Dec. 3, 10 and 11. The performances are free of charge. For more information, call the church at (313) 453-1525.

■ BAKE SALE
The Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Congregation of Plymouth will have its annual Christmas bake sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the church, 290 Fairground, Plymouth. Upper Peninsula-style pasties, pulla (nisua) tarts and more will be available. For more information, call (313) 451-0500.

■ RADIO SHOWS
The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. Topics include "Christian Science Healing: Fraud Or Fact?" on Dec. 3; "Christian Science and the Entertainment Industry" on Dec. 10; "Does Christian Science Heal Serious Illness?" on Dec. 17; "What Makes Christian Science Christian?" on Dec. 24; and "What Proof Do You Have That Christian Science Heals?" on Dec. 31. The series also can be heard at 8:30 a.m. Sundays on KKLW-AM 800. The series is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, call 1-800-886-1212.

■ CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
Calvary Baptist Church in Canton will present three special Christmas concerts, beginning with "Come In From The Cold" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. The concert, featuring Celebrate & Co. (the youth choir), will be a musical/dramatic look at the cold and warmth surrounding Christmas, and at the concert, the youth will be collecting warm clothing to give to the needy. The second concert will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. "A Christmas Fantasia" is the church's annual Christmas presentation, featuring the Celebration Choir and soloists. The performances will feature both a cappella selections and arrangements of familiar Christmas music, accompanied by a full orchestra. A special feature will be a music segment by the CBC Vocal Ensemble. The final concert will be "Twinkle and the All-Star Angelic Band" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. This year's musical by Hosanna 1 (the Primary Choir) will provide a fun and cute glimpse into Christmas as celebrated among one of heaven's younger choirs. Calvary Baptist Church is at 43065 Joy, Canton. For more information, call (313) 455-0022.

■ HANGING OF GREENS
Livonia Baptist Church will have its annual Hanging of the Greens service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the church, 32940 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Participants are invited to stay for a reception in the fellowship hall following the service. For more information, call (313) 422-3763.

■ IN CONCERT
Jack Dunn, pastor, invites the community to hear Presence in concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Presence offers a broad and diverse repertoire of spirituals, jazz, southern gospel, traditional favorites and contemporary originals, performed with harmonic warmth. A nursery will be provided for children up to age 4.

■ 'MIRACLE ON FIVE'
The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church is holding its fourth annual "Miracle on Five Mile" Christmas auction at its fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. The church is on Five Mile,

east of Haggerty. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served. For more information, call (313) 420-0131.

■ SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Dr. Jerry Smith as its guest for "Talk It Over" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, in Knox Hall of the church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile, Livonia. His topic will be "Here We Come a Carolling." Free child care will be available.

Other Single Point activities in December include BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) for adults only at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark

Road north of Schoolcraft; volleyball in Knox Hall at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Christmas caroling followed by a potluck dessert at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15; and a Christmas celebration in Knox Hall at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. on a first come-first served basis and costing \$5 (free child care available). For more information, call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

■ MADRIGAL DINNER
Roseland Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia will present a Madrigal dinner at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. Participants are invited to spend an evening of

tradition brought to England from Italy in the 16th century. The dinner concert will feature madrigal music and singing woven around a roast prime rib of beef dinner. Tickets cost \$25 per person and can be ordered by calling (313) 422-0494.

■ WASSAIL FEAST
The St. Agatha Choir groups will host a Wassail Feast in the English tradition at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. The school gymnasium will be converted into a bucolic setting for the feast which will include punch and hors d'oeuvres, baked herb chicken with the trimmings, wine, dessert, coffee and tea prepared by the Rev. Thomas Slowinski, pastor.

The King and Queen will hold court, beginning with a grand procession, and troubadors, musicians, instrumentalists and rowdy peasants will entertain throughout the evening. There also will be a cash bar.

Tickets are \$20 per person, with tables for eight available. Reservations, accompanied by full payment, must be made by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. Call (313) 631-0371 for more information. St. Agatha Church is at 19760 Beech Daly, Redford.

■ MADRIGAL FEAST
Redford Presbyterian Church will host a Madrigal feast Saturday, Dec. 9, at the church, 22122 McNichols. Participants will gather at the wassail bowl at 6:30

p.m., followed by a roast beef dinner at 7 p.m. There will be drama, continual music and entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-16 years of age and free for children 5 years and under. Reservations for tables of eight are available. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, Dec. 6. For more information, call (313) 421-6723.

■ VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT
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ST. MARY HOSPITAL

St. Mary Hospital will have its third annual holiday crafts show 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 2 and noon and 5 p.m. Dec. 3 in the auditorium on the lower level near the Five Mile Road entrance to the hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Admis-

sion is free. There will be a variety of holiday crafts, ceramics, jewelry, woodworking, a bake sale, refreshments and a prize drawing. Exhibitor tables are available for \$30 a table on Dec. 2 and \$20 a table on Dec. 3. (313) 591-2912

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 8-10

HANDCRAFTERS

Handcrafters will sponsor its 14th annual Christmas arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 9

and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. More than 70 juried artisans will display their work in florals, stained glass, wood, clothing and holiday items. Lunch also will be available. Ad-

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SENIOR HOUSE

Senior House Retirement Home, 11525 Farmington Road, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia, is having its annual Christmas bazaar from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The show will feature handmade gifts, ornaments and a white elephant table. Refreshments will be sold along with homemade breads, cakes and pies. Admission is free. Madeline at (313) 425-3050

Friday, Dec. 1

LIVONIA SENIORS

The Livonia Senior Citizens' annual arts and crafts sale and show will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Civic Park Senior Citizens Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. All items offered will be handmade. Mary Ann Naboychik at (313) 422-5010

Friday, Dec. 1-Saturday, Dec. 2

ABINGTON MANOR

Abington Manor, 37501 Joy Road, west of Newburgh, is holding a Christmas craft show and bake sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (313) 451-1155

Saturday, Dec. 2

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will have its holiday craft show and sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2, at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. (313) 721-7044

FAITH LUTHERAN

Faith Lutheran Church will have its second annual craft show/cookie walk 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. A lunch counter will be available and admission is free. (313) 532-8728

LATHERS SCHOOL

Lathers School will have its 24th annual Christmas boutique, featuring 90 tables of crafters, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the school 28351 Marquette, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Senior citizens and children under 12 will be admitted free. (313) 427-5756

FARMINGTON WOMEN

Farmington-Area Community Women will host their 20th annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 2 at Farmington Hills Activity Center, formerly the Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads), Farmington Hills. Use Gate 4 to enter. Proceeds from the \$1 admission go to local charities.

Saturday, Dec. 2-Sunday, Dec. 3

IRISH CHRISTMAS

An Irish Christmas bazaar will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 2 and noon-5 p.m. Dec. 3 at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, west of Telegraph Road. Holiday crafts, Irish imports, calendars, music

Exhibition to feature AIDS quilt

Well aware of the number of local and national artists affected by AIDS, the Wayne County Council for the Arts and Wayne County Health Department are sponsoring an exhibition of quilt panels of the celebrated Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt this weekend.

The exhibition to acknowledge the losses and call attention to the disease will feature quilts created in memory of Wayne County residents who lost their battles with AIDS.

The two quilts are made up of eight panels each and commemorate the lives of Wayne County AIDS victims. In all, 32 panels created by friends, loved ones and family members will be displayed.

Following a benefit gathering to open the display this evening (Nov. 30), featuring an award-winning video by Harvey Ovahinsky, "Tony and Friends," the exhibit will be open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Monday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the The Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph St., Detroit.

The health department will have educational materials and displays available during the exhibition.

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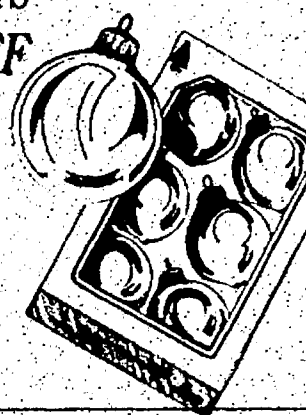
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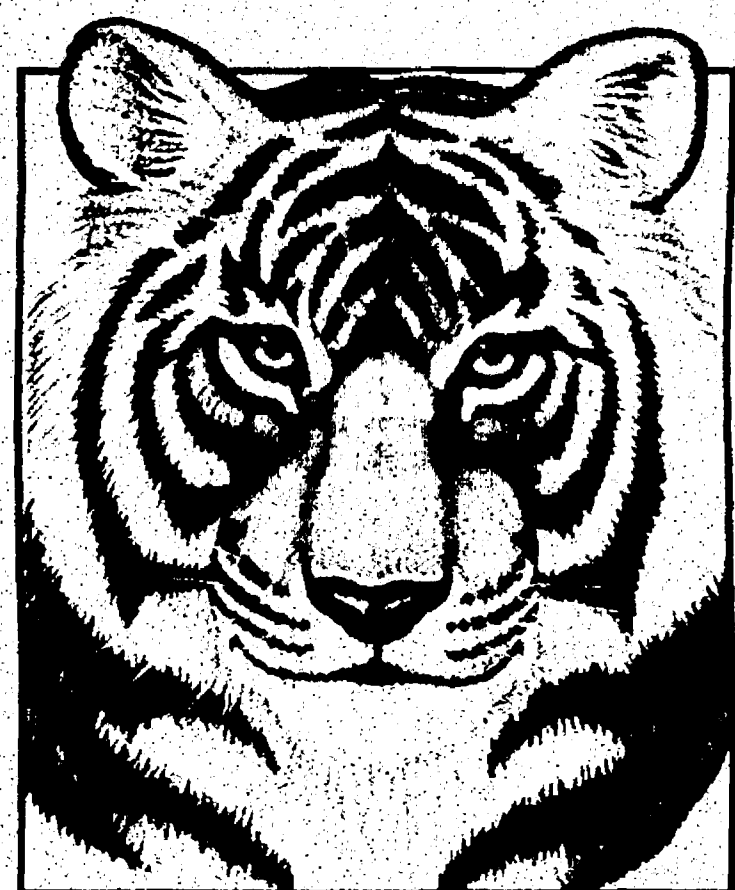


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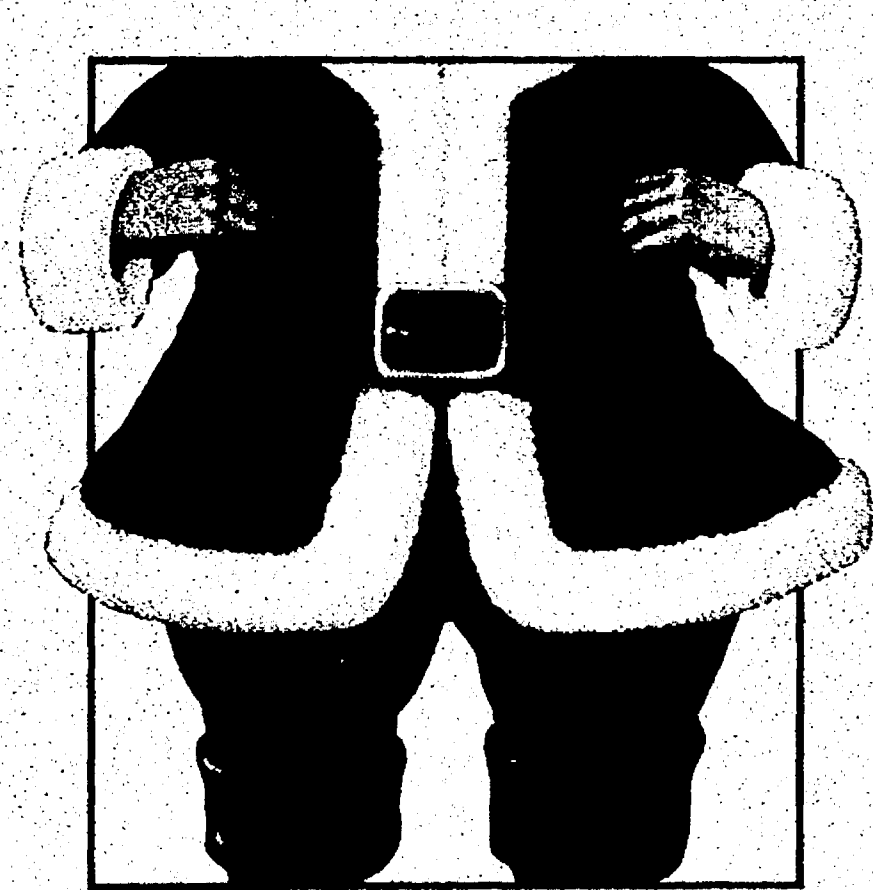
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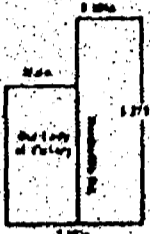
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Writer keeps herself busy, involved

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LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene, I have written to you several times, but never received an answer through the Eccentric (Newspapers). I would like very much to have my handwriting analyzed.

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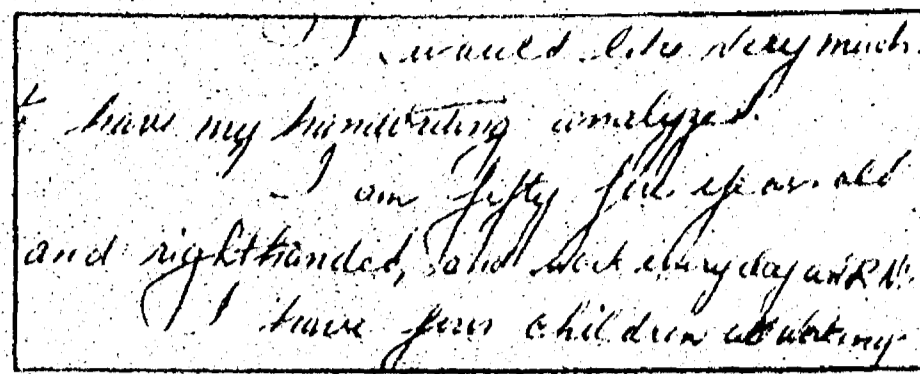
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portance on this person than on herself.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please write a few paragraphs

about yourself, using a full sheet of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies are not possible. However, objective feedback is welcome.

DAR chapter marks its 54th anniversary

Members of the John Sackett Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently celebrated a milestone, the group's 54th anniversary.

Members gathered on Nov. 11 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, an appropriate place since that's where the original members gathered in 1941 to organize the chapter. Sadly, none of the mem-

bers who were present at the first meeting were on hand for the celebration.

Storyteller Florence Dinghy Sharp, great-granddaughter of Clement Moore who wrote "A Visit from St. Nick," was the guest speaker. She entertained with her story of how the poem was written and how her grandfather told it to her when she was a child.

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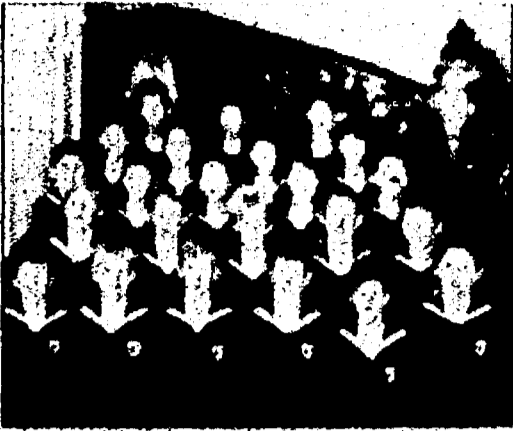
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FRIDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens their Christmas Festival with the Vienna Choir Boys at Orchestra Hall. Call (313) 833-3700 for tickets.

SATURDAY



Kenny Rogers presents "Christmas from the Heart" and performs your holiday favorites at the Fox. Call (810) 433-1515 for tickets

SUNDAY



Mary Benson and John Patrick Lowrie star in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol." Call (810) 377-3300 for ticket information.



Hot fix: Donny Osmond stars in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Call (810) 645-6666 for tickets.



ART EMANUELZ/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After: "The Magic Cave," an abstract painting by Kenneth Barbb, is meant to trigger thought in the viewer.

Painter takes purple to the cutting edge

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • SPECIAL WRITER

No watercolor landscapes or florals for Kenneth Barbb. The 51-year-old painter's work has always been on the cutting edge. In recent years, his acrylic moonscapes and scenes from out of this world kept to a palette of purple and black. Barbb's still using those colors, but now he's trading in his representational style for abstraction.

"I felt like I was starting to get stagnant. Instead of that happening, I'm changing," said Barbb.

"I'm really enjoying abstracts because it's a challenge. Because you're not using shapes or forms, it's non-structural, it helps me be expressive."

Barbb also switches themes in the new paintings. Formerly, social statements concerning man's destruction of the environment played center stage. In his new work — although the paintings seem to emit religious overtones, because they are non-representational in nature — Barbb leaves the intent up to the viewer to decide. His "Essence of the Rainbow" series is not for those in search of a pretty picture, he said.

"The Essence of the Rainbow is color. That's the reason for the black background, because I want you to pay attention to the color I'm presenting. I like purple and use a lot of variations of magenta and plum. It's all build-up of color. Most of these are done with a palette knife with some brush work added after," said Barbb, an admirer of Claude Monet's use of color to create softness and tranquility.

"I'm adding textures now. I think it gives the painting more feeling, life, more

depth. It gives it soul and makes it interesting."

Barbb titles all of his works with words which provoke thought. His intent is to send the viewer on a journey of time and space. All one needs to know about his latest painting titled "Before Forever" is Barbb believes strongly that everything comes from one source. Some people call it a universal mind. He calls it God.

"I think that titles are important. They tell you where I'm coming from in a way. But what it all comes down to, it's whatever you want it to be; futuristic or right here and now. It's your own time and space."

A member of the Garden City Fine Arts Association for the last four years, Barbb will exhibit his new paintings in the group's Holiday Art Show and Sale Dec. 4-9 at Sheridan Square. This is the first time he's shown his work in more than a year, although Barbb exhibited widely in the past.

"I quit showing, but I never quit painting. As far back as I can remember, I was always drawing. I wouldn't quit now," said Barbb, who works in building maintenance in order to feed not only his family but his painting habit.

"I want to be able to paint and support myself and my family. I hope to eventually have work in galleries in Birmingham (Michigan), Chicago, or New York City."

Barbb's 11-year old son Frank, a student at St. Dunstan's School in Garden City, "really likes his paintings," Barbb said.

"He'll say, 'That's a good one, dad.' Maybe Barbb is onto something since changing his style and painting methods. After all, that's quite a compliment coming from the next generation.

Holiday Art Show and Sale

What: A juried exhibit of original art by members of the Garden City Fine Arts Association. For more information call (313) 261-0379.

When: Dec. 4-9 with an opening reception and awards presentation 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Sheridan Square, 30000 Ford Road (between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt), Garden City.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association Holiday Sales Show

What: A juried art and craft show featuring more than 135 exhibitors.

When: Through Dec. 9. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Where: 1516 South Cranbrook Road north of 14 Mile in Birmingham.

For information call (810) 644-0866.

New clay inspires artist

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Warren Agee works with a new medium called polymer clay to craft jewelry and collectible boxes with an eye on designs of the future. Polymer clay, or Fimo as it's known by its brand name, is a man-made material resembling clay in its raw state. Once heated to 275 degree F., polymer will take on the appearance of wood, plastic, metal and glass depending upon the techniques used. Unlike clay, artists sculpt, drill, carve and sand it like wood and metal. Agee works with polymer in much the same way as glass artists do when creating millifiori rods for bead making.

He buys long, thin canes of color to create patterned designs only revealed when the rods are sliced in

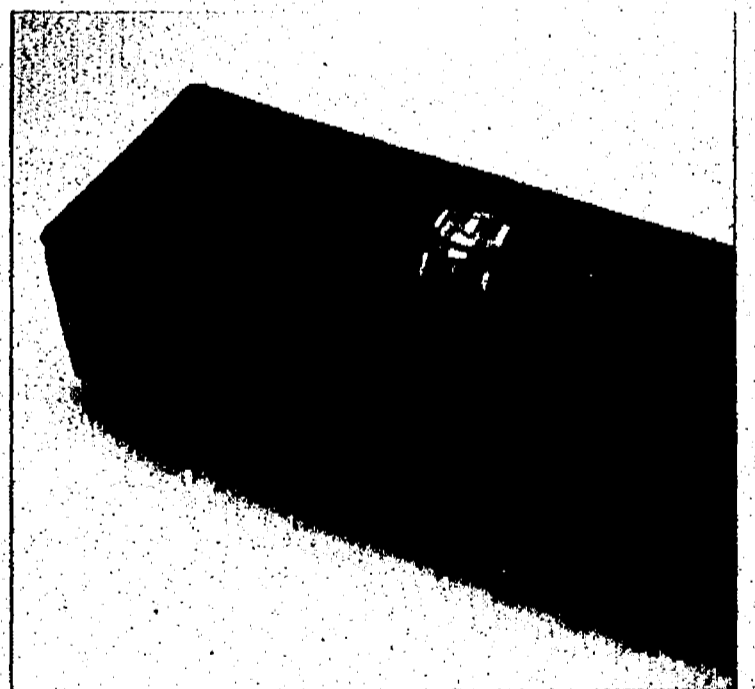
cross-sections.

"Since it's a new material, we use a lot of kitchen tools to work the clay. I use a kitchen processor to soften it up. A pasta machine rolls out thin sheets of it for making the boxes," said Agee, whose work is on display through Dec. 9 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association Holiday Sales Show.

"Polymer clay started about 20 or 30 years ago. It was originally used to make food placed in miniature doll-houses. Then artists started experimenting with it to make jewelry. It's a young material, so the possibilities are almost limitless."

Agee's architecture studies at Lawrence Technological University in

CLAY continued inside



Black Box: Agee flattens sheets of polymer clay with a manual pasta machine to make collectible boxes.

JOIN THE CHORUS OF HOLIDAY CONCERTS

This holiday season will be filled with "Silent Nights," "Chestnuts Roasting on an open fire," and "Silver Bells."

Music is an important part of the Christmas celebration. Local bands and orchestras will present some of those "Yuletide Carols," at these upcoming concerts and events.

■ Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents "The Nutcracker" with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company, Dec. 1, 2 & 3 at Plymouth Salem High School. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and 8 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 2, 3. Tickets are \$14 adults and seniors, \$8 students. A "Sugar Plum Tea" follows the Dec. 3 performance for an additional \$3. (\$4 at the door). Call (313) 451-2112.

■ Livonia Symphony Orchestra is joining Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Ballet to present "The Nutcracker" 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at the James P. Carl Auditorium, Churchill High School, Livonia. Tickets are \$16; seniors 62 and over, \$12; students and chil-

dren 21 & under \$8. Call (313) 421-1111. Two guest dancers from Toronto's National Ballet Company will also be performing.

On Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. the symphony will present a "White Christmas Benefit" at the Italian/American Club, 39200 Five Mile Road (west of Newburgh) in Livonia. Special guest artists are vocalists Jamie Coe and Renata Del Signore, and Johnny Trudell, trumpet. There will be cocktails and an array of appetizers and sweets offered prior to the concert which begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, and must be purchased in advance. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 522-1100.

■ Plymouth Community Chorus will present a concert of traditional and wonderful new carols 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Friday & Saturday, Dec. 1, 2, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$8, available in advance at Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Dearborn Music, 42678 Ford Road, Canton, call (313) 455-4089.

■ Schoolcraft College Community Choir is performing their traditional holiday program "A Christmas Interlude," at two local churches in December. The concert will feature traditional holiday selections and a Christmas sing-along. A string ensemble, flute, traditional folk instruments and handbells accompany the choir.

The first concert will be 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St. Tickets \$4 available at the door.

The second performance will be 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 W. Six Mile Road (between Merriman and Middlebelt). Donations will be accepted during intermission. For more information, call (313) 462-4448.

■ Fairlane Music Guild will feature Renaissance Voices at a concert 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Henry Ford Estate - Fairlane, University of Michigan Dearborn. Tickets are by reservation only, call (313) 593-5590.

■ Rachman Symphony Choir will present Handel's "Messiah" 8 p.m. Saturday at Old St. Mary's Church in Greetown and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at St. Alfred's Church (Telegraph & Wick Roads) Taylor. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call (313) 323-3514.

■ Madonna University will present a chorale Christmas concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 in the Pelican Motherhouse Chapel, 1-96 at Levan Road, Livonia. Music by Pergolesi, Rutter, Victoria, and traditional carols. Admission \$3, students and children \$2, call (313) 432-5708.

■ Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan will present their first concert of the season 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 at Laurel Manor, 3980 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Tickets \$7 at the door. For information, call (313) 422-6194.

■ Livonia Civic Chorus will present "Down the Chimney," a Christmas concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Chardonville High School, 20165 Middlebelt, Livonia. Free admission, no ticket necessary.

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Southfield clearly influence designs. The collectible boxes resemble buildings, although in an abstract manner. Contemporary yet classic, they reflect the 29-year-old artist's affinity for detail. The latest pieces from Agee's Satellite collection resemble remnants of some primitive civilization, possibly African. These new designs come from his subconscious while practicing a metaphysical energy balance technique or form of meditative state called Reiki.

"My journey in becoming an artist has also been a spiritual journey. Reiki opens up your creativity. A lot of polymer work is light and happy and whimsical. And that's fine, but this is a high-tech space age material, and I feel my work should reflect that," Agee said.

"Sometimes I almost feel the work is a primitive artifact from an alien race that landed here

thousands of years ago, yet it's futuristic."

Art never interested Agee while a student at Stevenson High School in Livonia where he concentrated on preparing himself for a career in architecture. Instead, drafting classes inspired his exacting nature. His studies at LTU on a full scholarship failed to satisfy, he says, because of the curriculum. He switched subjects and schools. Half-way through a degree in computer science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Agee quit when he discovered polymer clay and "the artist that was deep inside burst forth, unstoppable." It probably had more to do with the fact he wasn't working with his hands all this time. From the age of 13 knitting ingrained in him the enjoyment gained from the tactile sense of fibers. He stumbled onto polymer clay while ordering custom buttons for a sweater at a knit shop

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Warren Agee

in Birmingham. They were made of polymer. Excited by the relatively new medium, he joined the Metro Detroit Polymer Guild to further his knowledge of the material. Nan Roche's book, "The New Clay: Techniques and Approaches to Jewelry Making" became his bible.

"I'd always done things artistically like macramé, wood burning and model rocketry but it never held my interest. Then I started experimenting with polymer making jewelry. I became encouraged when I began entering shows and was accepted."

Agee realized before long that marketing was the key to any artist's success. He placed an advertisement in "Niche," a magazine aimed at progressive retailers looking for hand made crafts. Last fall in an attempt to gain his share of the marketplace Agee exhibited in a wholesale craft show.

Although far from successful, it whet his appetite for the business end of art. Agee now has work in several galleries and art centers around the country including the Riki Schaffer Gallery in Pontiac and Gallery 222 in Dearborn. He plans to show his new line in February in Philadelphia at the Buyer's Market of American Craft, the largest wholesale craft show in the country. He sees the \$1,200 booth fee as an investment in the future.

"With corporate downsizing, you just don't get the stability in making a living anymore. My plan is to turn this into a full-time business. I'd eventually like to inspire other people the way I've been inspired. A lot of artists slip through the cracks even though they're extremely talented because they don't know how to market their work."

Canton Project Arts holds fine art show

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Arts editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schookcraft, Livonia 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

CANTON ART SHOW

The third annual fine art show presented by Canton Project Arts promises to be one of the highest quality shows of the season. Mary Stephenson, former assistant curator of 20th century art at the Detroit Institute of Arts, served as juror for the 65-piece show opening Dec. 2 at Summit on the Park in Canton Township. From a total of 200 entries, Stephenson chose the best in painting, pottery and photography from Southeast Michigan.

The show, with cash awards totaling \$1,500, continues through Dec. 10. For more information call Canton volunteer coordinator Kathleen Salla at (313) 397-6450.

ARTBEAT

POTTERY DEMONSTRATION

Watch Garden City ceramic artist Judy Buresh throw pottery in demonstrations Dec. 2-3 at Dream Catchers, 340 E. Maple in Birmingham. The two-day show premieres Buresh's new work, including limited edition Felix Navidad decorative tiles. There will also be holiday price reductions taken on all of Buresh's pottery remaining in the gallery.

Known for her glass-bottom bowls and platters, Buresh creates her own glazes just as potters did hundreds of years ago. She specializes in the colors of the ocean, sky and earth. Buresh's studies on the ancient pottery of Korea, Japan, China and Thailand heavily influence the work crafted in her Rising Moon Pottery.

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Hilberry drama has deep focus

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BY TONY LAWRY
SPECIAL WRITER

Many plays only have one basic plot to look at. Craig Lucas' "Prelude to a Kiss," however, does not fall into this stereotype. It focuses on a love story but contains a deep meaning about relationships.

Wayne State's Hilberry Theatre opened their 1995-96 season with a '90s love story. Although the acting was comparable to a high school production the deep focus of the script affected its captive audience as "Citizen Kane" does any movie goer.

"Prelude to a Kiss" is a modern boy meets girl scenario following the rapid relationship of Peter and Rita, played by David Haig of Ann Arbor and All Rogers, as they meet, fall in love, get married and a twist of fate tests this love.

REVIEW

They encounter each other at a party and, within a few scenes, are engaged roomies. This love transition only takes a period of six months. (Falling in love is only the sub-plot, it is the hardship of staying in love that is the primary message for Lucas to convey.)

This is successfully attained by director David J. Magidson. He chose to minimize propam costumes and set to put a focus on the relationships at hand. Although the body snatcher way of creating this central plot is cheesy in its origin, the fact that it relays the author's and director's desires is enough to allow the audience to take it all in.

At the wedding of Peter and Rita, an unknown Old Man, played by Sterling Heights native Greg Trzaskoma, asks "to perhaps kiss the bride." This kiss is then turned into the transition between simple and deep plots. The souls of Rita and the Old Man are switched in each other's

bodies to only their knowledge. It is on the honeymoon that Peter realizes that something has changed in Rita and not just her personality but her values and ethics. Peter tries to search for the real Rita and upon finding the woman trapped inside an old man's body the real love story is revealed, giving a new meaning to "for better or worse."

Having the actors and actresses mime props and remaining dressed in virtually one costume an act does not distract the viewer but prompts an even closer focus on the love triangle in our midst.

What does cause the theatre critic in me to come out is the lack of chemistry between the two leads. Haig and Rogers are well received when not interacting with each other. All of Peter's narrative monologues are delivered with a proper amount of intensity and feeling and the end of the show scene involving Rita and the Old Man definitely displays their talent as well. But Peter and Rita together gave off a lack of comfort.

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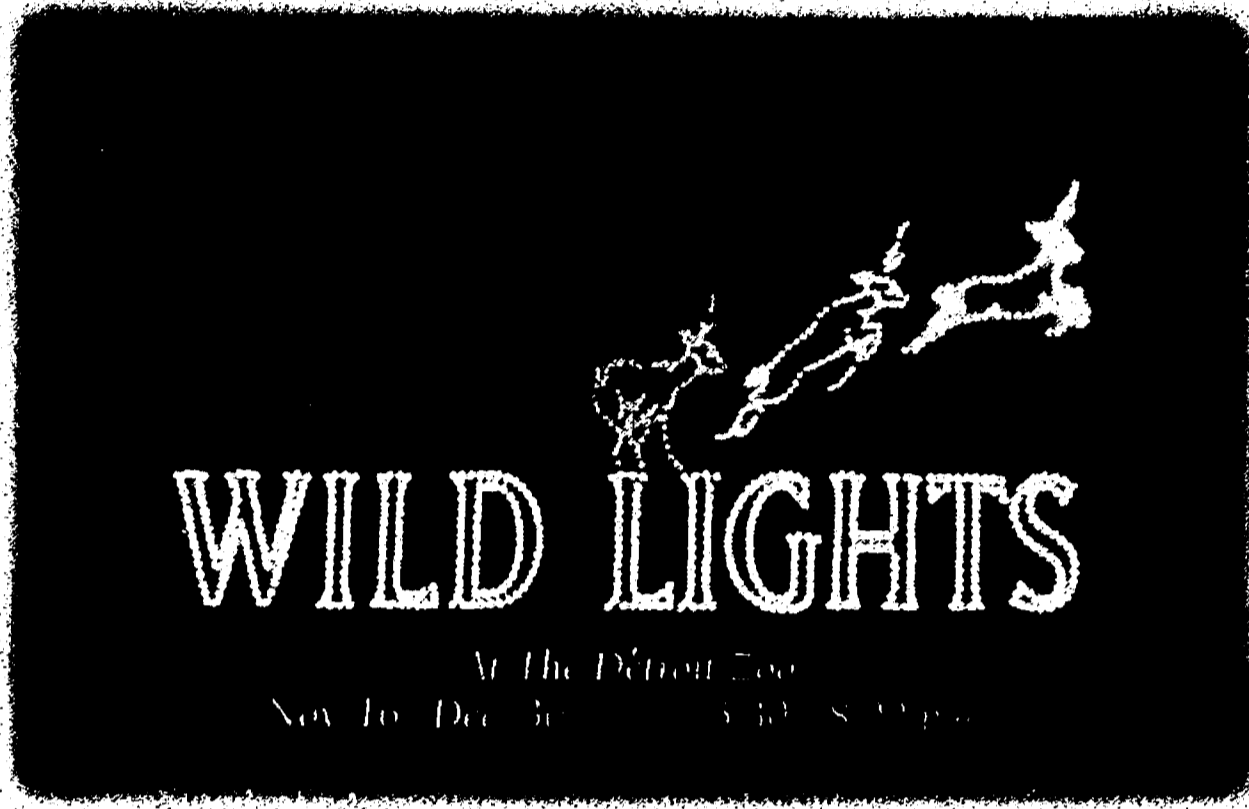
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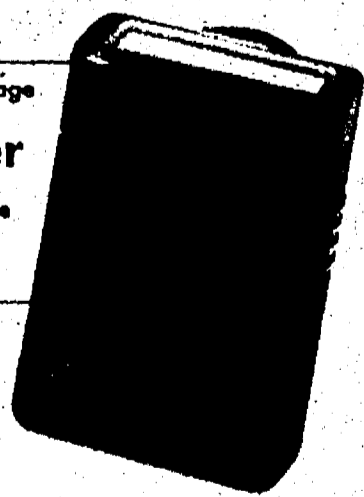
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Get ready for Christmas Pickle Festival

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Rudolph, the glowing red-nosed pickle, made a guest appearance at last year's festival. Some years, the pea-green-faced Saint Pickleus arrives in a sleigh. The parade-watchers love them both.

For the fourth consecutive season, the tiny community of Berrien Springs, prepares to celebrate the Christmas Pickle Festival the first weekend in December.

Some people snicker at the

mention of combining pickles and Christmas. Not so in this south-west Michigan corner — an area boasting a long history of pickle production. The townspeople, numbering just shy of 1900, take their pickles seriously.

"We are the Christmas Pickle Capital of the world, recognized by the Pickle Packers International," said Glen Uminowicz, director of the Berrien County Historical Association.

Why the pickle craze? Umi-

nowicz explains, "Fruits and vegetables were used long before store bought ornaments came into existence. A Christmas pickle is a blown-glass ornament based on a German tradition dating back to the late 1890s. Parents would hide the ornament on Christmas Eve in the tree. The first child to find the pickle received an extra present from St. Nicholas."

Pickle jars, labeled with the names of candidates running for Grand Dillmeister, are emptied of

their monies prior to the festival weekend. Will the salt-and-pepper bearded Duke of Dill once again win the prestigious position of leading the town's Christmas parade? In the past, he has marched along the streets, passing out pickles-on-a-stick to the crowd.

Or will Holly D. Pickle be the first woman to upset the pickle cart and reign as Grand Dillmeister? Holly's hand-crafted specialties consist of pickle-shaped wooden cars and tractors, and a "picklesmile" used to help relieve that holiday, frenzied-feeling. Take the kids to hear her read the story "Stop That Pickle!" at the community library and the town's Little Bakery.

Share a chocolate covered pickle or savor the Polish dill pickle sausage. Attend the tree-lighting ceremony or pancake breakfast. Don't miss the parade on Sunday. Tour the 1839 Courthouse Museum, Michigan's oldest courthouse, one of four historic buildings within a block of each other near downtown. Bring the camera and take your picture behind bars. Then check out the 1870s Victorian Sheriff's exhibit gallery.

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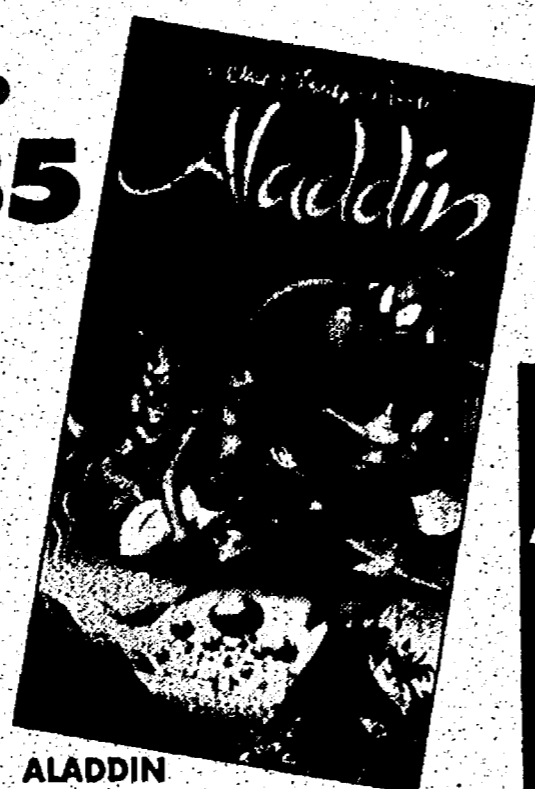
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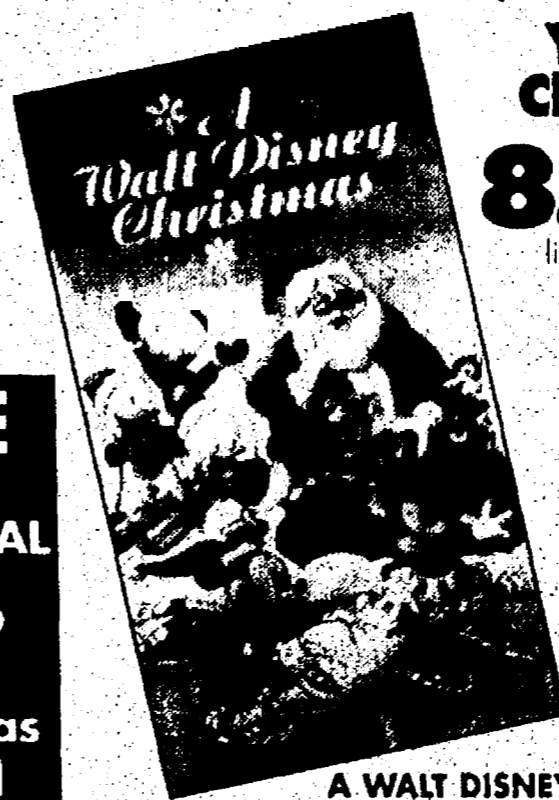
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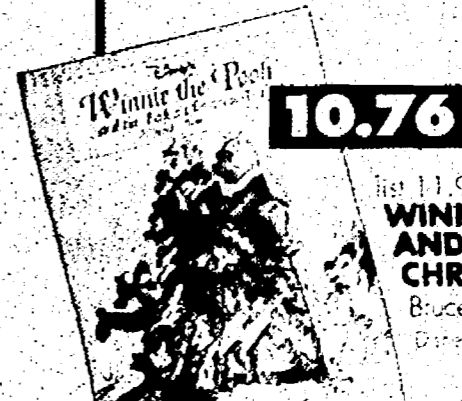


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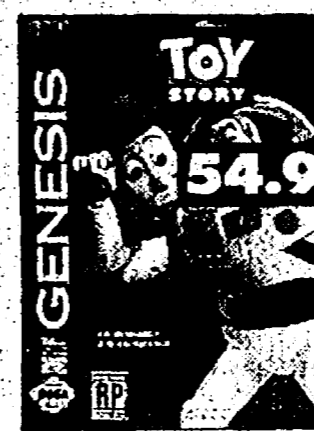
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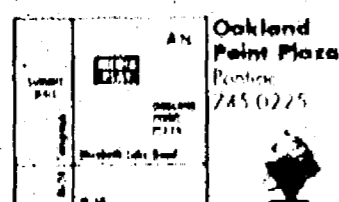
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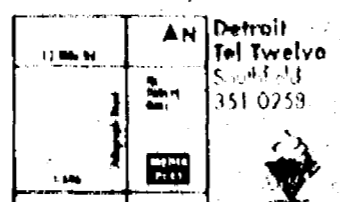
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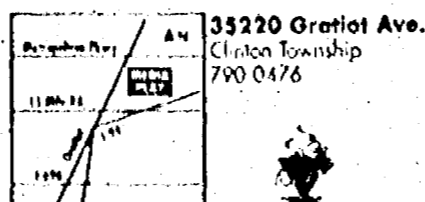
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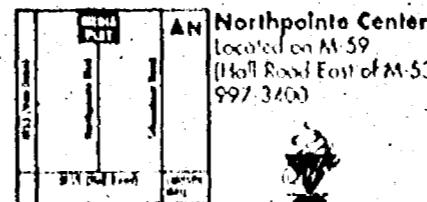
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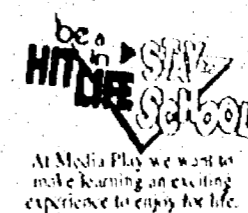
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"Jumanji" a TriStar Pictures release opening at metro Detroit movie theaters Dec. 15, is a fantasy adventure about a magical board game. Two children release a man who became trapped in the game 25 years earlier, and must play the game, unleashing untold havoc and mayhem or risk being exiled back into the game forever.

"Jumanji" is based on the book by Chris Van Alsburg and stars Robin Williams, Kirsten Dunst, and Bonnie Hunt. It is rated PG.

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don't help move the action along but don't slow it down either. Songs like "You've Got a Friend in Me" and "Strange Things" are too quirky to have much hope as the popular hits that usually come from Disney cartoons.

While computer animators can masterfully manipulate objects like toys, they still have some trouble creating believable human characters, a criticism once leveled against conventional Disney animation. They sometimes have the mechanical move-

ments of robots, though the animators try especially hard in a scene where a party-full of kids (shown only by their shoes) storm into Andy's bedroom.

Though I wouldn't want to see all animated films become computer animated, "Toy Story" boldly goes where no cartoon has gone before. And unlike traditional cel animation, which probably hit its artistic peak 50 years ago, this new form is fresh and exciting and can only look better with films to come.

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

DETROIT FILM THEATRE
Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call 313-833-2323 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

"Mamma Roma" (Italy - 1962). 7, 9:30 p.m. Dec. 1-2; 4, 7 p.m. Dec. 3. Anna Magnani plays a retired prostitute who reclaims her 16-year-old son in order to raise him respectfully. This early, relatively gentle film by Pier Paolo Pasolini has been restored through the efforts of Martin Scorsese.

"Manhattan by Numbers" (USA - 1993). 7 p.m. Dec. 4. When his unemployment checks run out, a laid-off newspaperman is so desperate to come up with enough cash that he'll do virtually anything to come up with his back rent by the end of the day.

MAGIC BAG THEATRE
22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call 810-544-3030 for information. (Admission varies)

"Boys Life: First Love" (USA - 1995). 7:30, 9:30 p.m. Nov. 30. A trio of films with a gay theme as part of a monthly series sponsored by Southeast Michigan Pride. (\$6)

"Blue Velvet" (USA - 1986). 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5. In David Lynch's bizarre masterpiece, a college student home for the summer discovers the seamy underside of his quaint hometown. Dennis Hopper has perhaps his quintessential role as psycho Frank Booth. (\$4)

MAIN ART THEATRE
118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call 810-542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Mighty Aphrodite" (USA - 1995). Woody Allen writes, directs and stars in this story of a father obsessed with discovering the identity of his adopted son's mother. The typically eclectic cast includes Helena Bonham Carter, F. Murray Abraham, Peter Weller, and Claire Bloom.

"Carrington" (Britain - 1995). A true story set in the 1920s England about an unconventional relationship between a painter (Emma Thompson) and an older homosexual man (Jonathan Pryce) with whom she's fallen in love. Playwright Christopher Hampton takes his first stab as director.

"Leaving Las Vegas" (USA - 1995). Just in time for the holidays, Nicholas Cage plays a suicidal alcoholic who finds his soulmate in an abused call girl (Elizabeth Shue).

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call 810-855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"The Crossing Guard" (USA - 1995). In this intense drama written and directed by Sean Penn, an alcoholic jeweler (Jack Nicholson) and his estranged wife (Anjelica Huston) still suffer from the loss of their daughter in a car accident.

"American President" (USA - 1995). Michael Douglas plays the widowed Commander in Chief who tries to balance his job and a blossoming romance with an envi-

ronmental lobbyist (Annette Bening). Another crowd-pleaser from director Rob Reiner. "Carrington" (Britain - 1995). See Main Art Theatre listing.

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BY MARY QUINLEY

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The primary reason for remodeling, stresses Sam, was to expand the nonsmoking area. For the growing numbers of nonsmoking customers, this modification received positive feedback.

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"We thought it was a good idea for people to see how we process the food. People like to see what's going on. We make our own bread — fresh like a pizza-dough bread. We serve a lot of fresh seafood. It comes in daily," Chemello said.

A recent "Dinner Specials for Today" list included: fresh calf liver and onions, sea scallops (sauteed, fried or broiled), Bourbon sirloin and shrimps combo, home-style mostaccioli and meatballs and several different cuts of charbroiled or Cajun-style prime rib.

"We pride ourselves on the number of specials," David Chemello said.

Changing homemade soup



Comfortable dining room: Sam Chemello, co-owner of Herc's Roast Beef & Spirits in the newly remodeled dining room.

options consist of chicken noodle, New England clam chowder, cabbage and beef vegetable. Roast beef and prime rib are the restaurant's specialties. Kids choices are numerous and available for \$2.75 or lower.

Sam Chemello describes the food as: "The type of food that you would cook at home — American home-cooked. We have a good choice of food: Italian dishes, pasta, lasagna, seafood. With a new customer, the roast beef is what they try. As time goes on they try something else."

Larry Dillon, a Livonia resident and Herc's customer, remarks: "The (restaurant) has a character to it. I come here for business lunches and dinners. Michon, bartender and waitress, is my favorite (server). She remembers how and what I like. She makes

sure my food is steamy hot. The hamburgers and steaks are excellent — the pasta is fantastic."

For a light lunch, hearty dinner or midnight snack, the Herc's staff delivers. Dillon knows — he's been a steady patron for 17 years.

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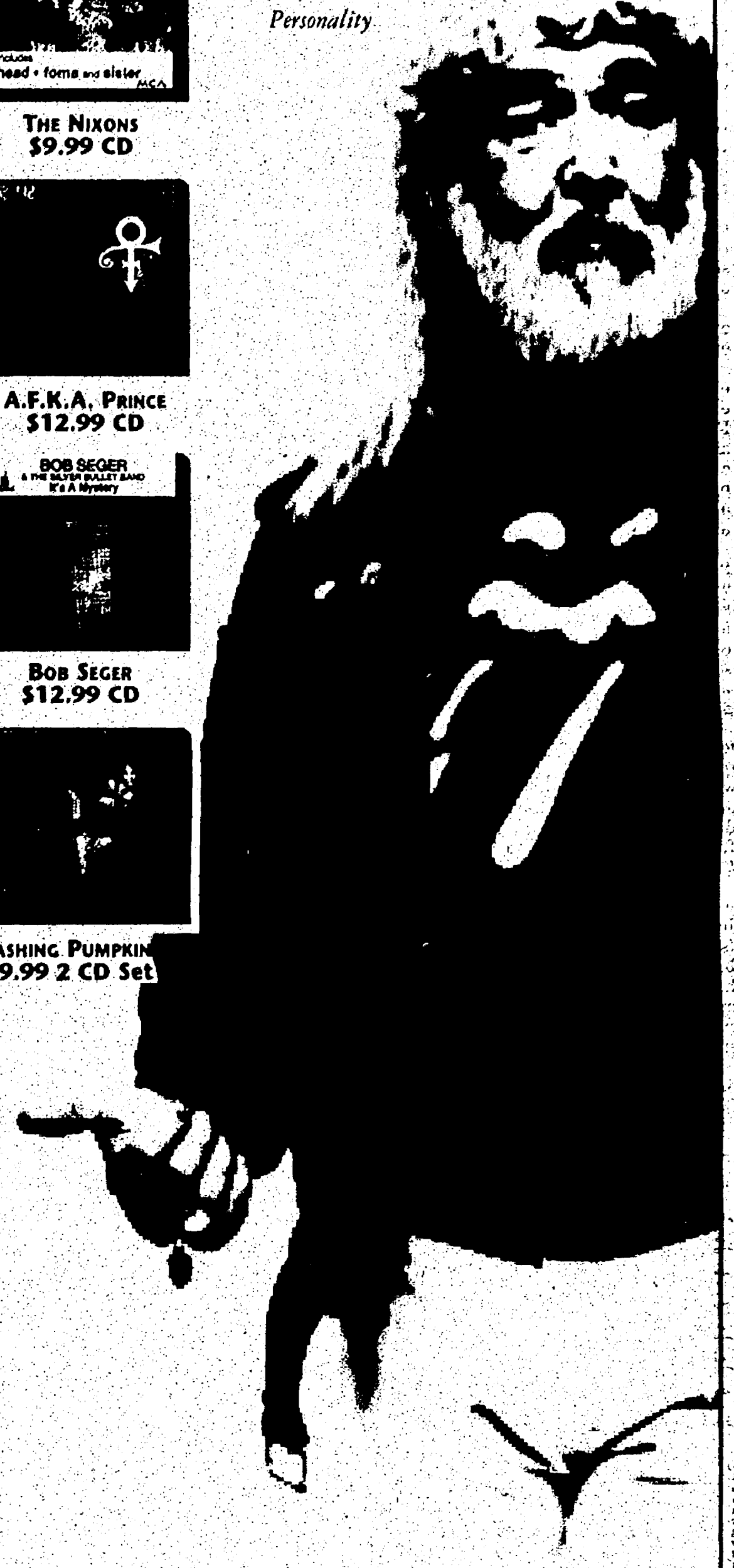
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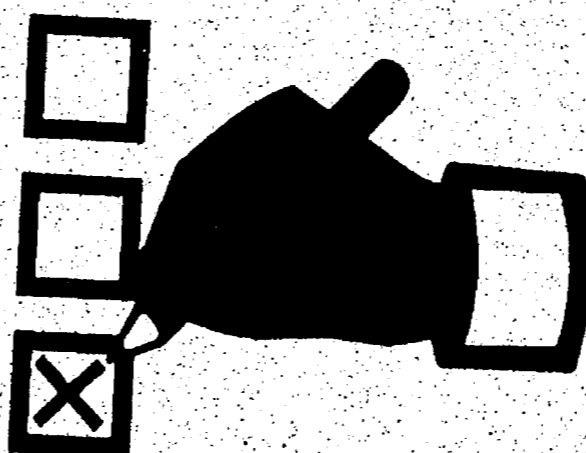


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All-State booters

Livonia Stevenson senior midfielder Steve Williford has been named to the All-State soccer Dream Team.

Livonia Churchill senior midfielder Brian Zawislak was picked for the Class A first team along with Redford Catholic Central senior sweeper Chris Kennedy of Redford, while Stevenson senior midfielder Matt Quinter was a second-team selection.

The honorable mention list included Livonia Franklin seniors Eric Bowman, a midfielder, and Roberto Vega, a forward; Stevenson seniors Jim Grewe, a keeper, Scott Sersen, a defender, and Jeff Urbata, a forward.

Lutheran High Westland midfielder Kenny Shingledecker was a first-team Class C All-State selection.

CC harrier qualifies

Joe Leo of Redford Catholic Central, the state Class A boys individual champion, is headed to the Foot Locker National Cross Country Championships, Saturday, Dec. 9, in San Diego, Calif.

Leo, who resides in Northville, finished third with a time of 15:35.59 last weekend in the Midwest Regional at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, Wis. Steve Leuer of Maple Grove (Minn.) and Gabe Jennings of Madison (Wis.) took first and second, respectively, with times of 15:27.03 and 15:35.13.

Shooters on target

Members of the Livonia Sportsman's Club took home several medals recently at the Junior Olympic Shooting Championships held at the Edgar Arena range.

In air rifle, Shari Jedinak (Westland John Glenn) took the gold with teammates Karl Juziuk (Livonia Churchill) and Jeremy Breithaupt (Plymouth Salem) earning silver and bronze medals, respectively. Juziuk and Breithaupt won the team match.

In three-position smallbore rifle, Ann Proctor (John Glenn) scored 568 out of a possible 600 to take first. Juziuk and Jedinak took the silver and bronze, respectively. Proctor and Jedinak won the team match.

Juziuk will represent Michigan in the men's air rifle and three-position free rifle competition at the Junior Olympic Rifle Championships this February at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jedinak will represent Michigan in the air rifle, while Proctor has qualified in the three-position JORC women's categories.

Youth soccer champs

The '83 Michigan Hawks premier under-13 girls soccer team, sponsored by the Livonia Family YMCA, captured its outdoor fall season title with a 2-0 victory over the Waterford Warriors at Jaycee Park in Livonia.

The Hawks finished 8-2, scoring 26 goals and giving up just six while winning the outdoor title for the third time for coach Len Biegler in the Little Caesars Premier Soccer League.

Goalkeeper for the '83 Hawks is Suzanne Morrison while defenders include Jessica Zwiester, Misay Winn, Stefanie Stachura, Christina Lewis, Cheryl Fox and Katie Beaudoin. Emily Carbot, Natalie Shaheen, Leslie Knapp and Abby Shepherd are the midfielders while Lindsay Gusick, Carrie Kluska, Angela Malle and Sara Piepho are forwards.

Fred Menko is assistant coach, Margaret Gusick team manager and Jerry Biegler team trainer.

The Michigan United-Copa, an under-13 boys team, captured first place in the Open Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with a 13-1 record.

Members of Wayne-Westland Michigan United-Copa, who plan to move into the Little Caesars Premier League's spring season, include Brian Balfour, Brian Collins and Ugo Okwumabua, all of Plymouth; Brian Braun, Chris Derrig, Mark Edwards, Peter Karoub (tri-captain) and Zach McKenzie, all of Livonia; Justin Smoes (co-captain), Wayne; Corey Dahn, Westland; Mike Johannes, James Thornton, Doug Radcliff (tri-captain) and Steve Walters, all of Canton.

Dave Radcliffe is the head coach. He is assisted by Jim Thornton.

The Livonia Meteors, an under-15 girls team, finished first with a 7-2-1 record in Little Caesars Division II.

Members of the Meteors, coached by Mike McGrath, include Kristin Burd, Vanessa Byerle, Brook Cioma, Kersten Conklin, Michelle Dunaway, Kerrie LaPorte, Sara Lishinski, Audrey McDonalds, Elizabeth Peterson, Natalie Pickelhaupt, Jill Richardson, Katie Shannon, Paula Shureb and Kelly Stasienko, all of Livonia; Emilie Villemonte, Farmington; Lori Carrott, Northville; Jennifer Baglady and Julie DiPonio, Novi.

Derrick Steele is the assistant coach. Joe Lishinski is the team manager.

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Milestone victory

SC's Donahue sets state win record

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Glen Donahue has now won more games than any other college coach in state history.

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It was a long, long wait.

And at the college where Glen Donahue chose to resume his coaching career, there was no telling when the wait might end. Donahue, who had previously coached college basketball at Highland Park CC and St. Mary's College, was two wins short of tying the state record for most collegiate coaching victories coming into this season.

While that may sound like a certainty at most schools, it was anything but at Schoolcraft. After all, the Ocelots won just three games all last season.

Donahue, however, quickly showed how he reached the victory milestone when he guided SC to its third win of the season, 104-101 over Siena Heights junior varsity Saturday in Adrian.

That upped SC's record to 3-2. It gave Donahue 518 wins for his coaching career, one more than Gene Paxton's 517. Paxton coached at Grand Rap-

ida CC until 1986, when he retired.

"It was elusive, because you wait 3 1/2 years to get it," said Donahue. His last college coaching post was at St. Mary's in Orchard Lake; after he took the Eagles to a pair of NAIA Tournament appearances, the program was canceled.

That was in 1992. Since then, Donahue has coached at Bishop Borgess HS.

But he always ached to return to college coaching.

"Who knows?" he answered when asked if he had doubts about his return to college coaching. "The first thing is, you've got to wait to get another job."

If all Donahue was interested in was getting the career record and then retiring, this was not the best choice — and he did have choices. Madonna University was reportedly interested in hiring him before he selected SC.

Put briefly, Donahue's view on the record is that it's great — now let's get on with the season.

"You always want to try and do something no one else has done," he said. "It's quite an accomplishment."

"But I also realize that that and 69 cents will get you a cup of coffee, if you find a place that's open."

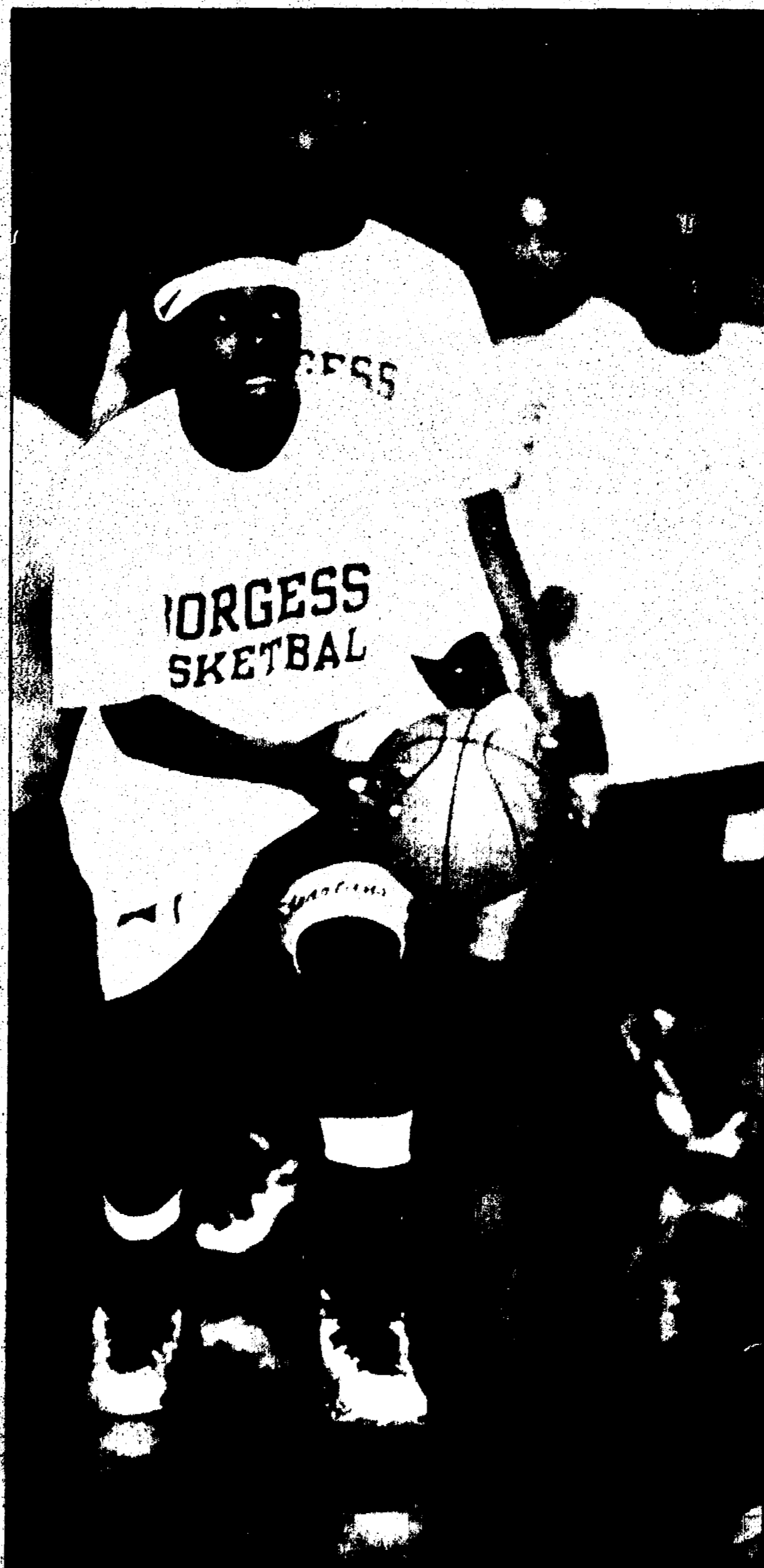
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Eyeing the rim: Redford Bishop Borgess freshman Tiffany Simon attempts a shot in the closing minutes of Tuesday's Class C quarterfinal at Armada.

Miss Basketball



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Maxann Reese, Redford Bishop Borgess senior guard, shown here in action, added the Miss Basketball award for 1995 to her list of honors. For details, turn to 4C.

Spartans eye 3rd straight Class C title

Related column, 4C

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

If this was a relay race, Maxann Reese would be getting ready to hand the baton off to Christina Anderson for the next leg.

Reese began her last week of high school basketball on a mission, scoring 22 points to lead Redford Bishop Borgess past Sandusky, 57-28, in Tuesday's Class C girls basketball state quarterfinal at Armada High School.

Reese, the state's newly crowned Miss Basketball who signed with Michigan State, is looking forward to a third-straight state championship.

She and point guard Adriane Bryant, a Toledo signee, have led the Spartans varsity for four years. Following some unfinished business Friday and Saturday in Battle Creek, the site of the Final Four, the Spartans' standouts will be content to hand over the backcourt leadership role to Anderson.

The sophomore guard scored seven points against Sandusky, including a three-point shot from the corner in the fourth quarter.

"She's got the ability, speed, intelligence to do it," Reese said. "It's just how she puts it together. I can't rest easy yet, though. After the state championship, I'll rest easy, especially for Christmas, but not for long. Then I have to get ready for Michigan State."

The Spartans will be heavy favorites in Friday's 7:50 p.m. semifinal against Parchment (18-8) at Kellogg Arena. A win would put Borgess in the championship at 6 p.m. Saturday, also at Kellogg.

Sandusky, which finished 23-3 overall, gave a gutsy effort despite being outmatched at every position.

The Redskins even led 5-4 with 1:35 left in the first quarter following a basket by senior center Sara Biniacki. Leading that late in a state tournament game against Borgess is a moral victory for any Class C team.

The lead lasted only 16 seconds, however, as Reese answered with a three-pointer to put the Spartans ahead 7-5.

Borgess led 15-11 midway through the second quarter before Reese scored seven unanswered points, including a three-pointer with 1:52 left, to give the Spartans a 22-13 halftime lead.

Borgess started the second half with a 10-0 run, getting five points from sophomore center Aiysha Smith, to open a 32-13 lead.

The Redskins, who lost in the Class C quarterfinal in 1985, '87 and '92, were averaging 49.5 points per game heading into the quarterfinal.

Senior forward Lamara Legault, headed to Grand Valley State on a basketball scholarship, was limited to five points, all on free throws.

Reese, Smith, Charmaine Nixon and junior guard Regina Respert took turns guarding her. Sophomore guard Jennifer Green led the Redskins with eight.

Legault postponed knee surgery on Tuesday so she could play a final high school game. The Redskins handled Borgess' pressure admirably but finished only five of 20 from the floor in the second half.

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George Tomasso Canton, Roberto Vega Franklin, Eric Bowman Franklin, Brian Zawislak Churchill, Chris Kennedy Redford CC, Drew Drummond Salem, Chris Curry Salem, Matt Quinter Stevenson, Ronny Mashni Salem

Stevenson's Williford leads All-Area kickers

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

It was the perfect ending for a long and successful career.

Having coached 295 games in 15 seasons, Plymouth Salem soccer coach Ken Johnson won a boys state championship in his final game earlier this month.

Johnson, who announced plans to retire before the season started, completed his farewell tour with a 2-3-3 record and Salem's first

Class A boys title. The Rocks were runners-up in 1989 and '92. "It was a fairy tale ending, like I wrote my own script," said Johnson, the Observerland Coach of the Year. "I didn't realize we could do it until halfway through the season when the team started jelling."

"The other two (state finalists) were good teams, but this one had the best teamwork and spirit — and it had the big guns to go with it."



Williford Stevenson

Salem suffered early season losses to Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson and Troy Athens but avenged all three defeats in the state tournament.

Johnson's career record as boys coach was 203-65-27, 158-56-37 as the Salem girls coach.

His boys teams won six districts, the girls four. Each won one Western Lakes Activities Association title and three regionals.

The Salem girls were Class A champs in '87 and runners-up in '95.

As for the All-Area boys talent, there probably isn't a better one anywhere in the state.

Seven of the 13 players received

either first- or second-team all-state honors from the high school coaches association.

Three players — Steve Williford and Scott Sersen of Stevenson and Plymouth Canton's George Tomasso — are repeat All-Observer selections.

Redford Catholic Central's Chris Kennedy and Tom Derhake were second-team picks last year.

Stevenson has four players on the 1996 team, Salem three, Livonia Franklin and CC two apiece, Churchill and Canton one each.



Tom Derhake Redford CC



Scott Sersen Stevenson



Jeff Urbats Stevenson

ALL-AREA TEAM

George Tomasso, goalie, Canton: The senior keeper was a Class A all-state selection the last two years, including first-team honors in 1995.

Tomasso allowed only 12 goals in 20 games this year — five in the last 16 — and had 11 shutouts along the way. He had a goals-against average of 0.60.

As a junior, Tomasso helped the Cr-Jets win the Class A championship, recording 13 shutouts while letting in a mere 13 goals in 24 games.

"He's definitely a big game keeper, no doubt about it," Canton coach Don Smith said. "He's a strong kid, good in the air, a good all-round athlete."

Scott Sersen, defender, Stevenson: The senior sweeper was the best defensive player on a team that posted 12 shutouts. Sersen also managed to contribute five goals and six assists to the offense.

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"We put six, seven, eight players out there in practice (to simulate Borgess' press), but it's just not the same," Sandusky coach Al DeMott said. "Reese hit a lot of clutch baskets and we couldn't get over the hump. Lamara's given us four good years."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association added a third referee, up from two, this year for tournament games beyond the regionals. It didn't make for more calls, however, as each team had only three fouls called against it in the first half.

Sandusky finished with 13 fouls to Borgess' 12.

"It was a physical game; the referees were letting it go both

ways," DeMott said. "I'm sure it wasn't to our advantage. They are definitely a lot faster and more aggressive."

Bryant and Smith tied Anderson with seven points each and junior guard Regina Respert came off the bench to score six.

Borgess coach Dave Mann wants to savor his last week with Reese and Bryant before turning over the reins to Anderson.

Mann would like some of the Spartans' aggressiveness to rub off on Anderson.

"I want her to keep being more aggressive, she settles for jump shots too much," Mann said. "She's got to go to the basket more."



Heads up play: Redford Bishop Borgess senior guard Adriane Bryant drives through heavy traffic in Tuesday's Class C quarterfinal win over Sandusky at Armada.

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MISS BASKETBALL

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- 1989 — Peggy Evans (Country Day)
- 1990 — Makita Kinside (Detroit King)
- 1991 — Lisa Negri (Flint Powers)
- 1992 — Erin Reed (Saginaw)
- 1993 — Sally Sedlar (Marquette)
- 1994 — Kim Knuth (St. Joseph)

Reese wins top honor

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't even close. Redford Bishop Borgess senior guard Maxann Reese is the state's Miss Basketball for 1995, easily outdistancing the rest of the vote-getters.

Reese, who has signed with Michigan State, collected 629 votes in voting by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. Stacey Thomas of Flint Southwestern Academy was second with 395 and Muskegon Mona Shores' Jamie Ahlgren was third with 282.

Reese was averaging 14.6 points, six rebounds and 4.5 rebounds per game for the Spartans, who are headed to Battle Creek to try for their third-straight Class C state championship.

"People would tell me: 'You have to do this; you have to score so many points,'" said Reese, who has a 3.3 grade point average. "A lot of other winners were averaging 20, 30 points a game. If that's what people voted on, then I wasn't going to win it. I just thought about being runner-up for the award. I wanted to be at least second. I know my stats weren't awesome. I wasn't going to cry if I didn't get it, but I would cry if I did get it."

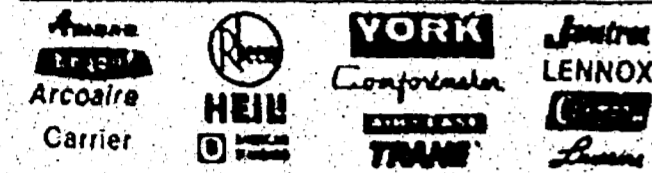
Reese is the first player coached by Dave Mann to receive consideration for the Miss Basketball award.

"I'm real happy for her; she's real deserving," Mann said. "No kid loves basketball more than her. I don't know where she ranks among the past winners because there are a lot of great players on that list. But I put her at the top of the list of who loves to play the game."

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STEVE KOWALSKI

With 4:44 left in the fourth quarter of Tuesday's Class C state quarterfinal, Redford Bishop Borgess girls basketball coach Dave Mann grabbed a clipboard and huddled with his players during a

timeout. Borgess led 48-26 at the time; could he be drawing up a play? Of course not.

Remember, the game was played an hour-and-a-half away in Armada. Mann was going over directions to get home, assuming the Borgess bus was working. Let's listen in.

"OK, girls, when we pull out of the parking lot, we turn right on Center Road," Mann said. "Then we turn right on North Road and..."

His Miss Basketball award winner, senior guard Maxann Reese, interrupted.

"Dave, why don't you stick to basketball," she said. "If we turn right on North Road, we'll end up in Bay City. Left is right."

OK, back to reality, which iron-

ically is what this column is about.

The Spartans, whom I suspect discussed only basketball during that timeout, defeated Sandusky, 57-28, to advance to Battle Creek for the Final Four.

Borgess is seeking its third-straight Class C championship. The reality is the Spartans are way too good for Class C and will be at least the next two years.

Like Detroit Country Day, Borgess should have moved up this season to Class B in girls basketball, but it's not too late.

Some assume Borgess' dominance in Class C will end after Reese and her sidekick, point guard Adriane Bryant, graduate.

But don't forget about the Spartans' young and talented front court.

Candice Finley will be a senior next year and Aiysha Smith and Koren Merchant will only be juniors. Smith is the best of the bunch and Finley and Merchant would be stars at other Class A schools.

Koren beat me one-on-one so I know she doesn't play to the level of the competition.

The Spartans won't be hurting in the backcourt, either, as talented Christina Anderson will get better as a junior.

The Spartans two years ago were granted a move from the weaker Catholic League AA Division to the Central, which includes strong Class A schools.

Borgess lost in the Catholic League championship game last year to eventual Class B state champ Dearborn Divine Child. The Spartans went undefeated this season in the Central Division, beat Birmingham Marian for the Catholic League title, and easily handled Detroit Martin Luther King in the Operation Friendship game. Both teams were Class A quarterfinalists.

The Spartans, who have a Class C enrollment of about 300, look at the state tournament as a reward for all the tough competition they face during the regular season.

Is it fair to the rest of Class C? Borgess has beaten six playoff opponents by an average of 66-27, even with reserves playing half the games. I reminded Mann, who is still my main man, that he'll probably be favored to win a fourth-straight title.

"If that's true, then fine," Mann said. "We're not going up."

Maybe future Borgess teams will prove me wrong. But losing is a tough way to prove you belong in a class.

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Donahue from page 1C

Donahue has apparently found a team open to his ideas on how to play the game. Against Siena Heights JV, the Ocelots simply outscored their opponents. They led 52-47 at the half and kept up the offensive pace.

"We held them to 101 points, for God's sake," said Donahue, a bit sarcastically. "It was a great defensive game."

Scoring balance aided SC's effort. The Ocelots had five players reach double figures. Tim Burns led with 22 points, followed by Tyris Williams with

18, Jason Maschke (from Livonia Franklin) and Dwaun Warmack with 16 apiece, and Aaron Brown with 13.

The Saints were paced by Don Marcero's 21 points, which included five first-half three-pointers. Oliver Klefer had 17, Steve Bennett scored 16, with Matt Deveau contributing 13, and Will Daniels and Robb Camperuno netting 12 apiece.

"It was the kind of tempo we like to create," said Donahue in conclusion.

Both Burns and Aaron Burks led SC with six rebounds, while

Warmack dished out seven assists and Burks got six.

Against Ohio State-Lima last Wednesday (Oct. 20) at SC, the Ocelots fell behind early and could not recover in losing 111-98.

SC trailed 54-38 at the half and could never really recover, although the Ocelots made a run at it in the second half. With 2 1/2 minutes left, they had trimmed the Lima lead to 97-90.

But SC could get no closer. "It is difficult (to come back) when you've already come so

far," said Donahue.

Burks' 19 points and six boards topped SC. Williams totaled 18 points, Maschke had 14, and Brown and Burns each scored 12, with Burns also grabbing six rebounds. Warmack finished with nine points, seven assists and three steals.

On Saturday, the Ocelots have a rematch with Grand Rapids CC, this time at home. In both teams' season opener at Grand Rapids, SC was thumped 103-57. Saturday's game time is 3:30 p.m.

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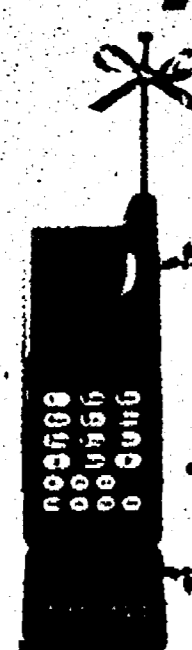
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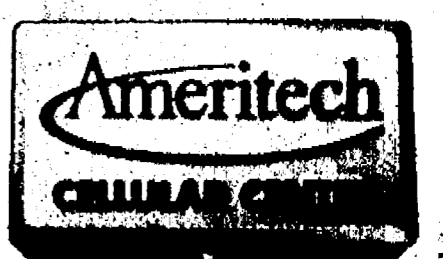


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THE WEEK AHEAD

Table listing prep boys basketball games with columns for date, opponent, and time.

Central comeback stops Marian

By Bill Parker Staff Writer

Walled Lake Central's Becky Cummings wasn't listed on the roster that was handed out at the Class A girls basketball state quarterfinal game Tuesday at Ferndale. Central's opponent, Birmingham Marian, probably wishes Cummings was absent on the court instead of just on paper. The 6-foot-1 junior center certainly made her presence known. Cummings took control of a close game in the fourth quarter and led the Vikings to a thrilling, 60-57 come-from-behind victory over the relentless Mustangs. She scored nine of her game-high 27 points, swatted away three of her game-high eight blocks, and grabbed four of her game-high 10 rebounds all in the fourth as Central outscored Marian 21-13 in the final eight minutes to pull out the victory. The win vaults the Vikings into the Final Four in Battle Creek. Central, 25-0 and ranked No. 2 in the state, meets unranked Harper Woods Regina (16-8) at 1 today in the state semifinals at Kellogg Arena. The Class A championship game will be played Saturday at 1 p.m. Cummings came alive in the second half," said Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone, whose team finishes the season at 16-9. "We kept taking it to her, but she kept blocking the shots. We wanted to go right at her and get her in foul trouble, but we couldn't do it." The unheralded Mustangs put a scare into the undefeated Vikings and actually led throughout most of the game. Marian took a 16-15 lead on a triple by senior guard Sabrina Kassab (13 points) with 1:16 left in the first quarter and didn't relinquish it until Cummings hit back-to-back baskets from down low to give Central a 45-44 advantage with 6:16 left in the fourth. The Mustangs regained the lead at 55-53 with 2:04 to play when Kassab stole an inbound pass under the Marian basket and went in for an uncontested basket. But Central nailed eight of nine free throw attempts in the final 1:34 to secure the win. Junior guard Jenny Keeler (six points) tied the game at 55 with a

CLASS A

pair of free throws, and Cummings gave Central the lead for good when she buried two free throws to make it 57-55. Senior guard Jessica Alsup hit two more free throws and Cummings split a pair and grabbed two huge rebounds off missed free throws by Marian in the final 30 seconds of play. "Deep down we thought it was going to be easier, but that's what we thought last year and we lost it," admitted Alsup, who was a member of the team that lost to underdog Plymouth Canton in the quarterfinals. "I think that loss made us want it more this year. We didn't want to go out in the same round again." Cummings, who has scored 1,022 points in her three-year career, was the hero, but she had a wealth of support from her teammates. Alsup finished with 15 points and two steals, and senior forward Jaclyn Pikkiewicz scored nine points, grabbed three rebounds, dished off three assists and came up with three steals. Junior guard Katie Horton came off the bench to play sterling defense on Marian's senior leader Brandi Bentley, who finished with 10 points but was held scoreless in the critical fourth quarter. "We knew we had to shut them down in the second half," Horton said. "At this time of year, everyone has to step it up, and I know it was my turn. "We've worked so hard to get here. I've never been to Battle Creek, but I don't mind visiting for this." Senior forward Alexis Koonings finished with 13 points for Marian, and sophomore guard Breccan Walaa netted 11. First-year Central coach Steve Emert will also be making his first trip to Battle Creek and his first appearance in the Final Four. Emert is the longtime boys coach at Central and guided his team to the state quarterfinals in 1993 only to lose to the eventual state champion Detroit Pershing. "This is exciting; it's great for Walled Lake, and it's nice to see Walled Lake kids going there," said Emert. "This is really a unique group of young ladies. Their battle cry all year has been 'one' because they want to play as one unit."

Kerr puts Country Day in Final Four

By Chris Mayer Staff Writer

An injured Katie Kerr watched from the bench last season as Detroit Country Day lost in the Class B quarterfinals to Dearborn Divine Child. But she is healthy this year and a major reason the Yellowjackets are headed for Battle Creek for the Final Four in girls basketball. Kerr, completely recovered from a torn left anterior cruciate ligament, scored a season-high 22 points Tuesday, and Country Day used some sparkling half-court defense to smother upstart Monroe Jefferson 74-53 in a Class B quarterfinal game at Carleton Airport. The win spoiled Jefferson's first quarterfinal appearance and enabled the Yellowjackets to return to the state semifinals for

CLASS B

the first time since 1992. No. 4 Country Day's opponent will be top-ranked Paw Paw. The undefeated Redskins (26-0) earned a spot in the Final Four with a 69-48 triumph over No. 8 Muskegon Heights. Tipoff is scheduled for 2:50 p.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. A victory would put DCD in the final at 8 p.m. Saturday. "This is great," said Kerr, a senior guard who made four three-pointers and was a perfect 8-of-8 from the field. "Our goal is to reach that final destination, and we've made it to Battle Creek. We've had to take a lot of steps to get here, and we've played some very good teams in the tourna-

ment." Kerr was a freshman when veteran coach Frank Orlando's Yellowjackets dropped a Class C state semifinal game to Elk Rapids in 1992. A trip to Battle Creek again eluded DCD in '93 and '94, but Kerr and senior teammates Pam Bierzynski, Kerry Duggan, Jennifer Kostecke, Terika Richardson and Andrea Desy made good on their final opportunity. "I'm really happy for these players, especially the seniors, to be able to have this experience," Orlando said. "We came into a gym Monroe Jefferson had played at this season. It was a pressure situation, and we had lost in the quarterfinals last year. But we're going to Battle Creek, and I hope we can enjoy it." DCD, which won the 1989 Class

C state title, trailed only once (4-2) and put 11 players into the scoring column. Kerr netted 17 of her points in the first half, and was one of three Yellowjackets to reach double figures. The Yellow Jackets shot a blistering 64 percent (30-of-47) in perhaps their best shooting performance this season, but it was a stingy man-to-man defense that kept the Bears (21-5) at a distance. Jefferson was guilty of 19 turnovers and had trouble executing its half-court offense. "They have a good, aggressive defense," Jefferson coach Dallas Powers said. "But we really don't see that kind of talent and teams with that many quality players. I wouldn't be surprised to see them do very well this weekend."

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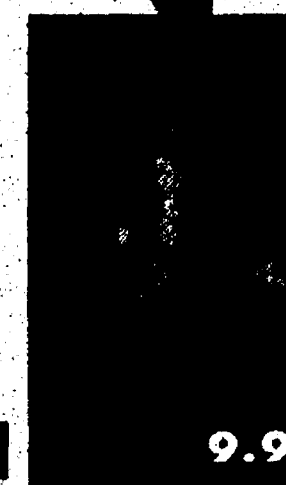
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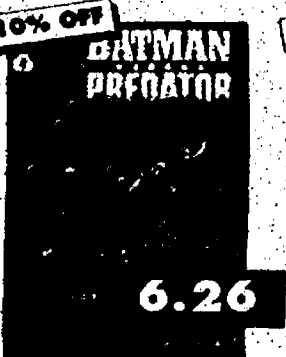
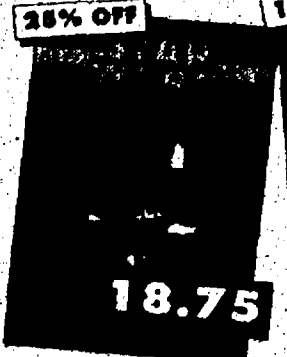
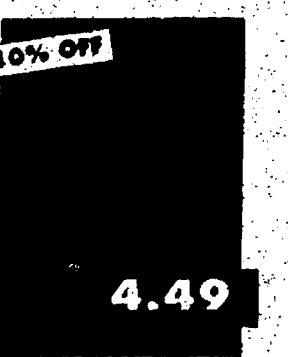
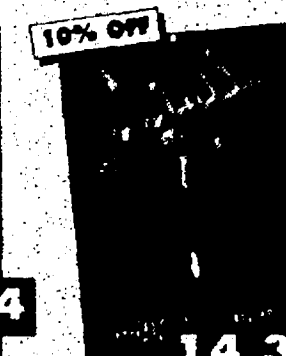
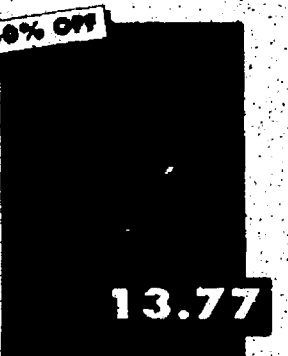
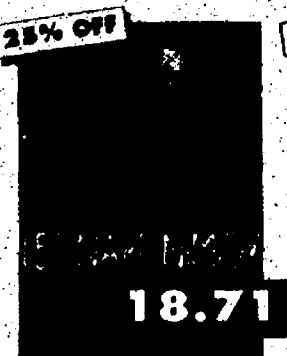
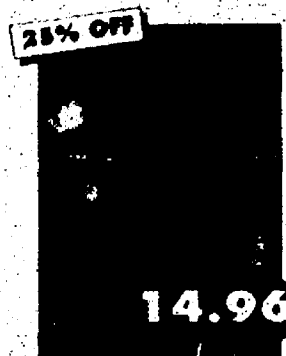
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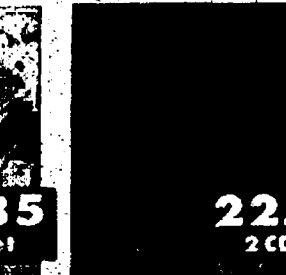
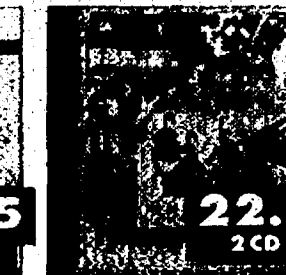
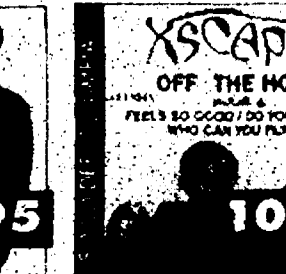
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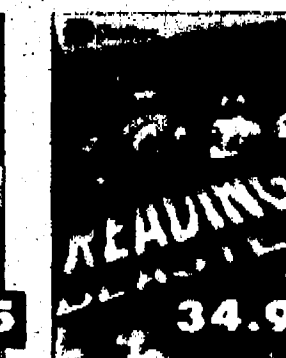
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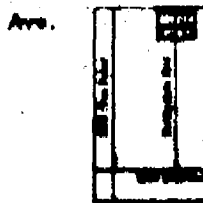
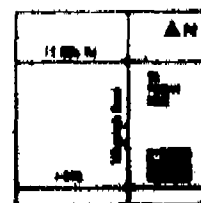
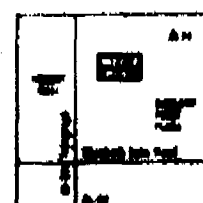
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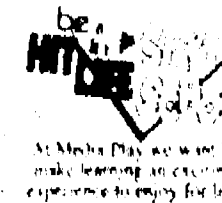
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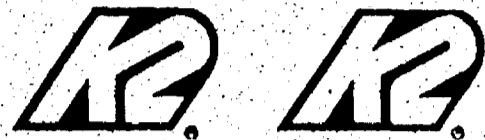
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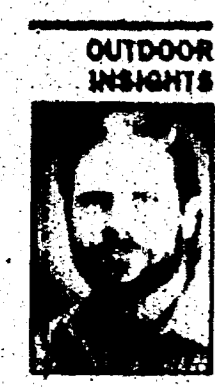
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OUTDOOR INSIGHTS
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A social event kicks-off the activities on Sunday night. More than 200 seminars will follow on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Speakers will cover topics specifically related to fisheries and wildlife and most of the talks are scheduled for 20 minutes in duration.

There are 121 seminars dealing with fisheries covering topics such as habitat assessment, cold-water and warmwater species, the Great Lakes, habitat management and more. A walleye symposium will be held on Tuesday.

There are 112 seminars dealing with wildlife covering such topics as: raptors and upland birds, songbird ecology, deer and elk ecology, research methods, wetland animals and more. A symposium on migratory neotropical birds will be held on Tuesday.

Peggy Johnson, of the Clinton River Watershed Council, is one of four plenary speakers opening the conference on Monday morning. Johnson, who directed the Clinton River Watershed Council for 21 years, will focus on watershed management and what's in it for fish and people.

A special workshop called "Fishing for Solutions" will also be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3. Participants in the workshop will take a close look at commercial fishing in the Great Lakes. A wildlife art show, featur-

ing the work of David Bollman, winner of last year's Michigan Waterfowl Stamp contest, will run Monday and Tuesday.

For registration and more information call Lori Sargent at (517) 373-9418 or Mike DiCapita at (517) 337-6650.

Successful deer hunters
The firearms deer season ends today-but deer hunting opportunities are far from over. Archery season resumes tomorrow and continues through Jan. 1 while the muzzleloading season runs Dec. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 8-17 in the Lower Peninsula. Observer & Eccentric area hunters are encouraged to report their success. Please include the hunter's name and city of residence, where the deer was taken (county), means by which the deer was taken, (bow, gun, muzzleloader), and a phone number in case I need additional information. Also include any interesting facts about the hunt. Send the information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call me in the evenings at (810) 901-2573. Please remember to leave your phone number.

A number of youth hunters highlight this week's successful hunter reports.

Glen Roland Heinrich shot his second buck in as many years, but the 15-year-old Canton youth may have dug himself a hole in the process. Having shot a 6-point last year during his first firearms season, Heinrich topped that this fall by dropping a 9-point on opening day. The deer dressed out at 140-pounds and was taken in Presque Isle County. Word is, the elders in camp said Glen's not invited back next year. Maybe they'll chill-out by then and just make him cook and wash dishes before he hunts.

Jeff Oliver accomplished in one year what some hunters take years to achieve — he bagged a deer with a bow and arrow. Let's face it, despite all these successful hunter calls, there are thousands of deer hunters out there who go deerless each year. Oliver

is not one of them this year. The 14-year old Clarkston archer shot a button buck on Nov. 14 while hunting with his father near Bergland in the Upper Peninsula.

My nephew, Justin Parker, is another successful youth deer hunter. The 14-year-old Oxford hunter shot a 3-point buck on opening day of the firearms deer season. Hunting with his dad's Ithaca 12 gauge shotgun, the same gun I took my first deer with, he dropped the buck near dusk on a farm in Oakland County.

Canton's Corey Lasley shot his very first buck on opening day while hunting with his dad in Emmet County. The 17-year-old was ready to leave his blind when a doe appeared. Her presence encouraged Corey to stay put and the move paid off. Fifteen-minutes later he shot a 5-point.

On Nov. 16, Bill Lasley, Corey's dad, filled his buck tag with a dandy 9-point. The elder Lasley admitted he was about to fall asleep when the buck appeared.

Rochester's Bob Zeeman shot a 4-point on the third day of the firearms season. Zeeman was hunting on the edge of a swamp on state land near Kalkaska.

John Chippi, of Union Lake, bagged a nice 6-point with his bow on Nov. 3. Chippi was hunting from a tree stand on private land in Livingston County. The buck dressed out at a whopping 150-pounds.

Bow hunter Keith Eversole took his second deer in two years on Nov. 13. Hunting from a tree stand on private land in Oakland County, the Oxford resident arrowed a 120-pound doe during an afternoon hunt on Nov. 13.

Ed Jewell didn't get a shot during the first archery deer season, but he wasted little time filling his buck tag when the firearms season rolled along. The Lapeer hunter dropped a spike buck on opening day while hunting private land in Oakland County.

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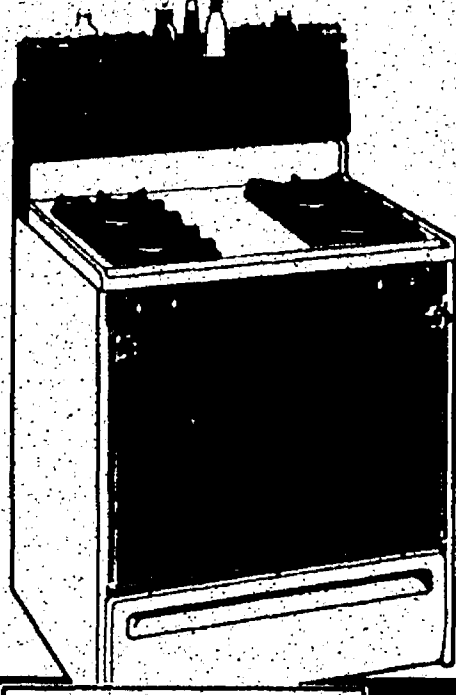


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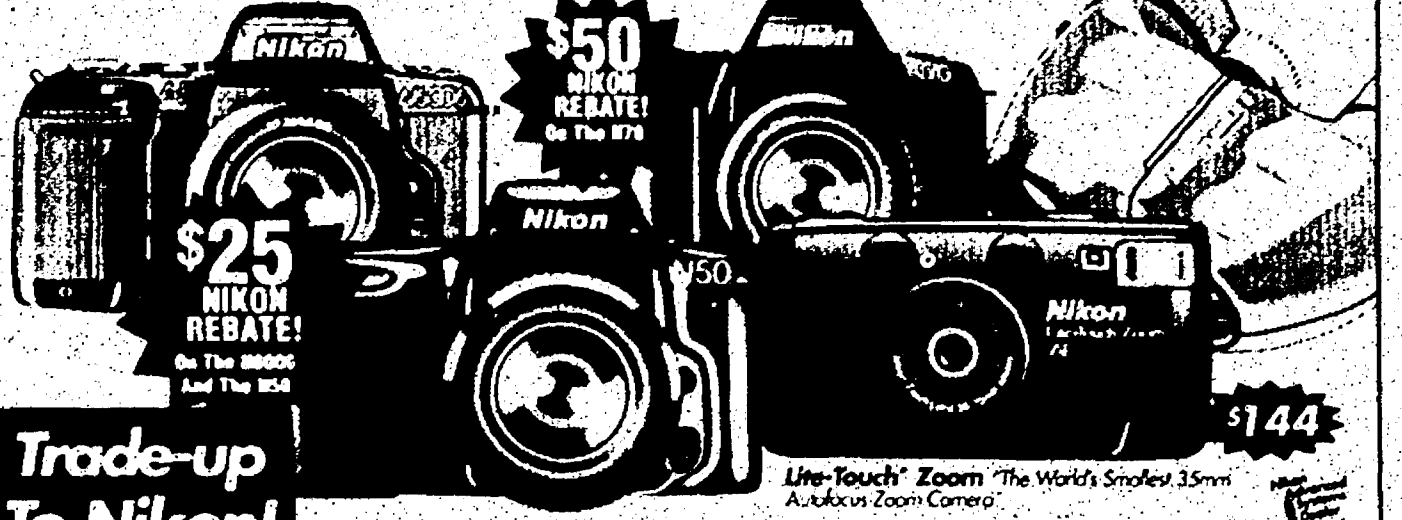


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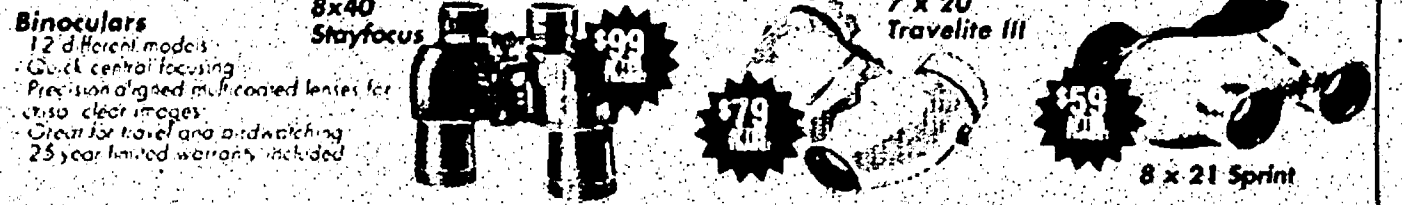
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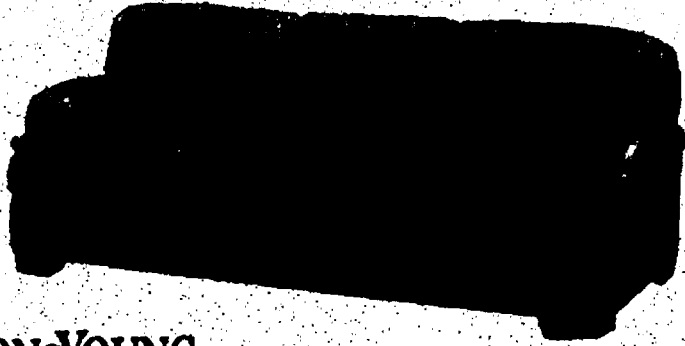
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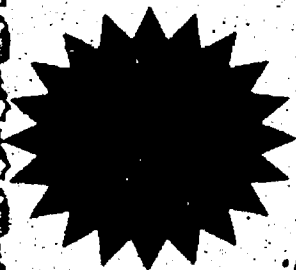
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Is this a "vetted" show? Most of them aren't, but it adds to the prestige if it is. "Vetted" guarantees that all of the articles are as represented — no fooling! What more can one ask? Said antiques have passed a review board before entering the show. The reputation of the dealer is at stake. You are more comfortable when paying for your treasure. You are attending a fine antique show.

When a dealer says this item "is of the period" he or she has told you it was made in that period, not just resembling that era. As an example, "circa 1850" means it was literally fashioned in 1850 or before, not after. This is vital information, not to be treated lightly.

Most of the local shows aren't "vetted," nor are the dealers as knowledgeable. This doesn't mean you should stay away. There are wonderful treasures within, and you will learn to discern which are the goodies. But let the buyer beware!

You are about to begin your tour. Armed with the program as a guide, head for Booth No. 1. Lay out your pathway so you won't miss anything, nor retrace your footsteps.

A fast tour of the booth tells me this dealer doesn't have my kind of artifacts. Hold it — there is a wonderful collection of cut crystal including a charming vase. The price is right, so here goes the first note in the program. Having a limited amount of money to spend today, I cannot be hasty.

Onward. Booth No. 2 contains very beautiful elaborate and fussy items; not

for me. After attending many shows I have learned one important lesson. Don't try to eyeball each and every item. Let your eye come to rest only on that which has real appeal. I politely thank the dealer and proceed to Booth No. 3.

Ah-h-h! So many things appeal to me this booth will take a lot of time. First of all I make acquaintance with the dealer and ask a lot of questions. There is a pair of Celadon vases that are lovely. Into the program goes the size and price. Also noted is a charming tiny table of Chinese origin. My all-time favorite accessory is Oriental Export porcelain, and here is a lovely bowl on a teakwood stand. With assurances of returning after a complete tour of the show, I proceed.

Booth No. 14 has a single Celadon vase, far more appealing than the first pair. It has more age and is "cracked." I prefer a pair but cannot ignore this one.

Aisle after aisle and booth after booth, I am exhausted. I opt for the tea room and siesta time and, in a relaxed atmosphere, out comes the program. Carefully assessing the aforementioned notations, I mark off planned purchases. Checkbook in hand, I decide it is time to return to the show.

The first purchase is the cut crystal vase, almost ignored on the first go-round. Next is the Chinese table. Damn it — sold to someone else! Was it smart to procrastinate? That was the chance taken. Yes, I want the Oriental Export bowl. Additionally, I buy the single superior Celadon vase.

With packages in hand and happily heading for the parking area, I have had an extraordinary day and learned a lot. Always keep in mind that every expert was once a beginner!

Naomi Stone Levy, a Franklin resident, is an interior designer and a former secretary of the American Society of Interior Designers. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1897. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

Hudson's introduces Tracy Porter

Hudson's is introducing the "Tracy Porter The Home Collection" to its customers.

The line includes tapestry throws, rugs, pillows, placemats and hand-painted wooden accessories. Porter's designs are enchanting compositions of color, texture and pattern and are available at Hudson's Twelve Oaks and Summit Place stores.

Porter, the designer of the collection, will make two special appearances at Hudson's stores Saturday, Dec. 2. She

will introduce customers to her new line noon to 1 p.m. at Twelve Oaks and 3-4 p.m. at Summit Place. Both events are free and will take place in the Bed and Bath Department. Tea and cookies will be served.

Porter was raised on a gentleman's farm in central Wisconsin. Because of her experiences there, she drew from the country a love and respect for all of Mother Earth's creations. Her designs for the collection are all inspired by nature.

MARKET PLACE

Guess who?

Father Christmas: Father Christmas figures, made by women of First Congregational Church of Wayne, are available for holiday decor. The Father Christmases are two feet tall. They are dressed in elegant, handmade outfits of such materials as velvet, brocade and mink, featuring hats or hoods. Their faces are hand-painted porcelain and their beards are made of wool. Cost is \$250 for most of the figures, \$300 for one in mink. One Father Christmas is about 41 inches tall, wears dark green, fur-trimmed velvet and carries a gold trumpet; his cost is \$1,000. Call the church at (313) 729-7550.

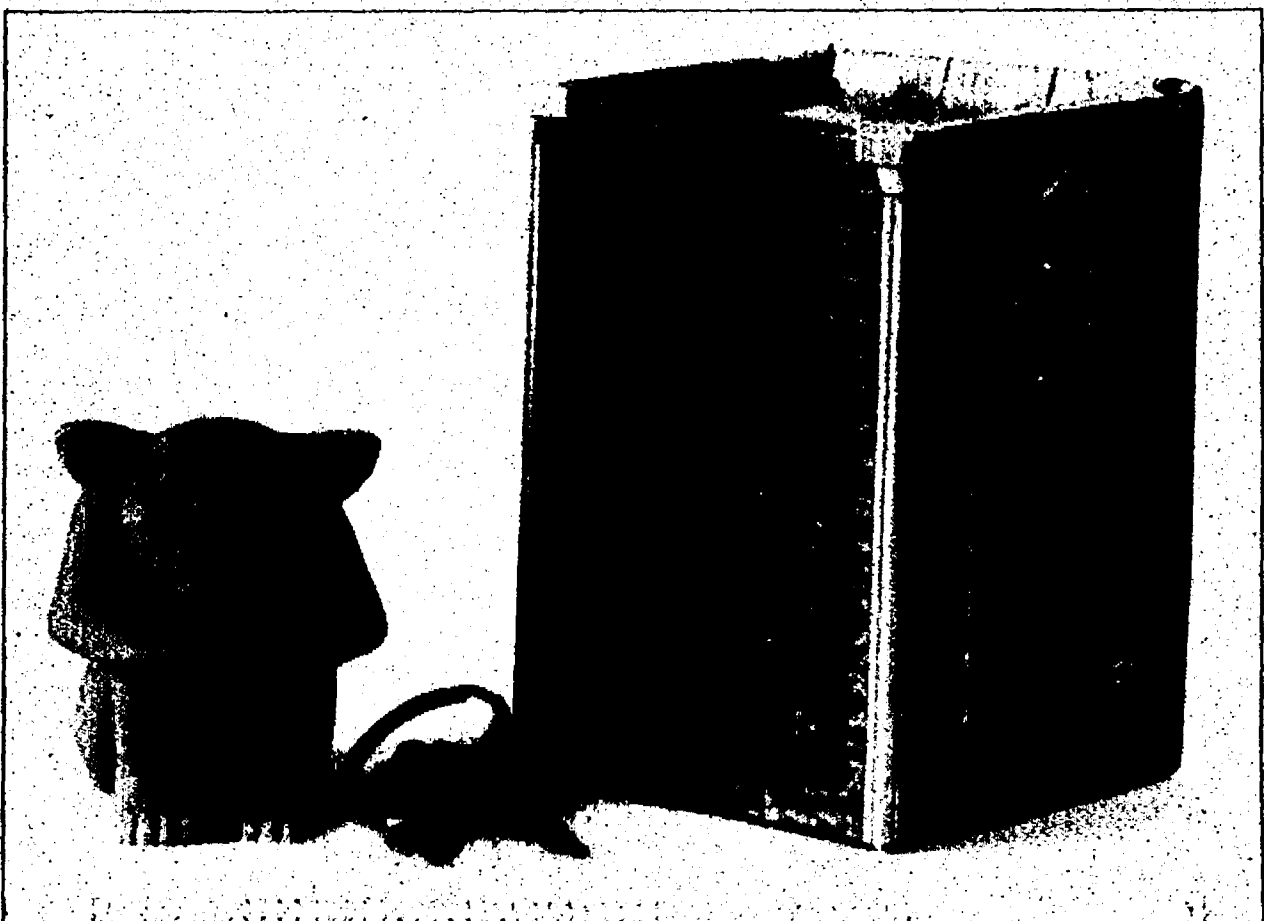


What's brewing

Getting the perks: Transform your kitchen into a trendy cafe with this adorable antique blue coffee maker by Krups. This fashionable and functional device brews up to 10 cups of coffee. It retails for \$30. Coffee lovers will say "thanks a latte" to these cafe-quality ceramic cups. Available in a variety of styles, these adorable accessories are a "must have" in any continental kitchen. They retail for \$6. Available at Williams-Sonoma.

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AT HOME

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INVITING IDEAS

Take a break for a cup of Java



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Coming down from Thanksgiving? Mentally gearing up for Christmas? Take a break and do a cup of Java with a friend.

While the coffee house revival is upon us — doing a coffee break at home could be a fun, simple, and relaxing way to spend some downtime. No big menu to plan, a minimum of ingredients — accouterments included, and easy preparation — once you decide on what type coffee and how you choose to prepare it.

What is it about coffee that makes it an event? Does anyone ever call you and ask you to go out for a diet pop — no, they say, "Let's go grab a cup of coffee." For some, it's that instant perk in the morning, for others it's that relaxing cup to accompany their paper, or a time to get together with a close friend and share details (good and bad). Twenty some years ago, when I was hooked on books and collecting rare, first edition Dickens and books by the prolific Frank Swinnerton, I had the brilliant idea that it would be great fun

to own a book shop with a coffee house. I should have followed my gut, now we can all go within a five mile radius of our homes and find that concept throughout every community. Coffee houses date back in history to a time before the 13th century — certainly not a new concept, just new marketing.

Is it the fresh brisk aroma of freshly roasted coffee beans that becomes the enticement for that expectant first sip? Coffee connoisseurs will fervently discuss their views of what makes coffee great, it all seems to be in the beans. "Cupping" or "cup testing" with its rituals and scientific process makes coffee tasting a simple practice, yet, the tasting becomes as precise as tasting wine. Are we ready for Java Sommeliers? The Starbucks folks feel the four fundamentals of a great cup of coffee are: proportion, grind, water and freshness, and needless to say from their perspective, great beans! The general public, the coffee drinking public, picks its favorites by taste — is there a great deliberation on flavor, acidity and body — perhaps, but it still comes down to just plain personal taste.

The amount and types of coffee out on store shelves for consumers to peruse and choose is overwhelming — blends abound and pot types are numerous — you will find there are enough models of coffee machines on the market, you will wish you lived in a third world nation and only have one choice — espresso machines, drip-types (manual and electric), French press (plunger pots), cold water brewers, vacuum pots, Moka stove-top brewers, metal-flip drip pots — I wasn't kidding!!!!

Corby Kummer, a well-respected food writer and the senior editor of Atlantic Monthly has written an entire book on coffee — *The Joy of Coffee*, published by Chapters Publishing 1995. Corby's book is for the serious coffee aficionado — tracing the roots/routes of coffee, all done in conversational (witty) style and loaded with facts including how to make the perfect cup of coffee at home!!

Take a coffee break, make it easy or intense — choose your favorite coffee (keep in mind what type of pot you are using) add some simple go-togethers (granola, mandel bread a cheese Danish, a bagel or a fabulous rich custardy pastry or a thick, creamy chocolate truffle). Coffee accouterments can include things like fresh cream sugar cubes — brown or white, chocolate shavings, peppermint sticks, honey (honey straws), cinnamon, cardamon, crystallized ginger, Italian coffee flavorings, whipping cream, or flavorful liquors, and share some kindness with a special person in your life.

A morning get-together edible:

This is a basic British recipe, you can add nuts, coconuts, or a variety of dried fruits (cranberries, blueberries, or cherries), or add an actual icing to the top. Serve buns plain or with whipped butter or clotted cream. *Have some jams,*

curds, and marmalades on hand, just in case! This makes 16 buns.

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- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons bun spice
- ¼ cup warm water
- 2 teaspoons fast rise yeast
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- ¼ cup softened unsalted butter or margarine
- ¼ cup (or a bit more) currants or raisins

Glaze Ingredients:

- 1 egg, plus ¼ teaspoon salt beaten
- 4 tablespoons apricot jam, heated and sieved

Directions:

1. Sift the warm flour, sugar and bun spice into a large bowl. In a glass measuring cup, combine the warm water and yeast — stir to dissolve. Make a well in the flour mixture and add the yeast liquid, eggs, butter and dried fruit — place some of the flour over the liquid and let sit about five minutes (bubbles should appear).
2. Combine the ingredients and turn out onto a work surface. The dough will appear sticky — do not add extra flour. Rub hands with flour and knead dough in a rocking motion or process in a food processor until smooth.
3. When dough is smooth, place in a lightly oiled bowl — cover and let rise in a draft free area for 1½ hours or until doubled.
4. Turn dough out onto a floured board and press dough gently (do not knead). Break the dough off into golf ball sized pieces — shape into balls with your hands.
5. Line a cookie sheet with non-stick parchment and place the buns with the beaten egg glaze.
6. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
7. Place backing sheet with buns in a warm place and let rise again until double in size (about 1 hour).
8. Bake the buns for 20 minutes — remove from the oven and brush with boiling sieved apricot jam.

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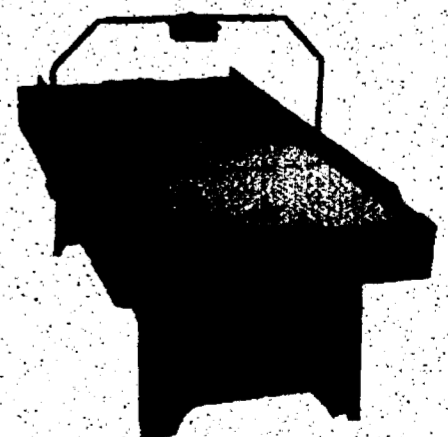
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BOOK BREAK

'A Map of the World' is gripping, poignant



VICTORIA DIAZ

"A Map of the World," by Jane Hamilton (390 pp., \$12.00, Anchor Books/Double-day — pb).

If I were putting together a list of the five most outstanding novels I've encountered over the past five years, "A Map of the World," recently reissued in paperback, would most certainly go on that list. The reasons are countless.

Once you have picked up Hamilton's second novel ("The Book of Ruth" is her first) and begun to read it, it is almost impossible to put down. Over a lifetime, this is simply one of the most gripping stories I have ever read.

It begins on a sunny morning in early June, on a rather unremarkable Wisconsin dairy farm. Inside the farmhouse, a young woman named Alice Goodwin is tending her own small daughters and the daughters of her best friend, who has driven into town to visit a relative.

Seeking relief from the heat, Alice and the little girls soon decide to go for a swim in the spring-fed waters of the

farm pond. Alice runs upstairs to look for a swimsuit and, while she is looking, comes across an almost-forgotten artifact from her childhood — her own fanciful map of the world, created shortly after her mother's death when Alice was 8 years old.

As she momentarily loses herself in the childhood fantasy, her friend's small daughter, Lizzy, toddles out of the house, wanders into the pond alone, and drowns.

As is so much real-life disaster, this one is upon us almost before we know it, even as threads of our attention are still focused elsewhere. In just a few pounding heartbeats on only a few pages, this unforgettable, harrowing literary journey has begun.

Though Lizzy's death is at the center of this drama, her death is not really what it is about. "A Map of the World" is ultimately a story about what follows in the wake of death, as Hamilton's metaphorical ripples in a pond grow into a full-fledged maelstrom, connecting each of her characters, at the same time that it threatens to tear them apart.

Exquisitely drawn characters are what impel this story forward. Not one of them is larger than life; instead, each is exactly life-sized, as familiar and

flawed as someone you'd come across on your street, or at your dinner table, or at the beginning of your day, in your bathroom mirror.

Alice and her husband, Howard, take turns telling the story from their different points of view, revealing the substrata of their own inner landscapes as they go, along with that of their relationship, and the community.

Alice sees Howard (whom she met at an Ann Arbor vegetable stand) as "a philosophical and poetical farmer." He sees her as "intemperate . . . one minute shut up in herself and the next dancing." They are all of this, and none of it, and much more.

Hamilton's story teems with characters, but it is hard to find one who seems superfluous or implausible. Even those who make the briefest appearances snag our attention and add to Hamilton's textured landscape. We can almost smell the "unbearable sweetness of Lizzy's sweaty head" as Alice holds her on that warm morning shortly before disaster strikes; nearly see the half-blind egg lady, Miss Bowman, wordlessly passing out her religious tracts; practically hear the upbeat voice of the ambitious realtor as she stumbles around the stony countryside on her

impossible high heels.

At Birmingham's Baldwin Library recently to read from her work, Hamilton looked barely grown-up. Judging from this novel, though, she has clearly been around long enough to develop stunning insight into such matters as the curious elusiveness of truth, the unique bond of mother and child, and the cosmological importance of equilibrium. All of this illuminates this novel, not barging in at all, but subtly flavoring it.

Hamilton's singular gift for dialogue and a quietly appealing sense of the comic and the peculiar way it often accompanies pain also set this work of fiction apart.

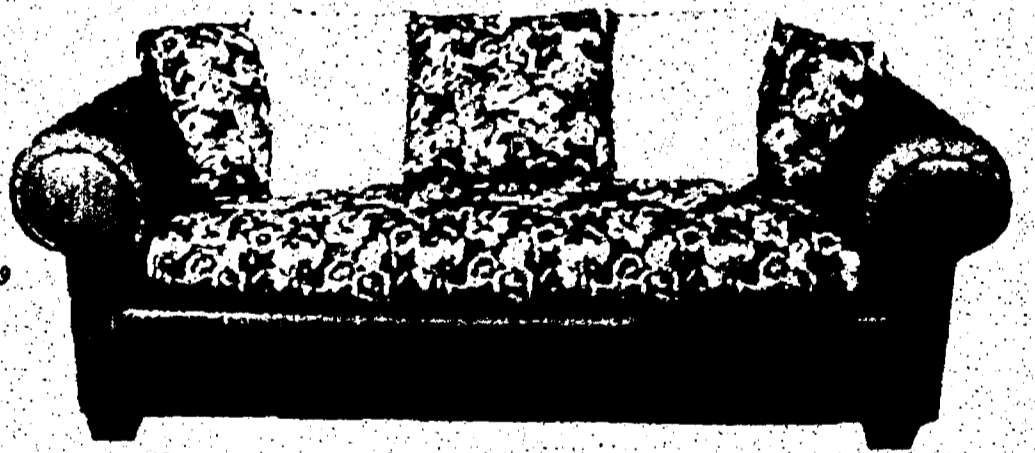
Finally, then, there is this author's way of stringing glorious words together, making "A Map of the World" not so much something you read, as something you experience.

Here is Alice, essentially faithless, trying to put together a desperate prayer after disaster has struck. The prayer seems "crude as an old stick." She can feel the words . . . crawling on their hands and knees through . . . hollow bones, clamoring . . . shouting.

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CD/ROM demonstrations given by media specialist Gary Price 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

La Table Francaise will rendezvous 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. All French speakers welcome!

American Institute of Graphic Arts hosts annual book fair 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Borders Cafe Espresso. See 50 of the most outstanding books in graphic design, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and participate in a worthy cause.

Donate a children's book for collections at Children's Hospital, the Judson Center and the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

Memory seminar: Kevin Trudeau conducts seminar on improving your memory and signs his book "Mega Memory" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

Free relaxation sessions with therapist Kenneth Sikora throughout the day. Come in and let him rub out the stress of the holiday season 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

CD/ROM demonstrations given by media specialist Gary Price 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Columnist Mitch Albom signs his book "Live Albom IV" 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

CD/ROM demonstrations given by media specialist Gary Price 4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 16 and 23.

For children: Author Sylvia Branzei signs her book "Grosology," a guide for all the icky but neat stuff a body does, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19.

PONTIAC Media Play, Oakland Point Plaza, 600 Telegraph, (810) 745-0225

Let's get cooking: Demonstrations with Chef Dan Rowison of Oakland Community College Culinary Arts Program Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3. Call store for times.

Mitch Albom signs his book "Live Albom IV" 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1.

Children's holiday book reading 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

Children's holiday crafts and activities 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Free!

Children's holiday face painting 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

Teacher's Night: Teachers receive an additional 10 percent off 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Buck Wilder signs his book "Buck Wilder's Small Fry Fishing Guide" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. For children and adults.

World Kids Press in-store appearance: Children's foreign language songs, entertainment, educational games and coloring 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Stewart Frank performs songs from his CD "Where the River Meets the Bay" 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Stephanie Mellon signs her books "The Golden Rabbit," "The Crystal Rabbit," "A Bear in the Chair" and "The Teeny Tiny Voice" noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Arbor Bells hand bell choir performs 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Children's storytime: Stories, games, puzzles, prizes 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

Children's holiday face painting 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

Pianist and recording artist Kurt Kunz performs holiday favorites and original music 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

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Book Club discusses Pagan Kennedy's latest novel, "Spinsters," 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4.

Children's storytime: Penguins are the theme this week 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

Robert Lytle signs his book "Mackinac Passage: A Summer Adventure" 1

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Cynthia Cummings signs her children's books 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Children's storytime: Learn how different people around the world celebrate the season 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

Face painting and storytime 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

Children's storytime: Stories about surprises and special presents plus New Year's resolutions 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28.

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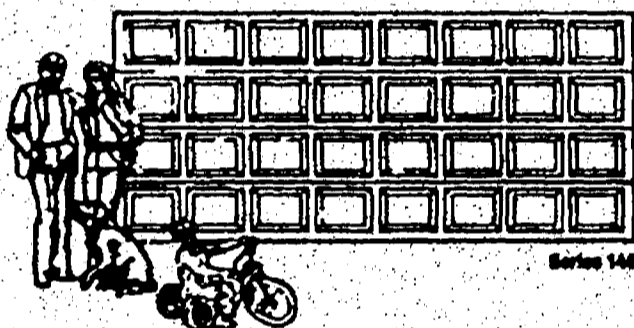
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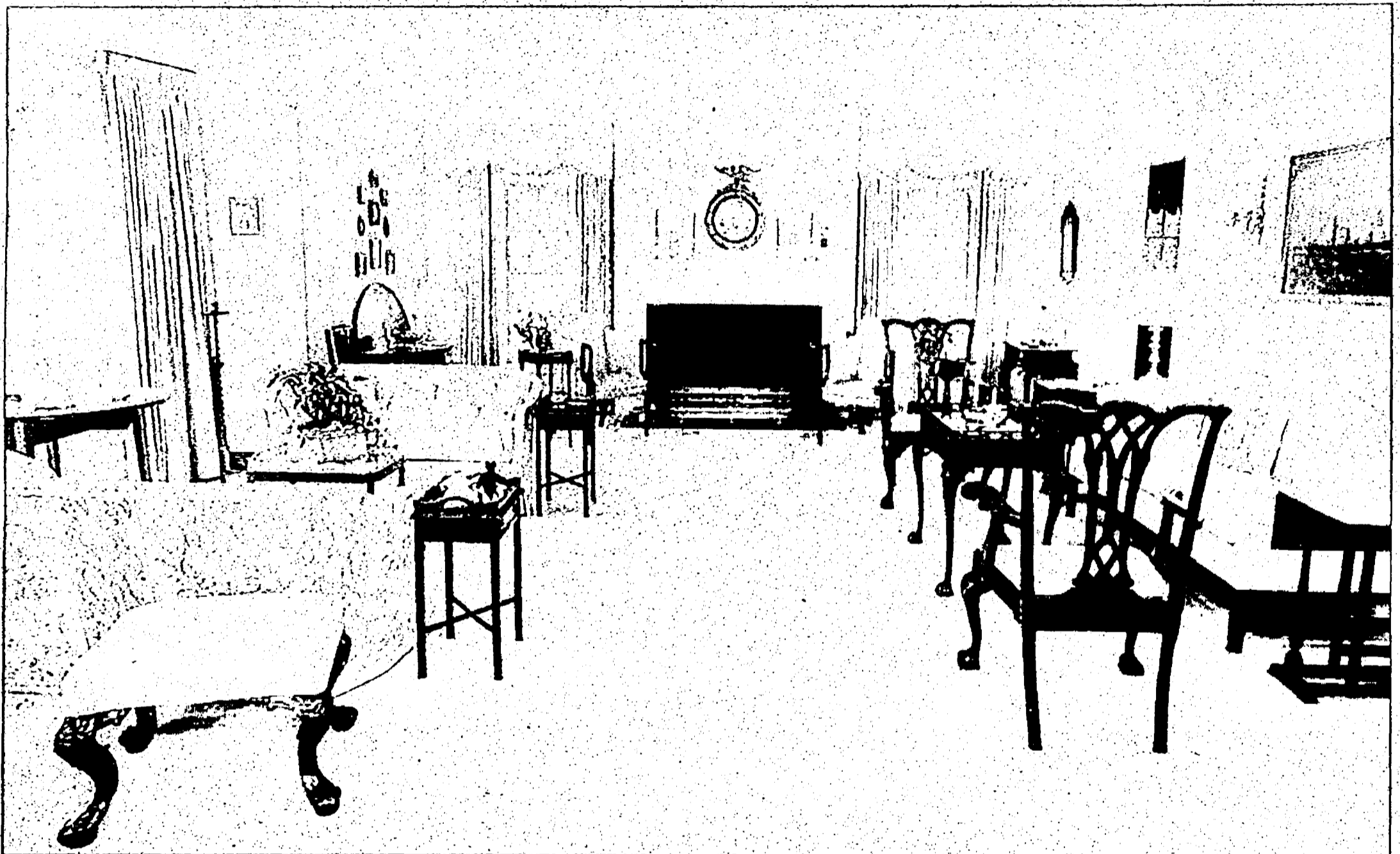


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Living room: The residents designed this room for comfort by arranging smaller furniture pieces in seating groups.

Antiques make home design history

Mirror, mirror: A Queen Anne lowboy in the entranceway greets visitors to the home of a couple who has been collecting and decorating with antiques for more than 30 years.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Ever think about decorating your home with antiques? Vintage furniture and accessories add character to interiors by steeping rooms in history.

A morning-long visit to the Greek Revival home of area residents, who asked that their names not be used, revealed a host of design ideas.

Bought over a period of more than 30 years from local dealers, the antique furniture, an eclectic mix of formal and country, maintains the integrity of the architecture structuring the 7,000-square foot home that was built in 1952.

Even the Paul Revere lantern lampposts lining the driveway of the 3-1/2-acre property are in keeping with the owners' intent.

"Overall, we wanted to make it 18th century Federal. Our original home (a classic Marblehead in

On the cover:
A striking entry to the dining room features a vista with a pedestal table and Hepplewhite chairs. Photo by Bill Hansen.

Birmingham) was country or primitive. Now we've switched to a formal look to match the exterior of the home. We feel strongly about the interior matching the exterior architecture," one of the residents said.

Examples

The burl walnut William and Mary highboy with trumpet legs (c. 1680-1720) in the living room is definitely a focal point of the home. A hidden document drawer at the top was meant "to keep Indians away from important papers."

On the other end of the room, Chinese export vases decorate the mantel. Silhouettes by itinerant artists, who roamed from town to town in the 1800s in search of work, fill the adjoining wall.

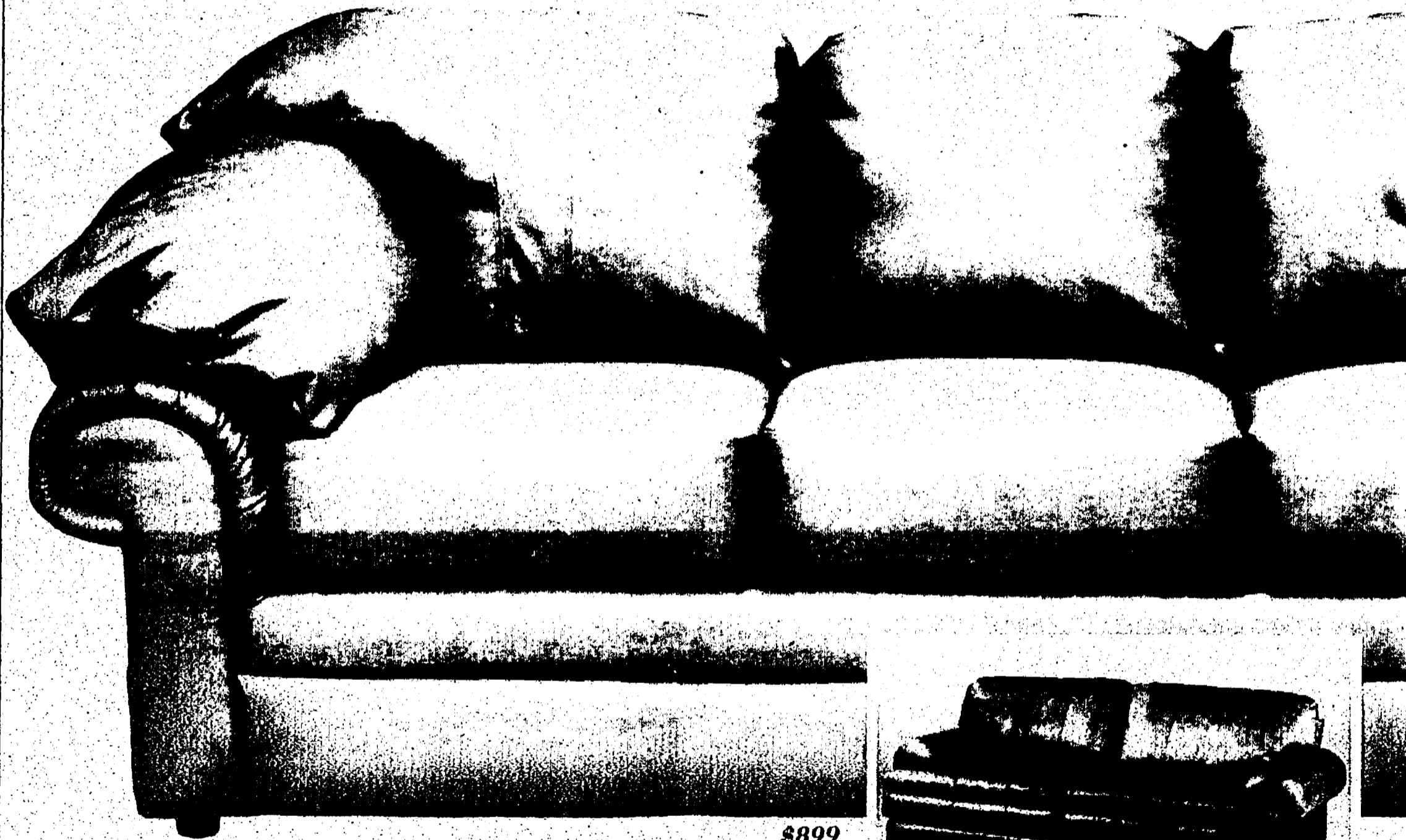
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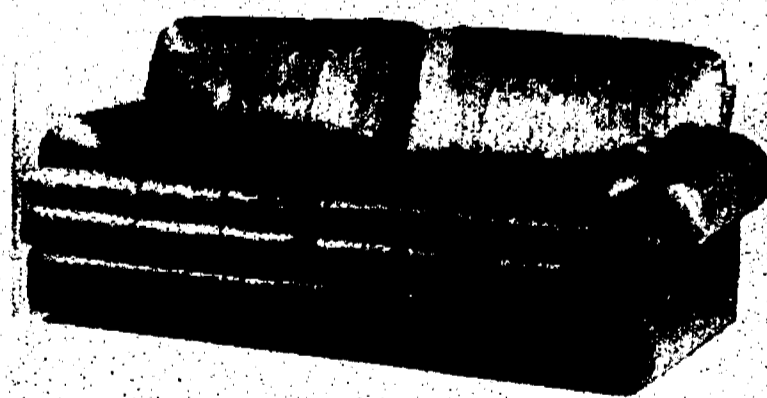
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Stories you won't see in the newspaper



JOE GAGNON

In this column I thought I would promote myself to the status of a newsmen and give you some happenings in the world today. These are not stories you would normally see in the media, rather they are stories I get through the grapevine of industry papers, etc.

For example, Joe Gagnon is currently retained by two different legal firms in regards to clothes dryers being the cause of house fires. He soon will be giving his deposition in a room full of attorneys and engineers from different manufacturers. Already having done this several times in the past and helping the consumer, Mr. Gagnon and his testimony have cost the opposing parties some very big bucks. Stay tuned to this column as in the weeks ahead for more details.

Just a few weeks ago I wrote about chlorofluorocarbons (Freon) in which I explained my viewpoint that millions of

dollars have been spent on the say so of highly contested findings by the E.P.A. and their scientists. My closing remarks in the column were, "Now I only hope that in the next few years the E.P.A. doesn't come out with a new finding. 'It really isn't that serious folks, we apologize if we caused you any expenditure.'" — Holy Smokes folks, we didn't have to wait a couple of years, it's already begun in the front page of the Appliance News out of Chicago is the headline story, LEGISLATION TO POSTPONE CFC PHASEOUT UNTIL 2000 IS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS. Scientific evidence for ban isn't sufficient, say sponsor Doolittle. Doolittle said he hasn't seen sufficient scientific evidence to justify the immediate phaseout of CFCs, which many scientists claim destroys the Earth's protective ozone layer. The delay would give the scientific community more time to prove its theory, he added. Stay tuned to this column with some assurance that there is more to this story.

Ken Adler, the owner of the Detroit-based Servall Co. has retired as director of the Appliance Parts Distributors As-

sociation, a nationwide organization. After 50 years of heading this group, Adler will be retained as an adviser for the next six months. Judging by Adler's youthful appearance, this writer thinks he may have started working in the appliance industry when he was only 6 years old.

Maytag Corp. recently announced a potential fire hazard in their dishwashers produced between March 28, 1994, and January 31, 1995. If you have one of these dishwashers and the serial number ends with any of the following letters, please call Maytag at 1-800-462-9267 for an inspection of the product — KP, KH, KK, KM, KQ, KS, KU, KW, KY, KZ, MB. The serial number is located on a plate on the upper left portion of the tub.

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new air filter for the product.

I know that some of you think I'm not too happy with some of the appliance manufacturers in this country, and rightfully you should. I certainly am one who knows they can build better products for their customers, but folks, they don't listen to me. Now I'd like to say something nice about one of them, because they're deserving. Several weeks ago there were two children ages 11, and 3 kidnapped from Benton Harbor. The Alvarado brothers were found in New Orleans where the alleged kidnapper was arrested. We followed this national story for several days with our local media to discover a somewhat brutish but happy ending. What most people don't know about this story is that the Benton Harbor based Whirlpool Corp. made room in their corporate headquarters so that the FBI, State Police, local authorities, and others could work together to coordinate their efforts. When the boys were discovered, it was the Whirlpool Corp. who loaded the parents onto their company jet and flew them to New Orleans for a tearful reunion. They returned the family to Benton Harbor to hopefully have happy ever after. As J.P. McCarthy would have said — Roses to you, Whirlpool.

Holiday open house scheduled

The Detroit Garden Center presents "In the Spirit of St. Nicholas," its annual Holiday Open House, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 2-3.

Visit Detroit's oldest brick house with its historically furnished parlor. Every room will be decorated by area garden clubs in a Victorian St. Nicholas theme. The center is at 1460 E. Jefferson, 1/4-mile east of the Renaissance Center.

Admission is \$1.50, free for children

under 12. Admission includes the Red Ribbon Walk to four historic buildings Sunday. Call (313) 259-6363 for more information.

Three Christmas workshops will take place daily, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. A fresh green wreath and swag sale, and Upstairs Shop, for holiday gifts, will be featured.

Sunday, the walk will visit Christ Church, Sibley House, Trowbridge House and Moross House.

Annual home tour announced

Palmer Woods, one of Detroit's finest neighborhoods, will host visitors for the area's sixth annual Architectural Society Holiday Home Tour 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

The seven homes on the tour reflect the diversity of architectural styles found in the neighborhood. Each features quality craftsmanship and many have been lovingly restored or updated.

One of the homes was built by Albert Kahn's firm for Kahn's brother Maritz. This home is one of the few examples of Kahn Associates' residential architecture in the Detroit area.

For information, call (313) 368-0714. Proceeds are designed for charitable and neighborhood beautification purposes.

Tour prices for all ages are \$12 per person in advance, \$15 on the day of the tour and \$10 for groups of 20 or more. Tickets are available in Detroit at The Detroit Gallery of Contemporary Crafts in the Fisher Building, Sidney Bogg on Woodward, Terry's Enchanted Garden on Livernois and Hole in One Donuts on Seven Mile. Suburban outlets include Blossoms in Berkley and Bl...

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mingham and Pronto 608! in Royal Oak.

Tickets can be bought on the day of the tour at the Detroit 12th Precinct Police Station, 1441 W. Seven Mile. Advance ticket buyers will be given instructions to begin the tour without visiting the precinct.

The Palmer Woods Subdivision, between Seven and Eight Mile west of Woodward, was carefully planned in 1915 to take advantage of the natural beauty of the terrain. Curving streets contrast with the rigid gridiron tradition of Detroit, and street names such as Balmoral and Strathcona reflect an interest in English history. Today, early Tudor Revival homes sit side by side with Mediterranean and Modern construction.

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"The silhouettes are all hand-cut because they didn't have cameras back then," another resident said. "The small pieces look better when grouped together."

In the dining room, Hepplewhite chairs with Prince of Wales' feathers and ovals of inlaid woods decorating the backs date from the late 17th or early 18th century. A colonial ratchet floor lamp next to a sofa in the music room and a rare Masonic sampler from around 1792 originally used in the couple's first home provide a mix of formal and authentic Early American.

"As pieces come in other pieces leave but above all else, it's all useable, all functional."

Rule of thumb

The couple has a rule of thumb before any purchase is made. Both must agree on it. Throughout the tour, there were plenty of stories on how their purchases came about.

But what is the main reason this retired ophthalmologist and his wife chose to surround themselves with antiques? The history behind them: what period and place the vintage pieces held in the lives of

our ancestors.

"There's a history behind every piece. The colonists traded tobacco for the Chinese porcelain. The brass candlesticks you see all over the house were very important to the colonists because it was their only form of light."

To mention the way they used a Chippendale chair, bride's box or Federal bullseye mirror would take longer than the length of this article permits. The 32 antique dealers at the third annual Holiday Antiques Show Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 5-7, at The Community House in Birmingham will be available to answer any questions visitors have about decorating with antiques.

Design tips

In the meantime, here are a few of the residents' tips for buying and designing with antiques: Keep an eye on the proportion of the room. Buy small scale furniture rather than large. Smaller pieces give a larger look when arranged to create

seating groups that look comfortable and inviting. Use soft colors of fabrics and carpet-

Spend time reading and researching the history of an antique and then buy only from reputable dealers. Look for a dealer who will allow you to return a piece if it doesn't fit in once you get it home.



PHOTO BY BILL HANSEN

In the corner: Every corner in the home is used to create an effective overall design.

ing for warmth. Spend time reading and researching the history of an antique and then buy only from reputable dealers. Look for a dealer who will allow you to return a piece if it doesn't fit in once you get it home.

Don't buy an antique because you think it's something you should have. Buy it because you love it. Finish is one of the easiest ways to

spot a reproduction. The majority of vintage furniture pieces have a matte finish. If the wood shines, beware.

Lighting is important. A very dim, dismal room can be depressing on Michigan's dark days.

Finally, never ever refinish an antique because it destroys the value. And buy in a condition good enough to be functional.

Holiday antiques show set

If you're thinking about decorating or accenting your home with antiques, a visit to The Community House's third annual Holiday Antiques Show Dec. 5-7 could prove quite a find. Dealers from 10 states won't only have furniture with which to design interior spaces but porcelain, Majolica, Quimper, pattern glass, quilts, prints, lamps and clocks for accenting as well.

The show, presented at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, kicks off with a preview night 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$30 per person and include light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The show continues 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, and to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. Admission price of \$5 includes two hours of free validated parking.

"The show will feature 32 dealers, 14 more than last year, with everything from English and American antiques to china and silver," said Connie Lovell, a member of the volunteer committee producing the show.

Sponsored by McDonald & Company Securities Inc. and the Bank of Bloomfield Hills, the show will offer a special Holiday Boutique stocked with decorative items like candles, toys and reproductions of Victorian ornaments. Visitors will be able to refresh themselves at a cafe 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and until 4 p.m. Thursday, or drop by for tea, available at 5 p.m. both days.

Local dealers in the show include Shelley Barr Antiques of Bloomfield Hills, Candlestick Antiques, Clarkston; Dede and Jim Taylor, Troy; Waters Edge, Oxford; Rare Old Prints, Royal Oak; Marlis Brink Antiques Berkley; and Toothill & McBean and Carol Hutchins Cole, Ann Arbor.

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Picture problems? Use some deduction



MONTE NAGLER

I'll often receive calls from photography friends and students complaining about picture problems.

From the description of the fault and at times the pictures themselves, I find most shooters don't know which to blame — the camera, the film, the processing

lab or even themselves. But by putting on your Sherlock Holmes hat and using methods of deduction, you can determine where the guilt lies.

Print too dark? Not enough light reached the film. First thing to check is the ASA setting. If you set it higher than required by your film, you'll know right away what went wrong. If you've set the ASA correctly and still have prints that are too dark, then look at your negatives. If there is detail overall, including shadow areas, then your exposure was correct, but the processing lab goofed. Ask for a remake of your print.

But if the negative lacks detail, then your camera's meter may be at fault. The best way to check this is to stand side by side with a fellow photographer and compare light readings of the same subject. If your readings are inconsistent, take your camera in for repair.

Print too light? Too much light may have reached the film. Again, check the ASA setting first to make sure you didn't have it at too low a setting. Then check the negative. If it looks good, request a remake from the lab. If it appears dark all over, check your meter as described above, and take your camera in for repair if necessary.

Scratches on your prints? Look closely at the negatives. If the scratches are intermittent, there was probably a burr on the lip of the film cartridge or a nick on the pressure plate (part of the film transport mechanism). If the scratches are consistent through the entire roll, the problem could be twofold: a bad burr or nick just described, or a processing lab goofup when your film was developed.

Overall yellowish tint on your prints? The cause is most likely either old film or a loaded camera left in a hot place.

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deduction just described will work for you. Just remember, the effects of over- or underexposure are exactly the opposite from negatives because slides in themselves are positive. Thus, if a slide appears too dark, it was underexposed, and if too light, it got overexposed.

So clue yourself in to playing photographic detective. You'll eliminate many of the common faults in photography which in turn will improve your pictures.

Always check the date stamped on the box when you buy film and never leave your camera and film where a hot sun may bake it.

For color slides, many of the same faults can happen and the methods of

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.



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MARTY FIGLEY

"Taylor's Guide to Container Gardening" is another excellent publication in the series, as is their revised edition "Of 'Roses'" (both Houghton Mifflin, \$19.95 each).

In the first, nearly 200 plants are described as suitable for container gardening, how to use them in the landscape, care for them, start from seeds, etc. Suitable containers are discussed as well.

"Roses" is a guide to 400 roses selected for American gardens. This revised edition includes more than 100 new varieties. All phases of growing and caring for the plants is clearly explained. In both books the color photos clearly illustrate; contributing authors are tops in their field.

Two books in a new series based on the four-volume Royal Horticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening will allow affordable information with expert advice.

"Manual of Grasses," consulting editor Rick Darke, and "Manual of Climbers and Wall Plants," consulting editor J.K. Burras (both Timber Press, \$39.95 each), include all the material found in the RHS Dictionary, as well as additional information.

Darke, Longwood's curator of plants, explains the history of grasses and gives a very understandable account of their general care. This introduction is followed by the encyclopedic listings. Burras, superintendent of the Oxford Botanic Garden, also shares his expert advice. Both books are superbly illustrated with line drawings. Serious gardeners and growers will find much useful information.

Two small soft-cover books in the For Your Garden series, "City Gardens" and "Arbors and Trellises," Warren Schultz (Little, Brown, \$12.95 each), are filled with lovely photos to illustrate their focus. Schultz accompanies the photos with explanations that will in-



Book look: Publications offer a variety of gardening information.

spire the gardener to try something new, different and perhaps dramatic.

If you're having a time deciding just what to grow on a difficult site such as windy, shady, stony, "Plants for Problem Places," Graham Rice (Timber Press, \$19.95), now in paperback, will help. Rice describes 13 garden locations and their specific problems, then suggests suitable trees, shrubs, climbers, annuals and perennials for each.

"The Best of the Hardest," Third Edition, John Sabuco (Plantsmen's Publications, \$29.95, soft), is encyclopedic in format but very "readable." The many plants listed are hardy to 20 degrees F. colder; among them are trees, shrubs, groundcovers, ferns, grasses, cacti and bulbs. Included is a chapter on the climate and its effect on winter adaptability, plus cultural information. To order, write Plantsmen's Publications, P.O. Box 1, Flossmoor, Ill. 60422. Add \$3 shipping and handling.

Soon the Ann Arbor Flower Show and the Silverdome Home and Garden Show will be here, and those who participate with their specimens will find "Winning at Flower Shows," Jack Kramer (Fulcrum, \$17.95), very helpful. Kramer gives the "scoop" on growing and showing. He suggests which plants to show, how to care for them before and during, and tells about requirements for judging. Shows are listed throughout the United States; included are addresses of many plant societies. Good solid information.

"Grow It Indoors: How to Make Houseplants Thrive," Richard Langer (Stackpole, \$16.95, soft), covers all the basics of plant care, from soils, water requirements, light and houseplant cycles. He describes houseplants from those that need dry conditions to those that require a humid location — more than 250 plants. Line drawings help explain particular techniques. It isn't colorful, but it's most informative.

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden's two new books, "Butterfly Gardens: Luring Nature's Loveliest Pollinators to Your Yard," guest editor Alcinda Lewis, and "Salad Gardens: Gourmet Greens and Beyond," guest editor Karan Davis Cutler (\$6.95 each), are available at your local bookseller. The first illustrates (with color photos) and describes many commonly found butterflies and flowers that they prefer. A list of butterfly plants by region is a plus.

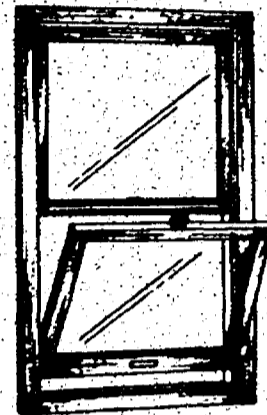
"Salad Gardens" includes growing tips and designs for the gardens, from the familiar greens to more exotic ones. Salad vegetables are included as are herbs and edible flowers. A chapter about seed sprouting is a nice addition. Seed sources for the unusual are helpful.

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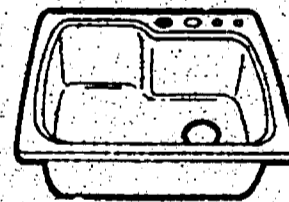
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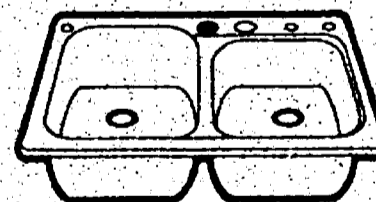


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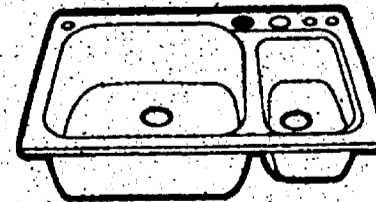
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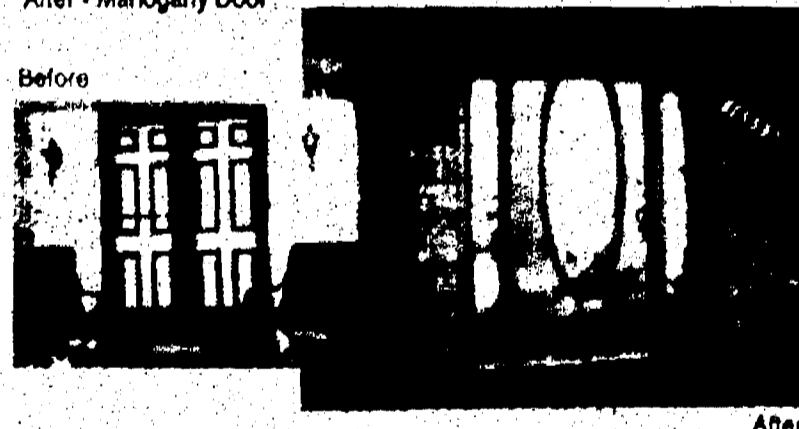


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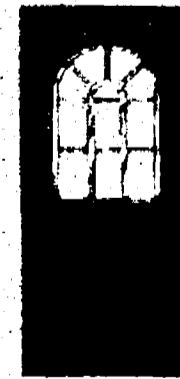
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Joins Century 21



Mary Day

Mary Day, a Troy resident, has joined Century 21 East in Rochester Hills. She holds a national real estate sales ranking in the top 10 percent and is a member of the multi-million dollar club.

Day specializes in residential sales in Oakland and Macomb counties.

Joins Clarkston firm



Carol O'Neil

Carol O'Neil, who lives in Clarkston, has joined Clarkston Real Estate Services in that community as an associate broker.

Stepping up

Several members of the sales team at Signature Associates-ONCOR International, a commercial brokerage based in Southfield, will step into leadership roles of professional associations.

Paul S. Hoge and Gary F. Sallen, associate brokers, have been elected 1996 president and secretary, respectively, of the Michigan Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors.

Joseph M. Banyai, associate broker, has been elected 1996 president of the Michigan Chapter of Certified Commercial Investment Members.

Additionally, David Miller, has accepted the 1994 Outstanding Manager of the Year Award as determined by a jury of his peers worldwide. Growth, quality service and leadership were evaluated.

Jon G. Savoy, associate broker, has received the 1995 Realtor of the Year Award from CCIM of Michigan.

REAL ESTATE

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You gotta hustle to be a success

Success usually doesn't just happen. You need a plan and focus. And luck often results when preparation and opportunity meet.

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

You don't become a top-selling real estate agent on wishes, hopes and dreams alone.

And you don't find coulda, woulda, shoulda kinds of people heading the list, either.

It takes perseverance, putting in long hours, getting up early, staying up late, being on call, not taking no for an answer. It takes time to build a clientele and referral network. It takes hiring assistants to better prioritize time. It takes adapting to technological change.

That's the consensus of top-producing agents from area firms.

"I'm an independent contractor and have to make an investment in myself," said Glenda Lagrois, an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country in Sterling Heights.

"I have two assistants that work with me. They do the paperwork, scheduling of appointments, sales follow ups. I do all the personal contacts, sales and listings."

Lagrois, with 18 years in the business, said she's had in excess of \$12 million in sales each of the last three years.

Linda Rea, a Realtor associate with Real Estate One in Troy, employs three assistants.

"It's a different world," said Rea, a 20-year veteran who counted nearly 500 closings last year. "Each (assistant) has a job to do to keep me out in the field."

Rea said she's a big believer in spending money through advertising to make money through sales. Her biggest challenge is helping clients separate needs from wants.

Rea's keys to success?

"Be willing to endure, be willing to get back on your feet when all doesn't go well," she said. "Be willing to share back into your business. Have full knowledge of the marketplace. Then you have to care about the client and not a fast buck."

Steve Caah, a Realtor associate with the Michigan Group in West Bloomfield, said he's chalked up sales of between eight and ten million dollars each of the past couple of years.

"I do the things I promise with people to market their homes, and I keep in touch with them," he said. "I get in early in the morning. I'm a little bit aggressive, but not in a pushy way. I ask for business... but don't steam-roll people."

"When you sell long enough, you build up clientele," he said. "I develop rapport. Many of my clients have become friends."

Persistence pays off, especially if



Top producers: Some of the most prolific real estate agents in terms of sales volume in this area include, from left, Glenda Lagrois, John Goodman, Dee Wright, Mary Gladchun, Lillian Hoard and Steve Caah.

you're just entering the business, Caah said. "I've never met anyone who consistently called on for sale by owners and who called expired listings who didn't succeed."

Dee Wright, an associate broker with Hall & Hunter of Bloomfield Hills, said she had sales last year of more than \$6 million.

"I think there's a big difference between buying a home and selling a house," she said.

"Buying can be a little more emotional. You're talking about a place where you're going to spend your life, where children will be reared. When you're selling, then it's a business. You treat it as a business and step away from the emotional."

Previous careers in banking and speech therapy have helped her immeasurably in real estate, Wright said.

"Part of it is knowing how to communicate with people. Financial skills is a big factor."

"I think the biggest piece of advice

anyone gave me is know when to be quiet," Wright said. "Sometimes, nothing is the best thing to do or say. You have to know when to back out and let people make a decision."

John Goodman, an associate with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Northville, said he recorded sales last year of \$28 million.

"One thing I do is spend about \$15,000 a month advertising myself and my properties," he said. "I call my sellers at least twice a week and send constant written communication."

"The customer always comes first," Goodman said. "No matter what, you make them happy. You're on call 24 hours a day, basically. That's what you have to do to do the volume I do."

Lillian Hoard, an associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates in Farmington Hills, an 18-year veteran, said she averages sales of \$5 million to \$6 million annually.

"I do personal advertising on my listings... and lots of times I'll mail out a flier to other agents," she said.

"Some people don't spend as much time (60-70 hours per week) as I do," Hoard said. "I think that makes a difference. I think you have to be willing to be on call."

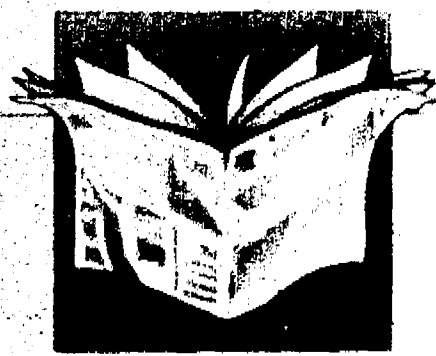
Hoard's advice to beginning agents... "You can't be afraid to ask for the order and don't be afraid to ask for help from associates."

Mary Gladchun, broker/owner of Re/Max on the trail in Plymouth, said she sells upwards of 70 houses a year.

"To me, the trick is really timeliness," she said. "The faster you go, the faster you get results. Real estate won't wait for you. You can't put something off until tomorrow because it will sell today."

"Personally, I feel you have to prove yourself every day," she said. "Never take anything for granted. It's built one customer at a time by delivering satisfactory results."

"I don't believe in the word no," Gladchun added. "All my life people told me not to do things. I went with what I felt, and it worked out well."



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REAL ESTATE QUESTIONS



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. In your years of experience in representing purchasers of a house or condominium, what are the most common issues that you are confronted which could be of help to those of us who are thinking about doing our own purchase agreement?

A. The biggest problem that I have seen over the years in representing purchasers is that they have not sought legal counsel before they sign the purchase agreement and only consider retaining an attorney for "closing."

Obviously, the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement dictate the obligations of the respective parties. Unless the purchase agreement adequately protects the purchaser in such areas as inspection, guaranteed possession at the time of closing, adequate prorations of taxes, assessments and other dues, and many other issues, the purchaser will be at a disadvantage at the time of closing in obtaining what he or she has bargained for.

A purchase of real estate is the largest investment that most people make, and they should be adequately protected before the enter into any type of binding agreement.

Q. The control of our condominium association has just been turned over to the co-owners by the developer. There are a number of construction defects and deficiencies in the condominium which we believe are attributable to the developer, including roof leaks, basement leaks, and poor drainage.

The developer promised the steering committee that something would be done, but nothing has been done to date, and the developer has only a few units to sell in the condominium. We are concerned that the developer will run away from its obligations and we will be left without a remedy.

What should the association do?

A. One of the audits that we recommend to condominium associations when the control of the association has been turned over to the co-owner/purchasers from the developer controlled board is the physical audit. That audit will determine the exact composition of the condominium project as it relates to its physical condition and will allow the association to intelligently evaluate whether it has a claim against the developer and other responsible parties for any defects and deficiencies in the construction of the condominium.

In your instance, it appears that the association members have known for a period of time of the

developer's improper construction tactics but have been either misled into acquiescence by the developer or have otherwise not been willing to pursue the developer aggressively.

Based on my years of experience in these kinds of matters, I would strongly recommend that the association board consult with knowledgeable legal counsel as soon as possible in regard to the rights that the association has to pursue these defects and deficiencies against the responsible parties and/or entities and to secure, with the assistance of legal counsel, the necessary documentation through engineers and architects, as the case may be, to document the claim of the association.

Demand should then be made upon the developer to take care of the problems. Without a satisfactory response, the association should consider its legal alternatives, including the commencement of legal proceedings.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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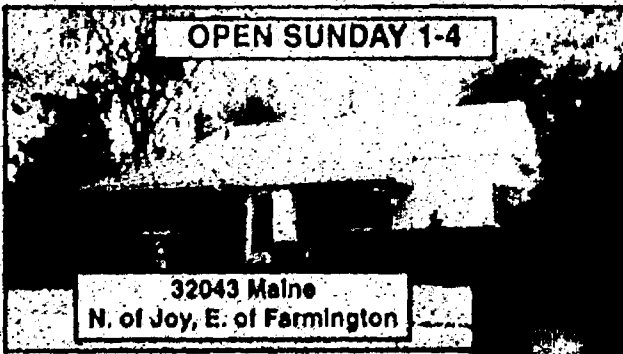
PLYMOUTH Condo-Delight in the updated kitchen of this spacious 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condo townhouse. Swimming Pool, Clubhouse. \$129,900. Code 5058 (ML551084) MARY ELLEN GOODWIN 313-591-9200



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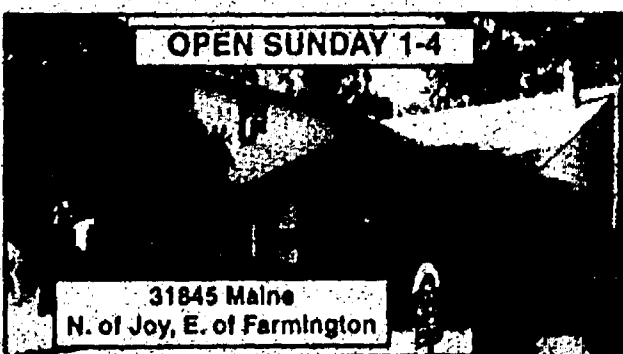
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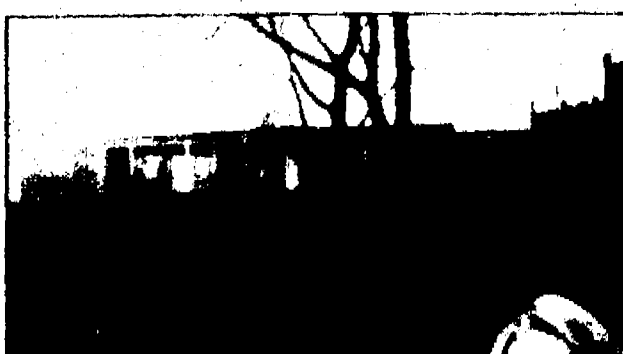
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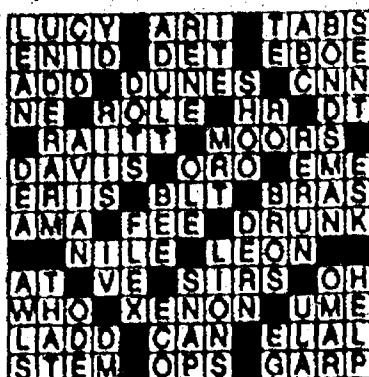
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317 Garden City ABSOLUTELY GREAT! This bedroom brick aluminum ranch offers beautiful landscaping. C/A, new basement windows, new steel door & patio. Close to elementary school. \$232,000

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JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1991
Aug. 17, 1996, at the Northfield Hilton Inn, Troy. (313) 886-0770

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July 20, 1996, at the Gowanus Golf Club, Mount Clemens. (313) 886-0770

Bloomfield Hills Lahser
CLASS OF 1996
7:30 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Old Woodward Club, Birmingham. (810) 642-3813

Dearborn Fordson
CLASS OF 1996
Nov. 9, 1996, at the Italian American Club, Dearborn. A pre-reunion get-together will be Nov. 8. (313) 274-9654 or (313) 654-3958 and (313) 441-4051 for the pre-reunion get-together

Detroit Cass Tech
CLASS OF 1977
A reunion is planned for June 1997. Elizabeth Bell Smith, 10608 Beaconsfield, Detroit 48224 or (313) 372-6657 after 4 p.m.

CLASS OF 1978
is planning reunion for Aug. 2-4, 1996. Send name, address and telephone number to: Cass Tech Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 1094, Detroit 48231-1094.

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CLASS OF 1968
A reunion is planned for Nov. 30, 1996. (810) 559-4306

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JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1996
Are planning a reunion. (810) 648-1983 or (810) 977-3324

Detroit Finney
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Sept. 14, 1996, at the Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. (313) 886-0770

Detroit Henry Ford
JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1971
A reunion is planned for Aug. 17, 1996. (313) 538-8593 or HFHS Class of 1971, 25th Reunion, P.O. Box 99424, Troy 48099-9424

Detroit Mackenzie
CLASSES OF 1968-69
A reunion is planned for Sept. 8-8, 1996. (810) 478-9539

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CLASS OF 1996
is looking for classmates. (810) 855-1900 or (810) 851-0184

Detroit Redford
CLASS OF 1944
is planning a reunion. (313) 453-4687
CLASS OF 1978
Sept. 14, 1996, at Livonia's Italian-American Club. (313) 876-8327

Detroit St. Andrew's
CLASS OF 1987
Oct. 4, 1996, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. (313) 483-1022

CLASSES OF 1944, 1948 AND 1948
Dec. 10 at St. Aidan's Activity Center, Livonia. (313) 861-8328, (810) 445-8807 or (313) 425-0177

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CLASSES OF 1968-69
Are planning a reunion. (810) 786-3956

Detroit St. Leo
CLASS OF 1944
is planning a reunion. (313) 722-8126 or (810) 851-3020

Detroit Southeastern
JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1946
A reunion is planned for Oct. 5, 1996. (810) 652-1477, (810) 266-7083 or (810) 642-1087

Farmington
CLASS OF 1996
Aug. 2, 1996, at the Double Tree Suites.

Southfield
(810) 360-7004

Farmdale Lincoln
CLASSES OF 1981
Planning a full 1996 reunion. (810) 643-7148 for January class, (810) 335-7383 for June class.

JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1946
Are planning a reunion May 17-19, 1996. (810) 643-9583 or (810) 645-3839

Grosse Pointe
CLASS OF 1948
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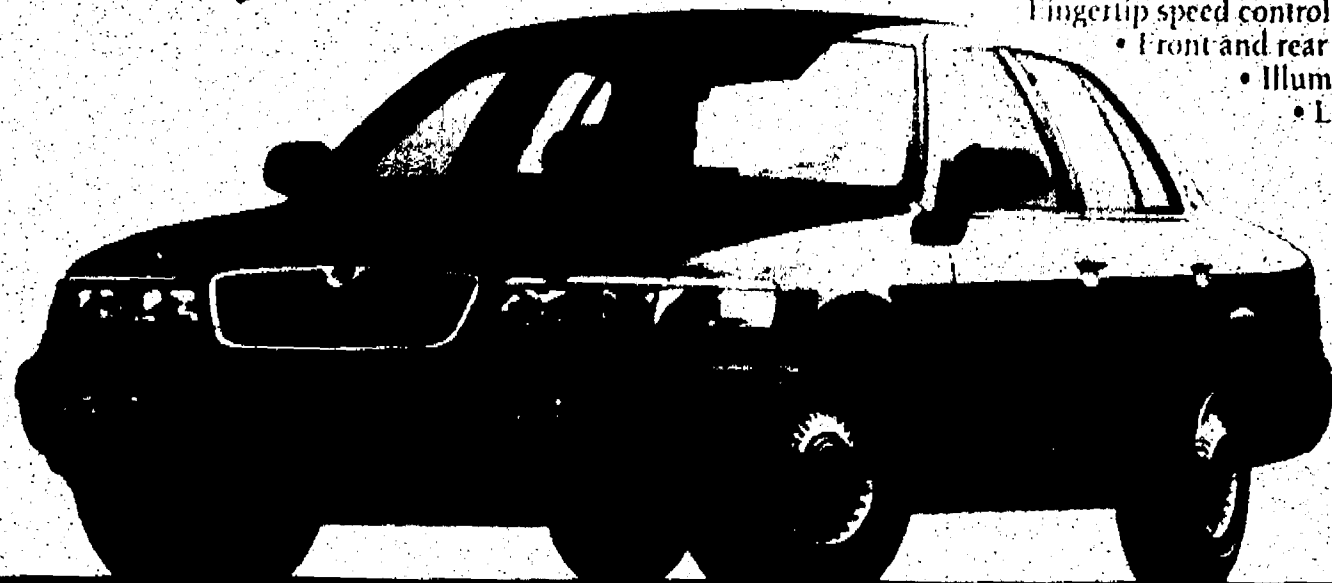


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Vaughan Crossing, 11 detached site condominiums on a six-acre parcel in Bloomfield Hills, is luxurious, private and exclusive.

Prices start at \$600,000 for a 3,500-square-foot, story-and-a-half unit with three bedrooms, including a first floor master suite, and 2½ baths.

But there's a lot more to the structure than bare bones basics.

Standard features include two-car garage, fireplace, air conditioning, alarm system and two furnaces.

Also, a refrigerator, dishwasher, oven and microwave, first floor laundry, basement and landscaping.

Other standard amenities include a deck, sound insulated baths and laundry room, cedar shake roof, and brick and wood exterior.

Builders John C. Uznis and Robert R. Deneweth went to work on the property on Long Lake Road just west of Woodward after previous plans there stalled.

"We cleaned the pond up, dredged it," Uznis said. "We transplanted trees, then built a brick wall. We bought flowering crab, planted maples up and down the street, put in a street lighting system."

"What you basically had here before was a berm, a street and a 5,000-square-foot custom house that was never finished," Deneweth said. "We tore the house down."

"The site needed it," Uznis said of the work. "Without it, it wouldn't have gone anywhere."

"What it shows is we're committed to not only starting a project, but a substantial project that will be completed," said Douglas P. Keating, sales representative at Vaughan Crossing.

The typical buyer there likely will be a Bloomfield Hills resident who wants to stay in the community but doesn't need as much space or maintenance worries.

"This is going to be empty nesters or a family with older children," Uznis said. "This isn't the place for a family with four little kids. It will be an older couple whose kids are gone, who have a house in California or Florida but want to maintain a presence in Bloomfield Hills."

"We're right in the heart of Bloomfield," Keating said. "If you want a substantial residence in Bloomfield comparable to a home but a condo, this certainly fits the bill."

"With a condo, we take care of everything," Uznis said. "A traditional, single-family feeling is what you're getting."

"Configuration of the road, one way in and one way out, is good for security reasons and for development reasons," Keating added. "You either back to a pond or a good-looking, landscaped back yard."

All rooms on the main level of the model — library, kitchen/eating nook, dining room, family room, laundry and half bath — come off the two-story foyer.

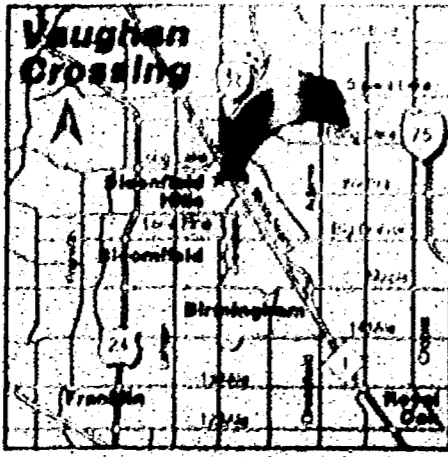
The family room has a fireplace and tray ceiling, the powder room a pedestal sink.

The master suite, also on the first floor, has a separate whirlpool tub and shower, two walk-in closets and a dual sink vanity.

Each of the two upstairs bedrooms has a separate bath and a walk-in closet. The standard plan shows a single bath and two bedrooms upstairs.

The model with extras like a three-car garage, finished walk-out, more baths, an additional fireplace and upgraded floor treatments, sold for \$776,000. The basic price of the plan, including lot, would be about \$616,000.

"Comments I get is 'I like the layout, there's no wasted space,'" Keating said. "All of them want a first floor master. They want to be able to shut off



Vaughan Crossing: Detached condominiums at this small development in Bloomfield Hills carry lots of amenities and a hefty price tag.

the upstairs if the kids don't come back or they don't have guests."

Vaughan Commons, in the Bloomfield Hills school district, is serviced by city water and sewers.

The property tax rate is estimated at \$33 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$650,000 unit in Vaughan Commons would pay \$10,725 the first year.

The monthly association fee is projected at \$230.

Stan and Silvia McLaughlin are moving to suburban Detroit from St. Louis.

"Vaughan Crossing seemed to have the type of development design we liked," he said. "It's a terrific location. The builder has a marvelous reputation."

"The walkout downstairs, master on the main floor, additional bedrooms upstairs, overlooking a

pond — all of that added to our decision to move forward," McLaughlin said.

The sales office at Vaughan Commons, (810) 848-0068, is open 1-6 p.m., closed Thursdays.

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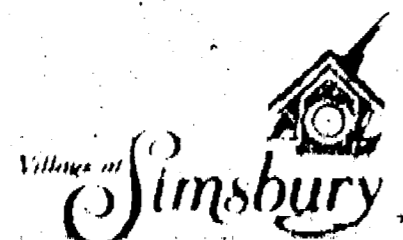
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Paint not always the culprit

Usually it's the paint itself that gets the blame for paint problems on your home's exterior. In most cases, the cause lies elsewhere. Here are some common problems and ways to prevent them.

Blistering is the earliest stage of peeling and is usually caused by moisture trapped under the new paint coat or by poor surface preparation. If it occurs within the first few weeks, it's probably caused by trapped moisture.

While latex paint can usually be applied to damp surfaces without any problem, alkyd and other oil-based paints form a moisture barrier-skin that traps the water inside. The water then turns to vapor and forms blisters.

To avoid this, never paint with alkyds after a rainstorm, when the relative humidity is more than 85 percent, while dew is on the siding, or too soon after you've washed the old surface. Also, never paint when the temperature is more than 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

If the blisters appear after a month or so, the problem is probably poor surface preparation. If you washed the surface down with detergents, did you take the time to rinse completely? Unless such films are removed before painting, they can cause blistering. Also, glossy surfaces must be given a light sanding, so the new paint will grip well.

Peeling is the curling of large pieces of dried paint and is merely a later manifestation of blistering. Severe peeling may also indicate use of a poor primer, or a heavy film of dirt, grease or dust. Prevention involves sanding or wiping the old finish with a deglossing liquid. Then follow the manufacturer's directions as to what primer may be required before applying the top coat of paint.

Alligatoring is a cracking and flaking of the paint in a square pattern. It can result from applying paint over a previous coat that had a high gloss finish that was not sanded, use of the wrong primer or use of old paint, particularly paint that's been stored in an unheated space and allowed to freeze.

To repair the condition, sand the surface smooth and apply the proper primer before

applying a new top coat.

Checking is a series of long lines, with shorter check marks crossing between, usually caused by the wood underneath expanding and contracting. This can be a problem with exposed plywood siding regardless of the kind of paint used. Sanding and then applying a new coat of wood primer will usually solve the problem. But if the new paint shows signs of coming loose, complete removal of the old paint is required.

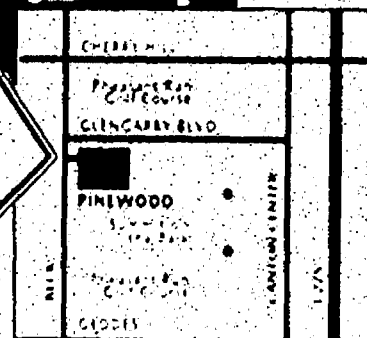
Wrinkling results in a crinkled surface that is caused by interfering with required drying time. Contributing factors are too-thick finish coat, building up of too many layers, undercoat that was not completely dry, wrong solvent or improperly stirred paint. Repair by sanding smooth and applying proper primer before painting top coat.

Chalking or powdering characteristics are designed into some paints in order to keep the surface looking new. Chalking of old paint can interfere with proper bonding of a new coat, so scrub off as much as possible beforehand. In severe cases you may have to apply a bonding primer or sealer.

Mildew manifests itself as patches of black spots. Though most exterior paints contain mildew-inhibiting ingredients, none work under all circumstances.

Remove mildew by washing down the affected area with a bleach solution. Use one-third cup powdered laundry detergent, two-thirds cup of household cleaner containing trisodium phosphate, and 1 quart of household bleach. Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, goggles and a respirator to avoid breathing the fumes.

Stains that bleed through the paint are often the result of sap from knots in the wood seeping through the surface. But it also can be caused by rust from nails and hardware. Many discolorations bleed through coat after coat of paint, so repainting alone is not the answer. Instead, apply a primary coat of stain-killer, such as pigmented shellac-base sealer, and then apply your paint.



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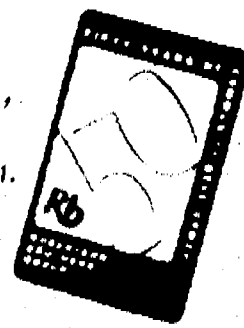
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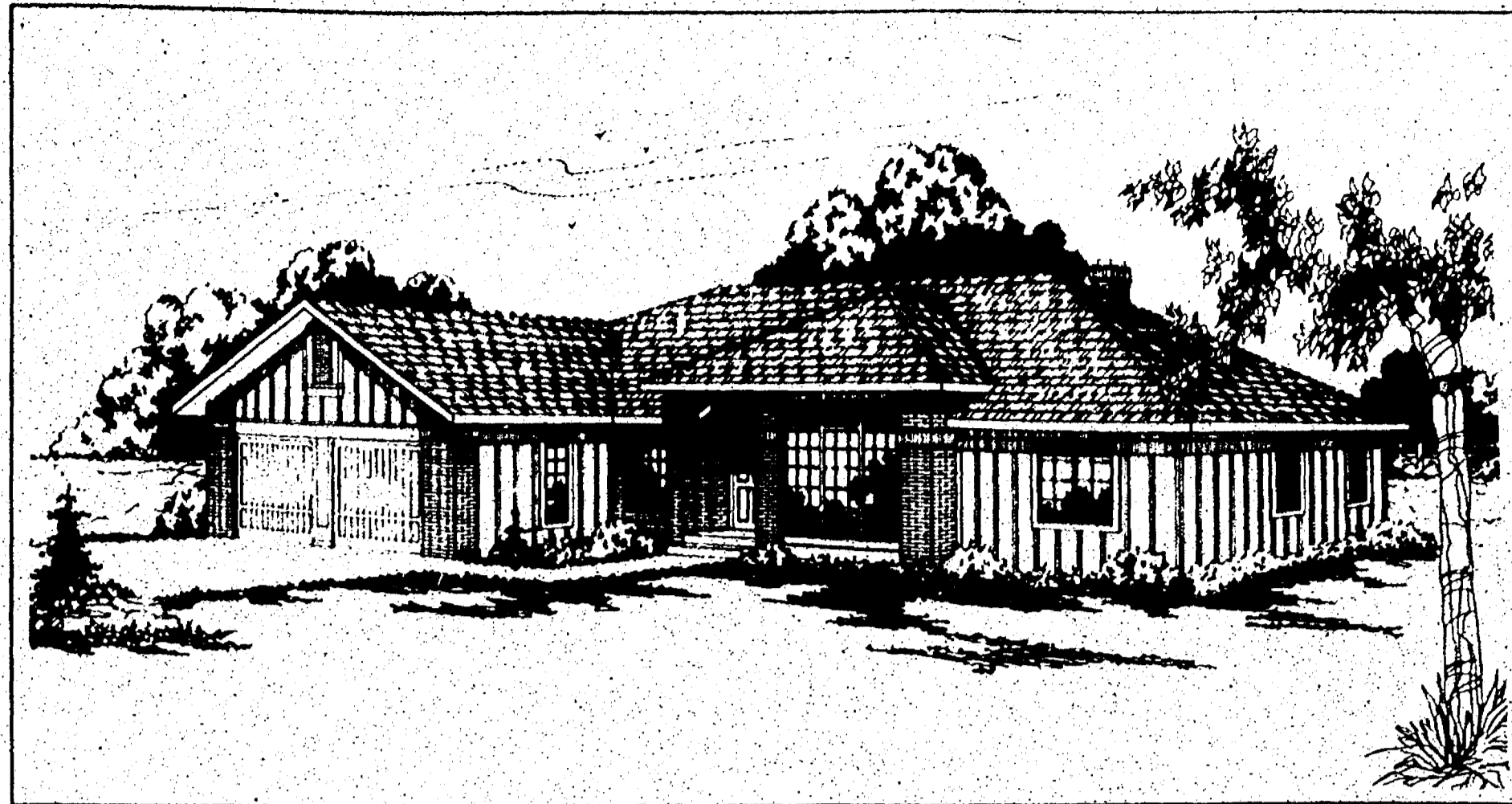
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On the exterior, brick work flanks the stacked windows, resulting in a square column effect. Brick at the corners of the garage echoes this design feature, and a true column supports the roof of the small front porch.

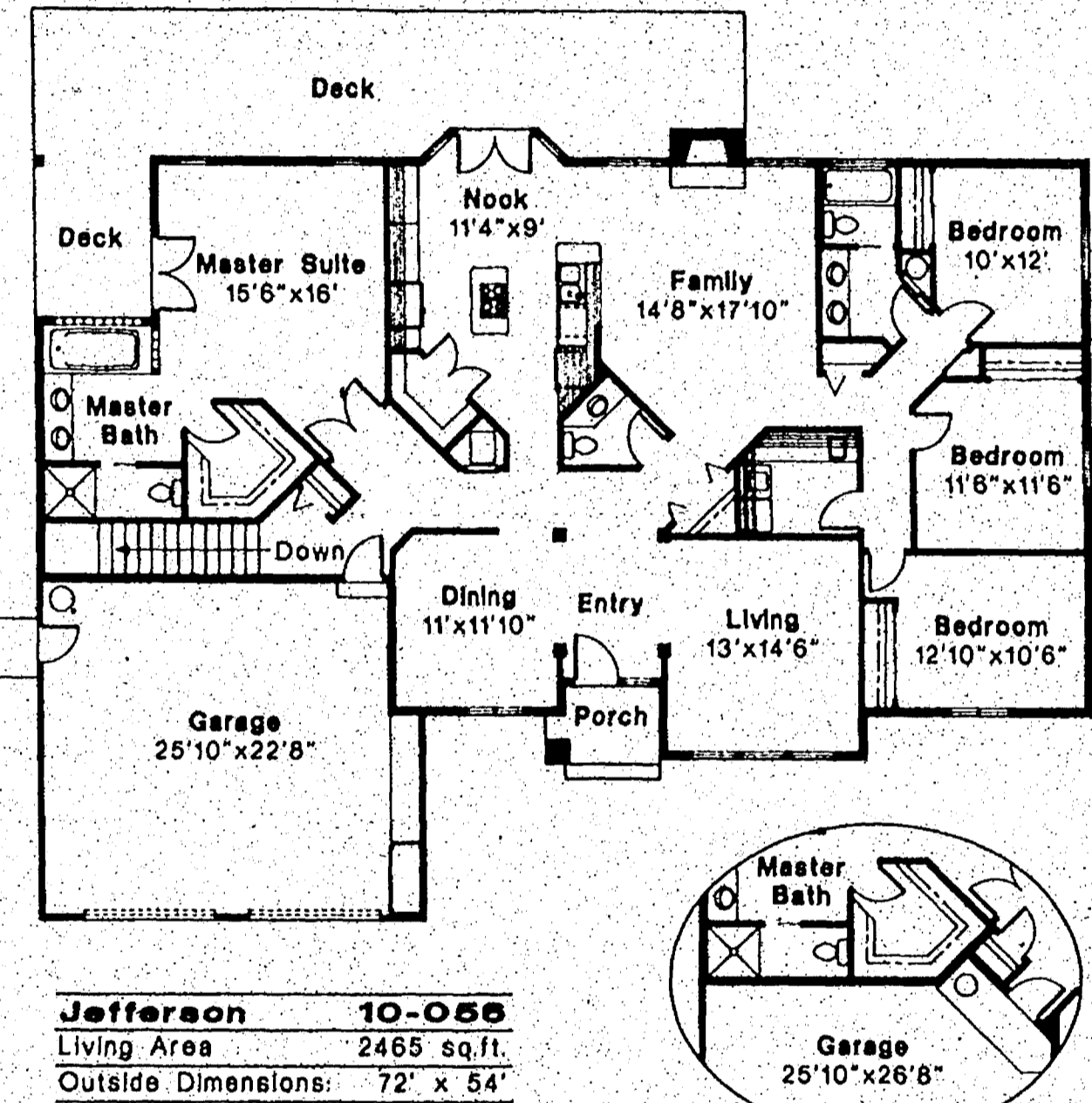
In the living room, multipaned windows stretch almost all the way from the floor to the 10-foot ceiling. More multipaned windows cap the front door, brightening the equally high-ceilinged entry. Columns in the foyer add a touch of class and mark the entrances to the living room, dining room, and a huge great room.

The spacious kitchen is expanded by a bayed eating nook with French doors that open onto a wrap-around deck. The sink is set in a long eating bar that faces into the family room. Counter and storage spaces are ample, including a large walk-in pantry, and a central work island. A desk could be built into the counter next to the back wall.

Basement stairs are tucked between the garage and the Jefferson's master suite. The garage could be expanded, if no basement is desired. Amenities in the master suite include a large walk-in closet, enclosed water closet and shower, twin vanities and a spa with glass blocks on two sides.

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WAYNE BUSINESS Finance

Firm offers ready-made business network

BY JILL HALPIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Most professionals will agree that establishing a business network can be challenging as well as time-consuming. Despite these drawbacks, most will also agree that setting up a successful network is still a very necessary part of business.

A local company, however, is promising to help ease the burden of networking for busy professionals by doing the work for them.

Business Network International, a California-based company with two operations in Livonia, offers professionals a chance to join a "ready-made" network for a fee. By becoming a member of a chapter, professionals in a variety of occupations — from accountants, appraisers, florists to travel agents and veterinarians — join others in passing along business referrals to one another. And ac-

ording to its members, there are many referrals being passed along.

"My business has really increased as a result of being a part of this network. As a CPA, I belong to a number of different organizations — the chamber, the Rotary — but this one has really had direct results on my business," said Bill Sturgeon, president of the first Livonia chapter.

Chiropractor Greg Hix, head of Livonia's newest Laurel Park chapter, agrees. "I attended meetings at another chapter and was impressed when I heard about the results. There was a trial attorney who said that his firm was approaching \$1 million in billings just from BNI referrals. I was interested," said Hix.

Professionals who join BNI pay a yearly fee of \$195. In return, they attend weekly meetings

where they share information about their business, learn about others' businesses and pass along referrals to group members.

According to Brian Maxson, BNI regional director, the company operates on three premises: marketing, education and structure.

"The biggest fear that we have is becoming a social club. This is all about boosting business and enhancing contacts," said Maxson. A financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, Maxson first learned of BNI two years ago when he was looking for ways to increase his own business.

"I am a member of many different organizations — the chamber, charities and social clubs — because you can make important contacts there. But with this group, everyone is concentrating on helping each other increase

business. And it really works," said Maxson, who now holds BNI franchise rights for six counties in southeastern Michigan.

One of the important tenets of the group is what Maxson refers to as the "non-compete feature." That is, membership is limited in each group to one individual from each profession — one attorney, one florist and so on.

This feature allows members to focus on increasing business for group members and also "eliminates jockeying back and forth between two professionals," said Sturgeon.

Prior to joining BNI, members must submit business referrals to a membership committee for consideration. This helps ensure that members are providing quality service, and that other members feel confident in passing their name along.

"If I have a client, and he men-

tions that his daughter is getting married and going to Cancun, I can refer a travel agent and feel confident that this person will provide quality service to my client. In this way, we all benefit," said Maxson.

Hix believes that the secret to the group's success lies in a golden rule — you get what you give.

"The whole philosophy of the group is that when you help someone out with a referral, then they will turn around and help you out. When you give someone a business lead, they feel the need to reciprocate. And as a result, they will remember your name," said Hix, adding that a certain portion of the highly structured meeting is devoted to sharing thank yous for leads.

"The whole tone of the meeting is a positive one. These testimonials help illustrate that the refer-

als really help people," said Hix. Although both Livonia chapters are growing, there are still some professions not yet represented within the group. Prospective members are allowed to attend two meetings without charge prior to applying for membership. The Laurel Park chapter held its first meeting on Nov. 8.

Although many members have experienced success, it is important to remember that some professionals will reap benefits more quickly than others based on their type of business. Others will benefit on a greater scale over a longer period of time, Maxson said.

"Everyone in the group might not be a CEO, but they all know CEOs and I know that these people can lead me to the people that I want to be in contact with. This group has eliminated a great deal of cold calling," Maxson said.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary — including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired — to: Business People, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, ATTN: Business Editor. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Deborah Hall-Turner has recently joined the Michigan Peer Review Organization based in Plymouth as its state government team leader. Her responsibilities will include coordinating the activities related to the organization's contracts with several state of Michigan departments.

Hall-Turner was formerly director of accreditation and regulation for Mercy Health Plans, a Farmington Hills-based HMO associated with Mercy Health Systems. She had been with Mercy Health Plans for four years in capacities which included director of quality improvement and manager of quality services. She served as division head of quality management with the Wayne County Patient Care Management System from 1987 to 1991 in addition to other management and clinical experience in managed care and medical/surgical care with an oncology focus.

She is a graduate of Mercy College of Detroit with a bachelor of science in nursing. She is also a candidate for a master's of science degree at Central Michigan University and is a certified case manager through the Insurance Rehabilitation Specialist Commission.

"Deborah's strengths and expertise will help position MPRO for greater success, particularly in managed care and quality improvement. She is also a Detroit resident and committed to improving the access and quality of health care services needed by mothers and children in the Detroit metropolitan area. We are very pleased to have her with us," said Gary Horvat, the organization's chief executive officer.

The board of directors of Poly Flex Inc. — Precision Polymers in Southfield has announced three promotions within its upper management team. Norm Majeski, formerly president, has been named chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Russ LaFevre, who had been vice president, will assume the position of president and chief operation officer. David Dalfino, former sales manager, has been promoted to vice president. Poly Flex, founded in 1979, designs, engineers and manufactures plastic, rubber, urethane and polymer products for material handling applications.



Deborah Hall-Turner



Norm Majeski



Russ LaFevre



David Dalfino

Joseph Brish has been promoted to tool room manager at Exotic Rubber & Plastics Corp. Brish has been with Exotic for 12 years. He is a graduate of Farmington High School and is working on his associate's degree at Oakland Community College. He is a resident of Canton and is married to Germaine with two children, Justine and Alec.

Linda Krawiec has been promoted to senior accounts receivable assistant at Exotic Rubber & Plastics. She has been with Exotic since 1989, when she joined as a part-time associate working in support services. She has a bache-

lor's degree in accounting from Wayne State University and is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is married to Brian Krawiec.

Jerry Weaver has joined the inside sales force at Exotic. He has previous experience in sales with the Mid-Atlantic Group. He has a bachelor's degree in administration from Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids and is a graduate of Redford Union High School.

Exotic Rubber and Plastics, a distributor and manufacturer of plastic and rubber products, was founded in 1962. The company

provides rubber and plastic products to the automotive, machining, business machine and related industries with more than \$24 million in annual sales.

Exotic's 95,000-square-foot facility in Farmington houses the administrative headquarters, warehousing and manufacturing operations.

Livonia resident Maryjane Peck has been honored by the Michigan Association of Children's Alliances training programs for child care workers. Prior to becoming executive director at Boys and Girls Republic, Peck was the executive director at the VFW National Home in Easton Rapids and had worked for the Michigan Department of Social Services.

Netscape can be customized to be more useful

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EMORY DANIELS

You might remember I really did not commit to Part II. But I know as much now as I will two weeks from now, so let's do it. Some steps taken has not yet had the desired results. Because so many variables are involved, I am really not sure what I need to do

further — if anything. However, using Netscape or any other Internet software will be slightly different for each of us because of system differences. So even if my changes were all working perfectly, they might not for you and fine tuning still would be necessary.

Netscape is the most popular graphical browser in use for those with SLIPP or PPP access, Slipknot or similar software. Of those Internauts who surf the World Wide Web, about 70 percent use Netscape as their browser of choice. Despite its strengths, Netscape can be customized and be an even more useful tool for individuals.

Netscape has a built-in viewer that displays images in .gif, .jpeg and .xpm formats. Netscape 1.1

has its own audio player. The image viewer is not as versatile, though, as dedicated image-viewers like LVIEW and the audio player may not be compatible with your system.

To improve image viewing, you may find it better to tie-in Netscape to LVIEW. Likewise, you can substitute an audio player like WPLANY to handle sound files. You can also rely on a movie viewer like MPEG PLAYER and link it to Netscape.

To do the setup, go to "Options" on the top line and select "Preferences." On the top of the dialog box that appears is a "Set Preferences On" choice. Click on the arrow to unfold the drop-down menu and choose "Applications & Directories."

To allow Netscape to go to Tel-

net sites for you, fill in the directory path on your computer pointing to Telnet, i.e., c:\oeonline\tnet\tnet.exe. And do the same for TN3270 sessions. By the "View Sources" choice, enter the path for LVIEW or whatever image viewer you wish to use. Under the "Helper Applications" choice, go down to the bottom to the "Launch Applications" option at the bottom of the box and enter the path for WPLANY or MPEG PLAY.

Netscape also can be used to send e-mail anywhere you chose. It does not receive e-mail but will send. Netscape also will function as a news reader. However, sometimes it works just fine as a newsreader; other times it does not respond. Under the "Options" choice, go to "Set Preferences On"

and select "News and Mail." Next to "Mail (SMTP) Server" enter "mail.oeonline.com" and then underneath enter your real name and your email address and the directory path where your signature file rests.

For news, next to "News (NNTP) Server" also enter "s0a.oeonline.com" and for News RC Directory enter your Netscape directory path and add the sub-directory "newsrc" such as c:\oeonline\netscapenewarc.

At home I have problems with various news readers because of what I think is a Windows glitch. And so I am not surprised that Netscape is not functioning consistently as a news reader for me. Your experience may be different.

So, that's it on Powering Up Netscape. You might find it easi-

er, and so might prefer, to simply go to the Netscape home page and download the newest version of Netscape 2.0. The software still is in its beta (testing) phase but can be retrieved free, downloaded, and tried out. Its more souped up and probably is something you want to take a look at. I do, but haven't yet.

Next week some excitement. Are you ready?

(You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by e-mail with emory@oeonline.com or fax number 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313)591-0903, at "log-in" prompt type "new" and at "Key:" prompt type GL6NY2. Past columns may be accessed online at <http://oeonline.com/tilde/mark/emoryd/archive.html>.

Planning eases financial burden of kids' college



TOM HOGAN

Recently, my sons returned home from college to be with our family for the Thanksgiving holiday. What a joy to have them home for the holiday and we were thankful that we were able to provide them with a good college education. Their return caused me to ponder what it would have been like if we had planned even earlier for their college education.

The average cost of a single year at a four-year state college or university is in the \$7,000 range and in another five years, that number could jump to almost

\$9,000. For a private four-year college, today's average cost is nearly \$20,000 and that could climb to \$26,000 in the next five years.

How can parents meet these costs?

There are six basic steps to consider. First, determine where you are going to send your son or daughter to college. Second, forecast how much it is going to cost to send your child to college based on today's cost of education. Then increase that cost yearly by a reasonable inflationary rate times the number of years to the time your student starts college.

Tuition for the 1995-96 school year rose by 6 percent from the previous year, according to a recent survey by the College Entrance Examination Board.

The third step in preparing for

financing your child's college costs includes your son or daughter himself or herself. Most parents do a really great job of coaching kids on the need for higher education, but we don't do a very good job of bringing them in on the finances. Children should be more aware early on in appropriate ways as to the financial mountain that parents must climb in order to get their kids through college.

Students can become part of the solution rather than part of the problem. They can start saving money early from their allowance, paper routes and baby-sitting jobs. They must be made to realize that the summer jobs that they have are primarily for saving money to help their parents put it all together.

Fourth, it may be necessary for both parents to work in order to save enough money to reach the goal of being able to pay for costs of college education. If it is possible, try to live on one parent's income and save the other for educational funding.

Fifth, start investing money for educational costs as soon as possible. Don't assume that your income will keep pace and that you will be able to pay these expenses from income, because this is a big ticket item and it is just going to get bigger. Start saving now and invest for growth.

A top-notch rated growth mutual fund could go a long way toward accumulating assets for education. Grandparents can also participate in the investment process. They can take advantage of

giving funds to their grandchildren and then have the joy of watching the money used for excellent purposes during their lifetime.

Finally, don't assume that your family will not be eligible for financial aid. Students whose parents have six-figure incomes have qualified for financial aid. These students' families may have large medical bills or have more than one child in college.

It is very important that parents and students complete the free application for federal student aid and turn it in every year. You never know what financial aid your child may qualify for and that may change every year.

Through a combination of parental investments, student savings from jobs, financial aid

and academic scholarships and parental/student loans, the financial burden of educating your children may not be as difficult as you thought.

Questions and comments are welcomed. If you would like to have a particular financial subject addressed, contact: Thomas E. Hogan or Elizabeth A. Allen in care of the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 Attention: Editorial Department. Or tell us via or e-mail address newsroom@oeonline.com.

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SMART BUS SYSTEM

Service improvement gets people moving

BY BETH SUNDRIA JACIMAN
STAFF WRITER

Change is in the air at the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

New routes, 86 new buses, new fare boxes, and, later on, new bus shelters are all part of the package since voters throughout many communities approved a tax increase to support the regional bus service. SMART also has a new general manager — Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Kaufman will be taking over for interim general manager Michael Duggan in January.

Starting Dec. 9 changes will be made in the SMART routes in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. In Wayne County, these changes will include adding a new route in Livonia in December, and a major north-south route on Telegraph Road will begin in February.

Bus service will include Plymouth Road from just east of Telegraph to Levan Road, north on Levan to Five Mile

Road, west on Five Mile to Newburgh Road, north on Newburgh to Laurel Park Place mall then on to Seven Mile and Newburgh, west on Seven Mile to Haggerty and south on Haggerty to Schoolcraft College.

The new route will have a bus arriving and departing along the route every hour for 12 hours. New stops include: Plymouth Road just east of Telegraph, Plymouth Road-Telegraph, Plymouth Road-Farmington Road, Plymouth Road-Schoolcraft-Levan at Madonna University, St. Mary Hospital, Newburgh-Five Mile, Laurel Park Place, Seven Mile-Newburgh and Schoolcraft College.

The Park and Ride services from Livonia to downtown Detroit will continue.

In February, the Telegraph Road route will travel from Southland mall at Eureka Road north to 14 Mile Road, with two to three bus stops per mile.

"This is saying to all businesses (along Plymouth Road) that you've got a way to get workers to work," Duggan

Other information for SMART riders

- New electronic fare boxes were installed in all the buses, replacing boxes that dated to the early 1900s.
- The fare boxes take exact change or SMART tickets.
- To buy SMART tickets in advance, western Wayne County riders can visit Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia.
- Or, buy tickets by mail by sending check or money order to: SMART Ticket Sales, Transit Center, 660 Woodward Ave. Detroit MI 48226.
- Tickets can be purchased singly, in ticket strips of 10, or monthly SMARTcards good for a month of bus travel.
- The new fare boxes will allow SMART to offer stored value cards — magnetic fare cards offered in various amounts. The electronic fare boxes would automatically deduct the fare from the stored value card. Along with this feature SMART will install ticket kiosks in malls and stores. The cards and kiosks are expected to be available in 1996.

said. And in February it will be the same for Redford with the new Telegraph route, he said.

The Middlebelt bus currently stops at Wonderland Mall at Plymouth and Middlebelt roads. But now, businesses in the Plymouth Road corridor can try to attract workers with the promise of bus service, Duggan said. Also, for example, a student from Garden City can

take classes at the main Schoolcraft campus in Livonia, he said.

As an example of how the service has been needed, Duggan said Rally's eatery, at Plymouth and Farmington, would send someone up to Middlebelt to pick up workers as they got off the bus.

Now riders will have access to the business corridor on

Plymouth Road, Laurel Park Place mall at Newburgh and Six Mile and Schoolcraft College on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Duggan said.

To drum up more riders and fill jobs, the Get a Job — Get a Ride program gives a free first month's pass to ride the bus to unemployed people who find a job. June West, marketing director for SMART, sits down with business officials and shows them how to use the bus system when hiring employees, giving them copies of the SMART routes and times and explaining fares.

"In service and retail businesses they don't pay as high a wage as folks need to drive a car every day," West said.

In Westland and Garden City, the SMART changes involve the Cherry Hill, Ford Road and Warren Road routes connecting with one downtown express bus in Dearborn. The transfer in Dearborn will be quick and there will be no charge, according to West. This service runs primarily in the morning and afternoon, with less

frequent service in the middle of the day, she said.

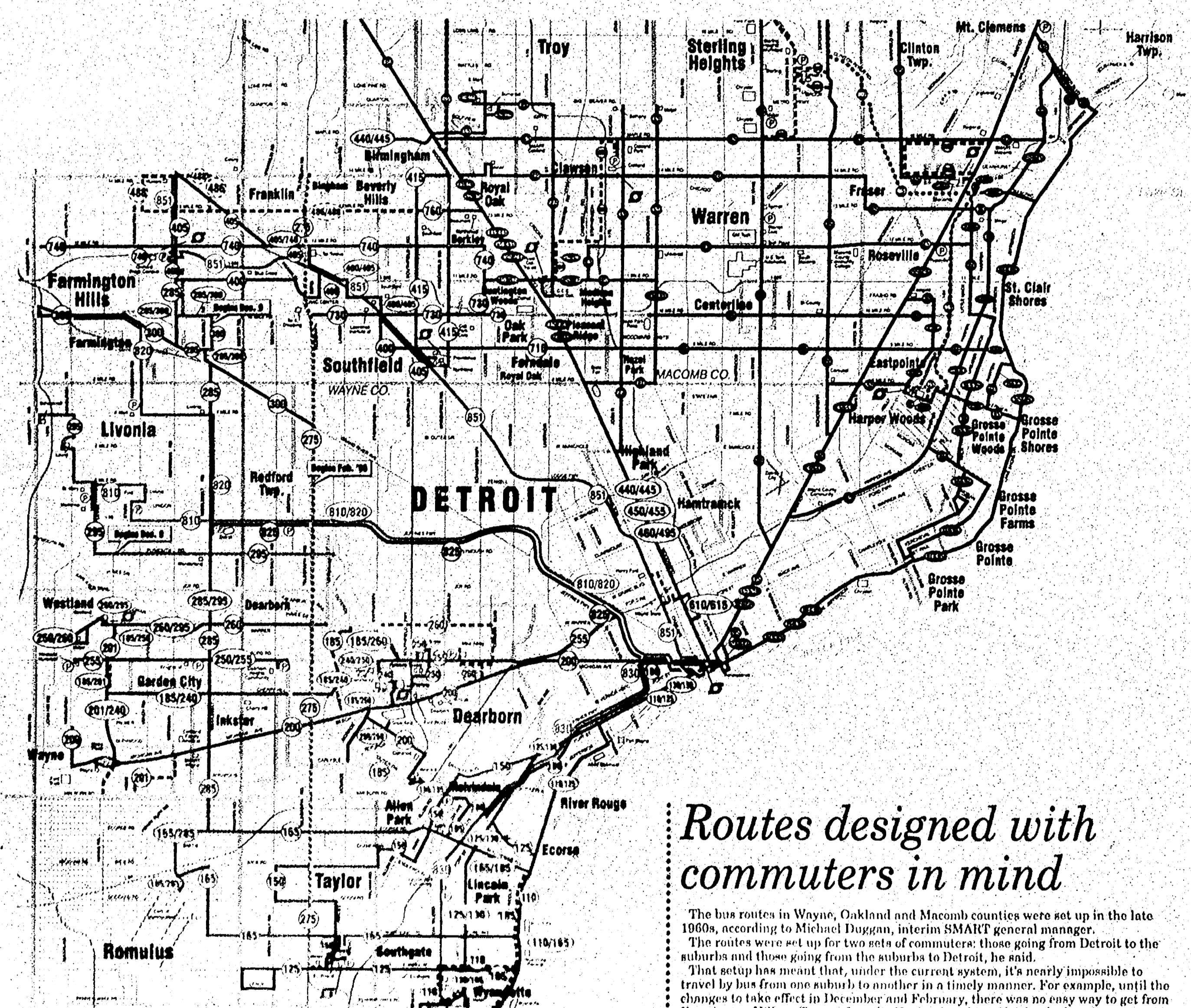
Wayne County residents will also have easier access to Oakland County with the new SMART routes. Included will be a more direct route to Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills as bus service will continue up Middlebelt, over to Orchard Lake Road and up to OCC.

Hubs have been established at Westland Center mall, Oakland Community College, Fairlane mall, and Northland mall to allow for more ease in changing buses at those points.

The SMART service began all these changes after voters in the spring in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties approved a 0.33-mill property tax for three years, generating about \$6.2 million per year for the Wayne County Transit Authority.

Several Wayne County communities opted out of the transit authority, including Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

Printed timetables will be available Dec. 4. Riders can call (313) 962-5515.



Routes designed with commuters in mind

The bus routes in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties were set up in the late 1960s, according to Michael Duggan, interim SMART general manager.

The routes were set up for two sets of commuters: those going from Detroit to the suburbs and those going from the suburbs to Detroit, he said.

That setup has meant that, under the current system, it's nearly impossible to travel by bus from one suburb to another in a timely manner. For example, until the changes to take effect in December and February, there was no easy way to get from Farmington Hills to Troy or from Redford to Dearborn Heights by bus, Duggan said.

"What we basically did was take the whole system and clean up the east-west and north-south lines so people can get where they want to go," Duggan said.

"The least productive routes on the system have been eliminated. We analyzed every trip on every route," Duggan said.

"It will be interesting to look a couple years from now at the bus travel patterns," Duggan said.

Riders SMART officials envision using the service are couples who can't afford two cars — with one riding the bus, the other taking the car.

High school students who can't afford a car may find the SMART system usable to their jobs, Duggan said.

"In western Wayne County you'll see buses where you never saw buses before," Duggan said.

When the routes were drawn they weren't oriented to taking people to jobs in the suburbs. Now about 40 percent of the trips are people going to jobs in the suburbs, Duggan said.

The new routes don't mean no more changes can be made. "If someone's got a significant employment problem, they can call and see if we can work out the routes," Duggan said.

It takes 12-18 months for traveling patterns and employment patterns to evolve, Duggan said. But heavy uses are expected on the Plymouth Road route, he said.

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Air conditioning, airbag, anti-lock brakes, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, 4.3 V6, automatic with overdrive, running boards, four captain's chairs, fold down rear seat, AM/FM stereo cassette with clock, 100" wheel base. Stock #552049.

\$17,495

GM Option Buyer Subtract
Additional \$915.75

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ANTI-LOCK BRAKES

Air conditioning, automatic transmission with overdrive, enhanced 4.3 C.P.I. V6, SLS Sports decor, aluminum wheels, air conditioning, power windows, power door locks, power mirrors, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo cassette with equalizer & clock, sliding rear window, gauges with tachometer, air bag, anti-lock brakes, heavy duty suspension, sliding rear window. Stock #524044.

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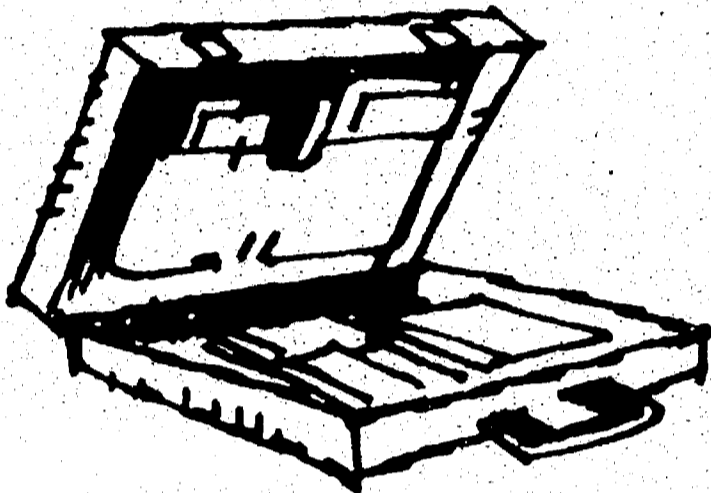
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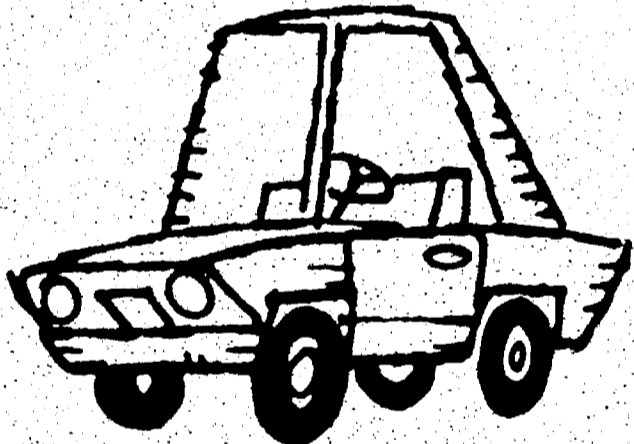
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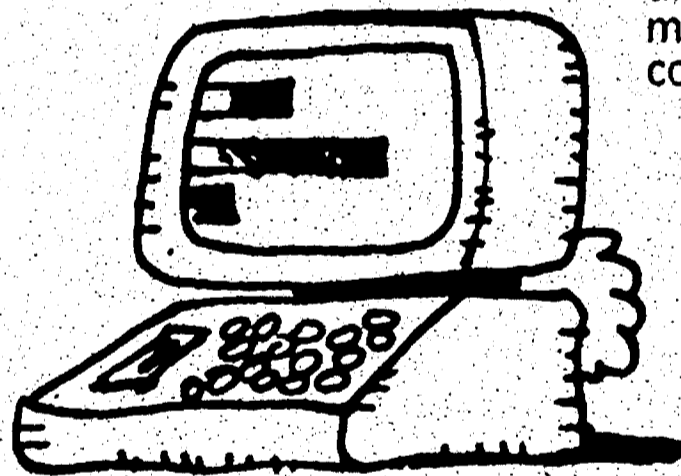
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4. Include phone number and specify hours. Be sure to let potential customers know when and where to call. Surveys show that even if a person is very interested in your item or service, he or she will not call back after the first attempt. Stay near the phone during the hours you indicate you will be available. Don't risk missing a sale!



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\$269 down **\$269**** mo.
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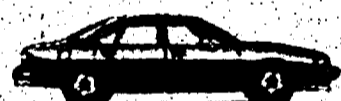
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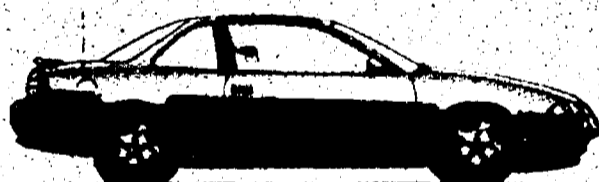
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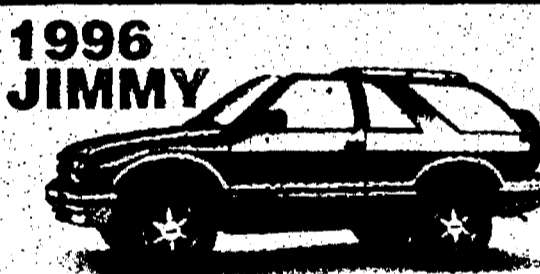
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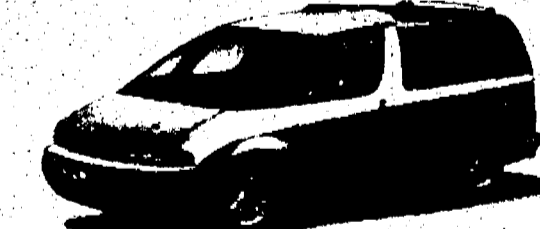
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Dual air bags, anti-lock brakes, automatic, AM/FM stereo cassette, air conditioning, defogger, cruise, power windows & locks and more! Stock #957556.

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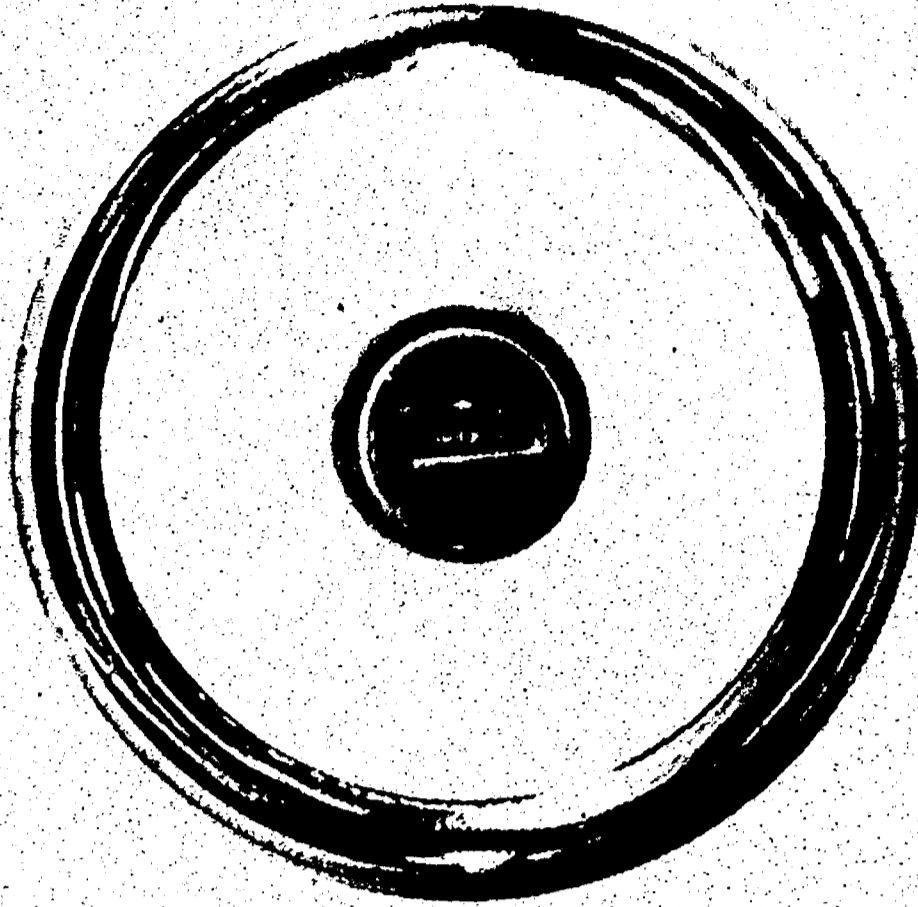
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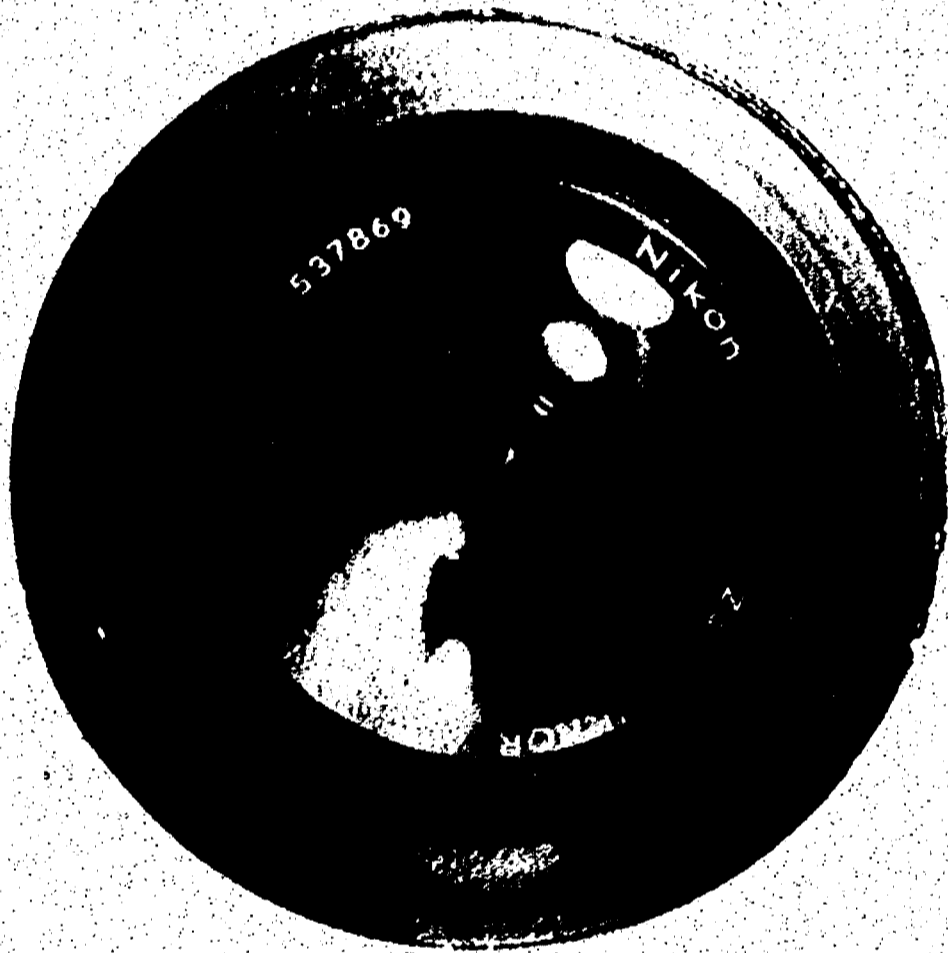


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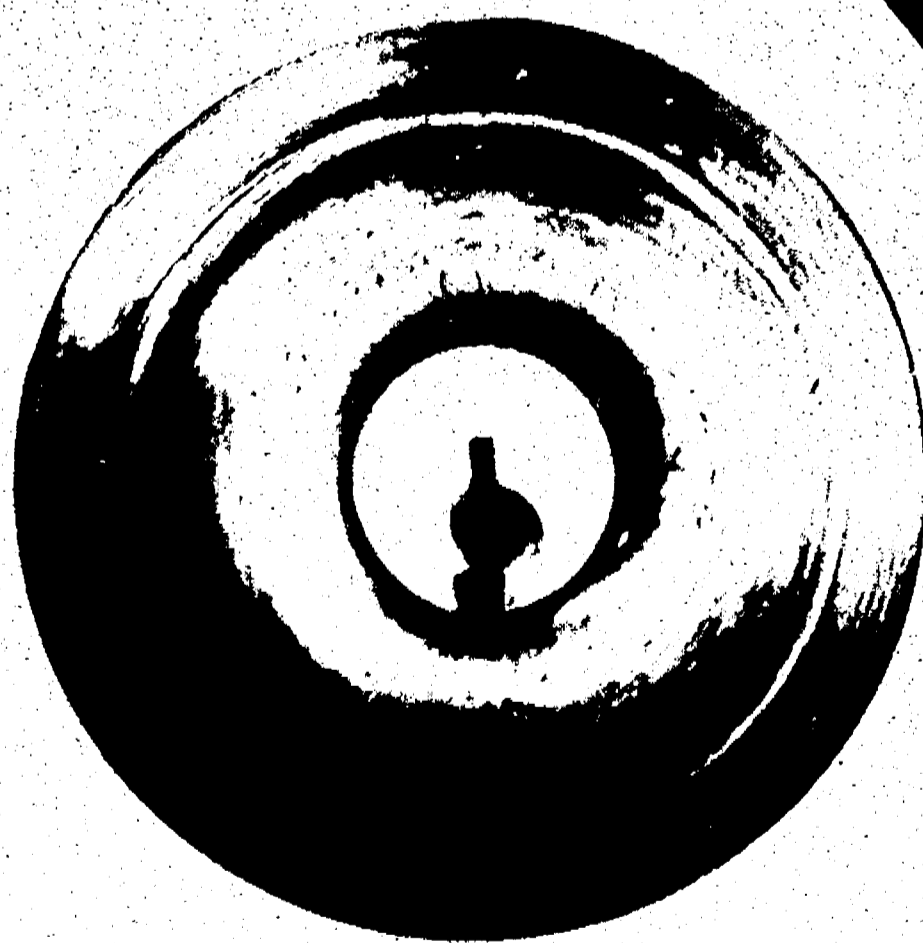
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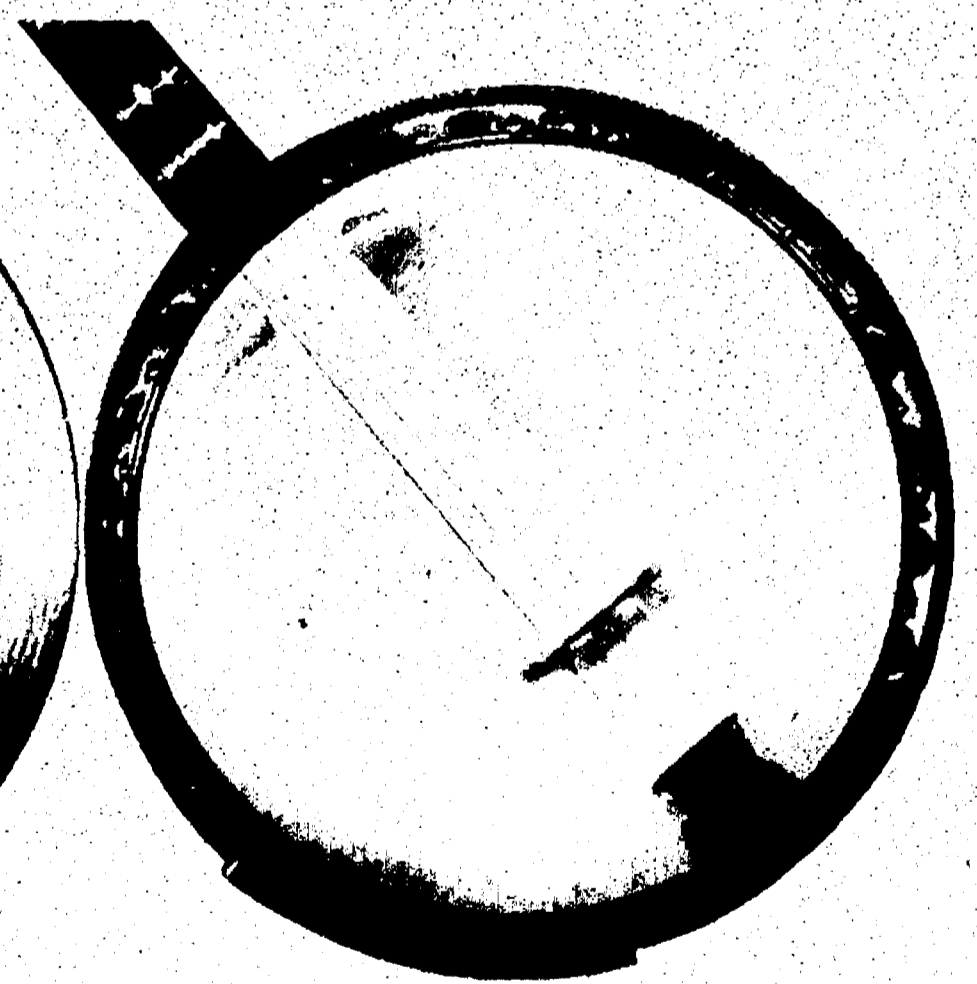
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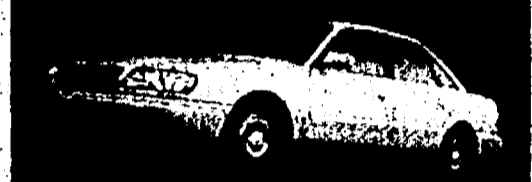
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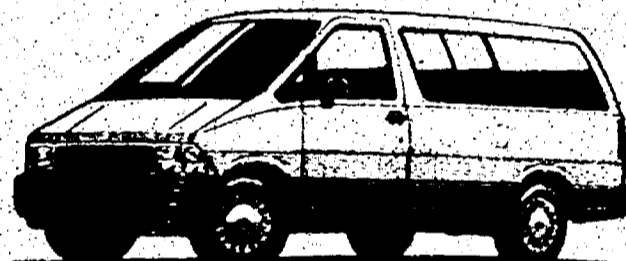
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TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$12,385 RCL & Dealer Cash... \$3000 Monthly use fee... \$30.96 Lease term... 24 months Refundable security deposit... \$425 Total due at inception... \$10,189.34 Total mileage allowed... 34,000 Mileage penalty... 11¢/mile Title and plate extra	Base Monthly Payment... \$399 Monthly Use Fee... \$30.96 Total Monthly Payment... \$429.96 Refundable Security Deposit... \$425 Number of Miles... 34 Cash Reduction From Lincoln Mercury and St. Louis... \$1500 Tax on Retail Money & Down Pay... \$217.08 Total Due at Inception From Customer... \$2397.21 Total of Payments... \$2678 Total Mileage Allowed... 34,000 Mileage Penalty over 34,000... 15¢/mile Closed End Lease

1996 CONTINENTAL

1996 Continental 4-Door, 161 HP V6 Engine, Automatic, Overdrive, Leather, Traction Control, ABS, Audio System

RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS	RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR
'9229¹²	'399¹
TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$12,229 ¹² RCL & Dealer Cash... \$3000 Monthly use fee... \$30.87 Lease term... 24 months Refundable security deposit... \$425 Luxury Tax... \$180.86 Total due at inception... \$10,144.85 Total mileage allowed... 34,000 Mileage penalty... 11¢/mile Title and plate extra	Base Monthly Payment... \$399 Monthly Use Fee... \$30.87 Total Monthly Payment... \$429.87 Refundable Security Deposit... \$425 Number of Miles... 34 Cash Reduction From Lincoln Mercury and St. Louis... \$1500 Tax on Retail Money & Down Pay... \$217.08 Total Due at Inception From Customer... \$2397.15 Total of Payments... \$2678 Total Mileage Allowed... 34,000 Mileage Penalty over 34,000... 15¢/mile Closed End Lease

1996 MARK VIII

1996 Mark VIII 4-Door, 161 HP V6 Engine, Automatic, Overdrive, Leather, Traction Control, ABS, Audio System, Trip Computer

RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS	RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR
'9094¹⁵	'399¹
TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$12,594 ¹⁵ RCL & Dealer Cash... \$3000 Monthly use fee... \$31.49 Lease term... 24 months Refundable security deposit... \$425 Total due at inception... \$10,169.34 Total mileage allowed... 34,000 Mileage penalty... 11¢/mile Title and plate extra	Base Monthly Payment... \$399 Monthly Use Fee... \$31.49 Total Monthly Payment... \$430.49 Refundable Security Deposit... \$425 Number of Miles... 34 Cash Reduction From Lincoln Mercury and St. Louis... \$1500 Tax on Retail Money & Down Pay... \$217.08 Total Due at Inception From Customer... \$2397.62 Total of Payments... \$2678 Total Mileage Allowed... 34,000 Mileage Penalty over 34,000... 15¢/mile Closed End Lease

1996 VILLAGER LS

1996 Villager LS 4-Door, 161 HP V6 Engine, Automatic, Overdrive, Leather, Traction Control, ABS, Audio System

RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS	RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR
'8076³²	'341²²
TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$8,204 ³² RCL & Dealer Cash... \$3000 Monthly use fee... \$31.49 Lease term... 24 months Refundable security deposit... \$425 Total due at inception... \$6,779.34 Total mileage allowed... 34,000 Mileage penalty... 11¢/mile Title and plate extra	Base Monthly Payment... \$341 Monthly Use Fee... \$31.49 Total Monthly Payment... \$372.49 Refundable Security Deposit... \$425 Number of Miles... 34 Cash Reduction From Lincoln Mercury and St. Louis... \$1500 Tax on Retail Money & Down Pay... \$217.08 Total Due at Inception From Customer... \$1967.33 Total of Payments... \$2248 Total Mileage Allowed... 34,000 Mileage Penalty over 34,000... 15¢/mile Closed End Lease

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RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS	RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR
'6573⁹²	'268¹
TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$7,873 ⁹² RCL & Dealer Cash... \$1000 Monthly use fee... \$18.93 Lease term... 24 months Refundable security deposit... \$300 Total due at inception... \$7,028.34 Total mileage allowed... 30,000 Mileage penalty... 11¢/mile Title and plate extra	Base Monthly Payment... \$268 Monthly Use Fee... \$18.93 Total Monthly Payment... \$286.93 Refundable Security Deposit... \$300 Number of Miles... 30 Cash Reduction From Lincoln Mercury and St. Louis... \$1000 Tax on Retail Money & Down Pay... \$122 Total Due at Inception From Customer... \$1724.43 Total of Payments... \$2011 Total Mileage Allowed... 30,000 Mileage Penalty over 30,000... 11¢/mile Closed End Lease

1996 SABLE GS 4 DOOR

1996 Sable GS 4-Door, 161 HP V6 Engine, Automatic, Overdrive, Leather, Traction Control, ABS, Audio System, Drivers Seat, Air Conditioning, 1 Passenger Seating

RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS	RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR
'7283⁶⁸	'269¹
TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$7,783 ⁶⁸ Renewal Incentive... \$500 Monthly use fee... \$19.48 Lease term... 24 months Refundable security deposit... \$325 Total due at inception... \$7,148.72 Total mileage allowed... 30,000 Mileage penalty... 11¢/mile Title and plate extra	Base Monthly Payment... \$269 Monthly Use Fee... \$19.48 Total Monthly Payment... \$288.48 Refundable Security Deposit... \$325 Number of Miles... 30 Cash Reduction From Lincoln Mercury and St. Louis... \$1000 Tax on Retail Money & Down Payment... \$60 Total Due at Inception From Customer... \$1749.36 Total of Payments... \$2018 Total Mileage Allowed... 30,000 Mileage Penalty over 30,000... 11¢/mile Closed End Lease

1996 SABLE GS 4 DOOR

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RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS	RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR
'7783⁶⁸	'320¹⁵
TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$7,783 ⁶⁸ Monthly use fee... \$19.48 Lease term... 24 months Refundable security deposit... \$325 Total due at inception... \$7,148.72 Total mileage allowed... 30,000 Mileage penalty... 11¢/mile Title and plate extra	Base Monthly Payment... \$320 Monthly Use Fee... \$19.48 Total Monthly Payment... \$339.48 Refundable Security Deposit... \$325 Number of Miles... 30 Cash Reduction From Lincoln Mercury and St. Louis... \$1000 Tax on Retail Money & Down Payment... \$60 Total Due at Inception From Customer... \$1749.36 Total of Payments... \$2018 Total Mileage Allowed... 30,000 Mileage Penalty over 30,000... 11¢/mile Closed End Lease

1996 MYSTIQUE GS

1996 Mystique GS 4-Door, 161 HP V6 Engine, Automatic, Overdrive, Leather, Traction Control, ABS, Audio System, AM/FM Stereo, Power Windows, Speed Control, 1 Passenger Seating

RED CARPET ADVANCE PAYMENT LEASE PROGRAM 24 MONTHS	RETAIL LEASE LEASE FOR
'5908⁴⁶	'234¹
TOTAL LEASE PAYMENTS \$5,908 ⁴⁶ Monthly use fee... \$16.77 Lease term... 24 months Refundable security deposit... \$280 Total due at inception... \$4,628.08 Total mileage allowed... 26,000 Mileage penalty... 11¢/mile Title and plate extra	Base Monthly Payment... \$234 Monthly Use Fee... \$16.77 Total Monthly Payment... \$250.77 Refundable Security Deposit... \$280 Number of Miles... 26 Cash Reduction From Lincoln Mercury and St. Louis... \$1000 Tax on Retail Money & Down Payment... \$60 Total Due at Inception From Customer... \$1124.82 Total of Payments... \$2011 Total Mileage Allowed... 26,000 Mileage Penalty over 26,000... 11¢/mile Closed End Lease

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