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WHITE CHRISTMAS: Canton Township will have its third annual "Guaranteed White Christmas" contest for all Canton residents. The winner will be picked in a drawing Friday, Dec. 19. Canton Parks and Recreation will cover the winner's yard with snow on Monday, Dec. 22, plus offer the winner a copy of Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" album to celebrate the holiday season. Entry forms are available at the parks and recreation department or by mailing your name, address and phone number to: Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48188.

HISTORICAL OFFICERS: The Canton Historical Society has elected the following to its board of trustees at a special meeting last month: Tillie Schultz and Bonnie Berg, elected for three years; and Flossie Tonda, Frank McMurry and Melissa McLaughlin for one-year terms. Schultz was elected president by the board, Berg vice president, McLaughlin secretary and Roy Schultz treasurer.

WEAPON CONTROL: Canton Police Department is curtailing the department's use of non-lethal weapons, such as billy clubs. "We are limiting the use of non-lethal force to 24-inch batons," says Canton Police Lt. Alex Wilson. The department is training officers in baton use. "We're trying to enable officers to protect themselves when lethal force is not appropriate," he said.

BAKEOFF: There were more than 50 entries in the recent Father-Son Bakeoff held by Cub Scout Pack 884 of Canton at Miller Elementary School. The grand-prize winners were Steven and Mike McGuire with an apple pan dowdy. Other winners were: pie, Chris and Chad Little with fruited cherry cheese; bread, Mike and Skip Ward with almond tea loaf; cookies, Eddie and Fred Markman with pumpkin bars; cake, Kevin and Jack Kopsenski with cream cheese cake; and a special award for Tiger Cubs, Michael and Mike Fedirko, yuletide coffee cake. The judges were George Trajkovski of Canton Bakery, Ken VanKirk of Dunkin' Donuts and Gunther Esser of the Boy Scouts.

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Student reassignments delayed

By Doug Funke
staff writer

A plan to move all Plymouth-Canton ninth graders to the high schools from middle schools by the 1988-89 academic year will be put on hold for at least one year.

Overcrowded conditions currently at the Centennial Educational Park, plus enrollment projections over the next couple of years, have prompted administrators and the school board

to revise the timetable.

This year, ninth graders who would have been assigned to East and Central middle schools were sent to CEP in the first phase of the realignment.

That boosted enrollment at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools combined to about 4,420, said Dr. Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction. He estimated capacity at CEP from 4,200 to 4,300.

NINTH GRADERS at Lowell Middle School were to join their counterparts at CEP for the 1987-88 school year and ninth graders from Pioneer and West middle schools were to follow the following year.

Next year's alignment now will be the same as this year.

Lowell's ninth graders are now expected to transfer to CEP in 1988-89 and Pioneer and West students in 1989-90 or perhaps separately that year and the next.

"If we did not defer Lowell for a year, we would end up with about 150 more students in '87-88 than we have now," Homes said.

"One of the things that happened is we gained more students at the high schools than we expected. We returned more students in addition to the move-ins.

"We don't want to overtax the high schools more than we need to," Homes said. "We don't want to be in the same situation we were in five or

six years ago."

At that time, ninth graders were moved out of the CEP back to the middle schools due to overcrowding.

HOMES SAID he believes that all ninth graders eventually will be housed in the high schools.

Ninth graders now attending classes at CEP and the middle schools now have equitable course-selection opportunities, he added.

Want to give? They need help this holiday season

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

When a volunteer from Ward Presbyterian Church called a needy family to find out what sorts of gifts might brighten their holidays, she discovered a 9-year-old boy lived in the household.

His grandmother was asked what he'd like for Christmas. Rather than guess, she called Scott to the phone.

"My first wish is to have my mother home," Scott told the volunteer.

Scott's mom is in prison and will be there on Christmas Day. But thanks to Ward's Project Angel Tree, Scott won't be forgotten Dec. 25.

Like 360 other urban and suburban children whose parents are prison inmates, Scott will receive donated clothing and toys via Project Angel Tree.

Ward is finding, though, that there's a limit to time and resources. The church recently had to turn down a request for help from a Washtenaw County prison.

"We're pushing our congregation to the limit," said Ward's Donna Freed. Freed said help from non-church members is welcome. Those interested may call 422-1851.

The Christmas spirit has moved folks at Ward and many other area churches, organizations and businesses to help the helpless.

And while some senior citizens' homes and churches are turning down offers of assistance, there's plenty of need out there.

If while racking your brain about what to buy for a loved one who has everything, you've thought about helping someone less fortunate, read on. Plymouth and Canton will be happier places this holiday season because of the big hearts of others.

CHILDREN WHO are physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed, abused or orphaned — 4,000 of them — will receive toys from Mel Bobcean.

Bobcean, of Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest in Plymouth, is accepting toy and cash donations from the community as part of "Discover Plymouth for a Giving Christmas," a holiday food-toy-clothing collection project.

Bobcean, better known as Mel, began the program after visiting a Northville children's home.

"I went as a clown to cheer them up a little. The children didn't want me to leave — they were hanging on

my legs," Mel recalled. "I felt so bad, even leaving, that I asked what more I could do. They said the kids would love some toys."

Eight years later, Mel's Christmas program is thriving. He's looking for agencies to help him find recipients for the contents of 30 boxes of toys that line his shop.

Mel says the work is rewarding.

"One lady was so thankful last year that after Christmas she came to me with tears in her eyes she was so grateful," said Mel.

BATTERED WOMEN and their children are assisted by an area agency called First Step.

At no charge, they're provided shelter, food and clothing. Gifts for the abused spouses and teens — particularly non-perishable food items, sleepwear, underwear and socks — are being warmly accepted, said Karen Porter, First Step program specialist.

Interested donors may call 525-2230.

The gift of time is appreciated more than anything at West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth, said Sheila Tippie, activities director.



Volunteer Nancy Makepeace visits with nursing home resident Mary Zellakowski. Volunteers find that things like passing coffee and tea and making conversation "take an hour of anybody's time and are a very rewarding experience," said Sheila Tippie, activities director for West Trail.

Police release victim's brother

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Police have released the 21-year-old brother of Keith Mettetal, who was killed on the runway of his grandfather's airport while they timed a speeding car.

Ian Mettetal was legally drunk, said police, when he struck his brother who was clocking him when he drove by in a 1986 Honda. The accident happened at 11:15 p.m. Sunday at Mettetal Airport on Joy and Lilley in Canton Township.

Ian told police he tried but failed to get his brother in the car to get medical attention.

Keith, a 19-year-old Texas resident, was pronounced dead at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia at 12:33 a.m. Monday.

"They were brothers — they loved each other," said their father, Robert Mettetal of Texas.

IAN WAS HELD in the Canton

Share Christmas tales

Christmas, like most holidays, is a time for memories.

Whenever people gather, especially families, memorable events happen — funny things, heartwarming events, embarrassing happenings. Such memories produce fodder for future gatherings.

This holiday season the Observer Newspapers of Plymouth and Canton invite readers to the community table to share holiday memories of Christmases past. Christmas, indeed, is a time for sharing. So let's share our holiday memories as well.

Take a moment to write down your favorite holiday moment and submit it to the Observer, 489 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170 by noon Friday, Dec. 19. We'll publish some of the better tales, which likely will include yours. Keep your story brief and it will leave more room for others; a 100-word limit is suggested but don't omit great material just to meet it. We're flexible if you're creative.

Names may be withheld if the writer requests anonymity, but only for personal reasons that are obvious. Unsigned responses risk not being published.

Flexibility serves problem-solver well

By Leonard Poger
staff writer

Marcia Buhl sees herself as a problem-solver and ombudsman for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and its customers.

In Buhl's case, the customers number hundreds of thousands in north-west Wayne County and Washtenaw County.

Not only does she represent the phone company to the public, she represents the public's needs in dealing with Bell employees and managers.

Sometimes it's not easy.

For example, Plymouth Township's new police department had a problem in the summer of 1985 in setting up its telecommunications emergency phone system.

THE TOWNSHIP found out that it didn't have enough phone circuits and called Buhl to speed up the installation, a job that normally takes three weeks.

But Buhl talked to Bell people and got the job done in a few days.

Buhl, whose formal title is corporate affairs manager, sees herself as

an ombudsman for Bell customers who have already gone through channels to solve a problem.

The problems she covers include repairs, installations and coordination of services with other telephone providers.

"Being a problem-solver is nothing new to me," said Buhl in an interview.

"Solving problems is one of my strengths."

SHE USES that strength by being visible in the numerous communities she represents, serving on numerous chamber of commerce boards of directors and other public service organizations.

Buhl said she's thankful many of those boards meet at 7:30 in the morning.

Her list of community involvement might lead to conclusions that she has no job or career outside the home and has a lot of free time.

Those memberships include chambers of commerce in Garden City, Livonia, Westland, Canton Township, Plymouth, as well as Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Manchester, Northville, Whitmore Lake, and Ypsilanti.

In the Livonia chamber, Buhl serves on the membership, commu-

people

Marcia Buhl

nity development and budget committees.

As if chamber work didn't take up enough of Buhl's time, she is vice chairwoman of the Plymouth Community Fund (and in line to be chairwoman next year), Detroit-a-Glow committee member, Plymouth Township Economic Development Corporation, Plymouth Township Study Group co-chair, the Arts Alliance Group for western Wayne County suburbs, and Central Business District Foundation.

BEING INVOLVED in community service and being a good time manager isn't new to Buhl, 45, of Plymouth Township.

"I was the second oldest of seven children (she had five sisters and a brother), attended Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Flint, and had a very disciplined father in my upbringing," Buhl said.

"I am also a very flexible person. In the past 13 years, the longest I had one position (with Michigan Bell) was two years, other than my current one."

Buhl was promoted to manager of corporate affairs for her region at the start of 1984 when the company

was in the throes of the AT&T reorganization into seven regional companies.

Her earlier training with Bell served as an excellent background for her current post.

She joined the company at age 19, one year after graduating high school, as a service representative for customer service in her hometown of Flint.

FIVE YEARS later, she won a promotion to business office supervisor.

She was transferred to Saginaw in 1973 and later held several customer service posts throughout the state.

When not working to solve problems for Bell and its customers, Buhl spends time working for Republican political candidates.

Her interest in politics started in Flint when, as a young Bell employee, she was invited to take a chamber of commerce-sponsored course in practical politics.

"I found out of the impact government has on my life," she recalled.

During the course, she interviewed her precinct delegates in the Republican and Democratic parties.

Arsonists cause \$100,000 damage at 3 locations

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Arson is suspected in three Canton

fires last weekend causing more than an estimated \$100,000 worth of damage at the Department of Public Works yard and two buildings on

Ford Road. No one was injured in any of the incidents. The first fire occurred at 2:15 a.m.

Arsonist torches 2 autos

Investigators have leads but aren't saying much about fires which last weekend totally destroyed a Corvette and caused several thousand dollars damage to a Volvo parked in a driveway on Sheldon Road in the city of Plymouth.

"It was definitely determined to

be an arsonist," said Fire Chief Al Matthews. Petroleum products were used as accelerants, he added. A passerby discovered the fires at about 11:30 p.m. last Friday, according to Plymouth Police accounts.

One car belonged to a resident at that address, the other to an ac-

quaintance. A gas can was found inside the Corvette, police said. Another gas can was observed in the driveway with stains leading to the Volvo. Investigators remained on the scene until 2:30 a.m. No one was injured extinguishing the blazes.

Sunday, Dec. 7, at the DPW yard, 4847 Sheldon Road south of Michigan Avenue. Someone broke into the yard and started a fire in a 10-by-10-foot shed, which contained propane tanks and gasoline.

Canton Police officer Bill Keppen was 1 1/2 miles away from the scene when he heard the first explosion and saw flames shooting in the air, according to Canton Police information officer David Boljesic.

Keppen also reported hearing a second explosion. It's believed the fire was started by the ignition of debris scattered over a large area.

A SECOND FIRE was reported at 10:45 p.m. Dec. 7 at 41052 Ford Road

in a vacant building that had been occupied by New Boston Heating and Cooling and Canton Vacuum Cleaning and Repair.

Both businesses appeared to have moved out, according to Canton fire Lt. Bill Grady. It is suspected debris in the building was set on fire, according to fire Capt. Art Winkel.

The fire is estimated to have caused \$5,000 worth of damage, Winkel said. It appeared the fire was started when trash and other debris in the building were ignited.

The building, owned by Midas Muffler shop, which is next door, had been scheduled for demolition before the fire, Winkel said.

The third fire was at 11:33 p.m. Sunday at 41666 Ford Road behind Wayne Bank about 1,500 feet from the road.

The distance from the street made

fighting the fire difficult because it took time to extend the equipment to the house, Grady said. It was about 1,500 feet from the business that was set on fire earlier in the evening.

The old, large, two-story home was believed to have been unoccupied for awhile before the fire, Winkel said he suspected the two Ford Road fires were linked.

"They were a little too close," said Winkel, adding that he didn't believe there was a relationship between the Ford Road fires and the DPW arson.

The damage to the home was estimated at \$80,000-\$90,000. "It appeared there were some flammable liquids placed at the front door area," Winkel said.

There are no suspects in any of the cases, which have been turned over to Canton Police for further investigation.

obituaries

JEAN M. HARSHA

Funeral services for Mrs. Harsha, 57, of Plymouth were held recently in First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Philip Rodgers Mage officiating. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation or to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Mrs. Harsha, who died Dec. 4 in Ann Arbor, was born in Saginaw and was a longtime resident of Plymouth. A graduate of Duke University with a bachelor of arts degree in 1950, she was a member of the American Association of University Women, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Plymouth Study Group. She had served on the Plymouth Fall Festival Board.

Survivors include husband, Hugh; sons, John of Atlanta, Ga., William of Lansing; daughter, Julia; and mother, Belle Murray of Plymouth.

EDNA M. BLUNK

Funeral services for Mrs. Blunk, 85, of Westland were held recently in the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. John Grenfell officiating. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth or to the Plymouth Historical Society.

Mrs. Blunk, who died Dec. 4 in Westland, was born in East Leroy,

Westland, Moose Lodge 2147, a former member of the Daughters of America, and during World War II was a member of Mothers of Men in Service.

Survivors include: daughters, Gloria Santana of Carmichael, Calif., and Christine Pedersen of Inkster; sons, Arthur of Plymouth, Lawrence of Westland, Walter of Collins, Miss., David of Plymouth and Richard of Pinckney; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bartel, who died Dec. 3 in Ann Arbor, was born in Terre Haute, Ind., and moved to Plymouth in the late 1920s. A homemaker, she was a member of Plymouth Senior Cit-

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DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

(Monday-Friday)
7:30 a.m. to noon... Adult Contemporary Music.
noon-5 p.m. ... Studio 50 - Past and present hit music.
4, 5, 6 p.m. ... News File at Four, Five and Six.
4:05 a.m. ... Nature News Break - A 60-second profile on a nature topic.
5:05 p.m. ... Family Health - Health issues are discussed by a doctor.
6:10 to 10 p.m. ... 88 Escape - New music.

THURSDAY (Dec. 11)
5 p.m. ... News File at Five - with Jim Rothwell.

FRIDAY (Dec. 12)
6:10 p.m. ... CEP Sports Weekly.
7:30 p.m. ... Basketball Game of Week - Plymouth Salem Rocks host Walled Lake Central in boys basketball.

MONDAY (Dec. 15)
8 p.m. ... 88 Escape - D.J. Rachel Ramey.

TUESDAY (Dec. 16)
6:10 p.m. ... Nancy Reagan Battles Drug Abuse.

WEDNESDAY (Dec. 17)
6:10 p.m. ... Community Focus - Host Dan Johnston.

THURSDAY (Dec. 18)
6:10 p.m. ... Chamber Chatter.
7:30 p.m. ... Basketball Game of Week - Plymouth Canton Chiefs host Livonia Churchill Chargers.

FRIDAY (Dec. 19)
6:10 p.m. ... CEP Sports Weekly - Jeff Umbaugh hosts with CEP sports news.

(Friday, Dec. 19, will be WSDP's last day of broadcasting for 1986. The student radio station will resume broadcasting on Jan. 5)

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Tree lighting launches holiday season



William Nyback III, a tough, 9-month-old investigator, discovers Santa's beard is no fake.

IT WAS several nights before Christmas and already the residents of Canton were brimming with Yuletide spirit.

They'd donned their woollens and primed their voices for Canton Township's 7th annual outdoor sing-along and Christmas Tree Lighting.

Emcee Sandy Preblich welcomed everyone, and pianist Doris Begg kicked things off with "Silent Night." Musical sounds could be heard by neighbors afar as the Canton Senior Kitchen Band played Christmas carols and the throng chimed in.

Canton's towering evergreen became a blaze of Christmas lights when Supervisor Jim Poole and Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Karen Massey threw the switch. But best of all was the arrival of Santa Claus. The North Pole native was sociable and jolly, visiting his friends over hot chocolate in Canton Township Hall.

Someone had decked the halls with boughs of holly, and folks brought handmade ornaments for another Christmas tree. Canton employees, who staged the event, were taking bows — and deservedly so.

Staff photos by
Bill Bresler



"It was a dark and stormy night..."

Leading the carolers are (from left) Karen Massey, Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss, emcee Sandy Preblich, and Jim Poole, Canton Township supervisor.

Voters may be asked to OK school tax hike

By Sue Mason
staff writer

Wayne-Westland School District

The district serves southeast Canton.

power" and allowing the district to meet maintenance and instructional needs more quickly.

The bond proposal already has been approved by the district's bond counsel of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.

Once the architect has filled out the required documents, the bond proposal will be presented to the state board for its approval. The other side of that coin is that state approval could delay setting the election date, O'Neill noted.

"What we're doing now is our homework," O'Neill said. He added that after the district gets state education department, he will ask the board in late January to call for the special election.

Among the homework to be done is determining the number of years the millage will be collected. Projections of two to five years and tying it to the 10-year span of the current 32 mills for operation have been discussed, O'Neill said.

"What we're trying to do is satisfy both needs," O'Neill said.

"There's an advantage with the reduction in the allocated debt millage and what we would like to do is transfer it into the general operations fund. We were able to skinny through one year, but there's no way we can do that again without an increase.

"The good thing is that together these levies would be only a 1.1 mill increase."

THE BOND proposal includes \$3,348,625 in instructional equipment and classroom furnishings and \$8,161,728 for building repairs with more than half, or \$4,412,625, planned for roofing.

The advantages of a bond issue, O'Neill explained, is that the district would receive the funds immediately, "providing greater purchasing

The district also will be contacting members of the Finance, Effective Schools Committee to attend a meeting next month to go over the proposals. The committee spearheaded two unsuccessful millage campaigns earlier this year.

O'NEILL BELIEVES the two proposals may be more palatable to voters because the increase in taxes will be less than the 2 mills that had been sought in the previous elections, but he readily admits that the district has its work cut out for it convincing voters to approve the requests.

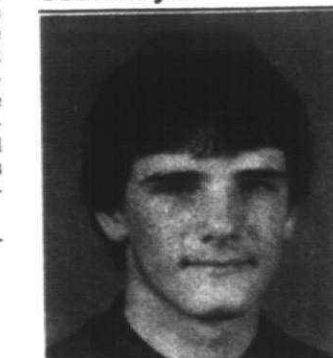
"We were able to sustain most of our programs this year as a result of the fund equity last June," the superintendent added. The extra funds provided a temporary stopgap measure for one year only. Now there is absolutely no question that the district needs to increase revenues or be faced with drastic cuts in programs and services next year.

carrier of the month Canton

Scott Doyle, 15, son of Sharon and Harry Doyle of Canton, has been named Carrier of the Month by the Canton Observer. A ninth grader at Bishop Borgess High School, he carries a B average and his favorite subject is math. Scott's hobbies include collecting coins. He has earned a varsity letter in soccer and plans on attending college to train to become a teacher.

If you want to be a Canton Observer carrier, please call 591-0500

Scott Doyle



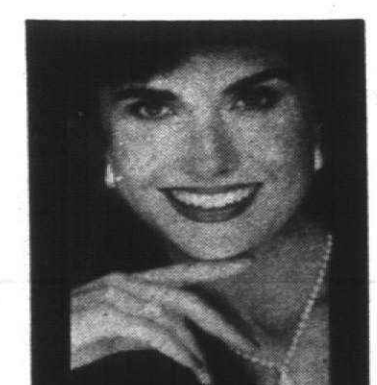
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Accident victim enjoyed a large circle of friends

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Keith Richard Mettetal was a well-liked 18-year-old whose dream was to become an architect.

That dream, and his life, ended in a tragic car accident Sunday at Mettetal Airport in Canton.

Mettetal, of Victoria, Texas, was the grandson of Robert Mettetal of Plymouth Township, co-owner of Mettetal Airport.

The youth was nearing the end of a three-month visit with his grandparents, and his brother Ian, 21, who lived with the Plymouth Township couple.

Ian and Keith, their brother Yale and parents Robert and the late Diane moved to Texas from the Plymouth-Canton area some years ago.

Robert, a Plymouth High School graduate, described his son as "bubbly and outgoing." He had "lots of friends" in places as far away as Hawaii and New Zealand.

He was a champion skateboarder and loved to surf, said Mettetal.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Schrader Funeral Home. Visitation will be held there 5-8 p.m. today, with a memorial service at 8 o'clock tonight officiated by the Rev.

Philip Rodgers Magee of Plymouth First Presbyterian Church.

Mettetal will be cremated and his remains taken to Texas for burial. A memorial service will be held there today as well.

Family members ask that donations be made in Keith's name to the Presidential Scholarship Fund of Victoria College, C/O Schrader Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.

Keith is survived by, in addition to above-mentioned family members, his grandmother, Jeanne Mettetal of Plymouth Township.

Airport car accident suspect freed

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Township jail from Sunday evening until Tuesday morning.

He was released pending a written report from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office and a police reconstruction of the accident scene to determine how fast he was driving.

Police estimate Keith was thrown 60 to 70 feet after being struck on the dark runway. Ian, a car wash employee, showed a .10 and .11 blood alcohol level from tests given by police at the scene.

Both levels are considered legally drunk in Michigan. Police said they are unaware of witnesses at the scene.

Keith, a student at Victoria College in Texas, was in Michigan visiting his grandparents, Plymouth Township residents Jeanne and Robert Mettetal, co-owner of Mettetal Airport. When Ian failed to get his brother in the car he contacted his grandparents who called for emergency help.

Ian, who lives with his grandparents, returned from Texas last summer and was driving with a suspended Texas license, according to Canton Police Officer Boles.

The car also had a Texas license plate.

A medical examiner said Tuesday Keith died from multiple injuries and the manner of death was accidental.

Possible warrants the prosecutor's office could issue include negligent homicide, manslaughter, drunk driving or reckless driving.

Here's how to help needy at holidays

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While West Trail residents are glad to receive presents, "a \$10 gift at Christmastime somehow doesn't satisfy what we as a society need to provide for our elderly," said Tippi. "I have three churches contacting me about gifts. What I want to tell them is that, 'I need a commitment from you for these people.' Most of them are very well taken care of. We get lots of clothing. We are in need of visitors," Tippi said.

"Most of our residents do get visits during the holidays. The problem with Christmas and winter is that a lot of families live an hour or two away. It makes it tough for them to come visit."

Maureen Neumaier, Tippi's counterpart at Plymouth County convalescent home, said volunteers are her biggest concern.

"We can always use volunteers for activities, to visit patients, help them write letters, read to them — we can use the help. At holiday time everyone comes out of the woodwork. It's the rest of the year when we'd like to see more of them."

"A half-an-hour visit once a week or every two weeks would certainly fill a great need," said Neumaier. Brian Suter of Canton Care Center, a Michigan Avenue nursing home, also encourages "the community to be involved."

"Quite a few of our residents don't have a family, and they appreciate anyone, anytime. We're going to get a lot of sweetness now. There'll be a lot of emptiness the rest of the year," Suter said.

AN OVERWORKED Captain Larry Manzella took time out while preparing dinner for 160 senior citizens

at the Plymouth Salvation Army to talk about community needs he sees.

"A lot of the people we help are people who were termed the 'new poor' a while back."

"They're the unemployed — women whose husbands have walked out on them, leaving two kids and rental payments after cleaning out the bank account. . . . We're going to be passing baskets out to about 200 or 250 Plymouth, Canton and Northville residents."

"The Monday before Christmas is when we begin packing, and the following day is distribution day," said Manzella.

"We can use people who are willing to come down and sort canned goods we collect. It's a good family project. Anyone interested may reach Manzella at 453-5464."

"We really appreciate anything — human-wise or material-wise."

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House rejects abortion vote

By Tim Richard
staff writer

No April 6 election on abortions for Michigan voters.

Maybe a special election later. A deeply split state House of Representatives failed Tuesday to muster a two-thirds majority to put an anti-abortion constitutional amendment on the spring ballot.

The House decision set in motion a 10-member special joint committee to wrestle with the long-debated question.

"IT'S ABSOLUTELY ridiculous that we're (thinking of) calling a special election on an issue that's been debated 14 years," said Rep. Michael Hayes, R-Midland, summing up the thinking of many frustrated lawmakers.

But Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, author of the failed resolution, said he expects to be appointed to the special committee and favors a special election — "the sooner the better."

After the Senate voted two weeks ago to call the special election on Geake's proposed constitutional amendment, the House Tuesday rejected it 58-44, with 74 votes needed for adoption.

Male legislators favored the election 56-33. Females were opposed, 11-2 — a pattern that has held up on most votes aimed at cutting Medicaid abortion funding.

Here's how Observer & Eccentric lawmakers voted:

- Yes (5) — Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion; Gregory Gruse, R-Madison Heights; James Kosteva, D-Canton; Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.
- No (7) — Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia; Justine Barnes, D-Westland; Maxine Berman, D-Southfield; Jud-

ith Miller, R-Birmingham; W.V. Brotherton, R-Farmington; William Keith, D-Garden City; Gordon Sparks, R-Troy.

• Absent — John Bennett, D-Redford. (Because 74 yes votes are needed, Bennett's absence was the equivalent of a no vote.)

APRIL 6 was proposed for a special election because many cities hold local elections that day.

Earlier in what was supposed to be the final meeting of the year, the House voted 64-39 to adopt a \$1 billion Medicaid budget.

The Senate, however, passed a different version of the budget. A special session is likely to be necessary to clarify the budget bill.

The compromise plan, if adopted, would have:

- Funded non-medical services, such as nursing homes, for the full fiscal year, ending next Sept. 30.
- Funded Medicaid services, including abortions for welfare recipients only until March 31.
- Set up a special committee of five senators and five representatives to probe a series of questions.

AMONG THE QUESTIONS ARE:

- "Should the issue of public funding of abortions be placed before voters?" House Speaker Gary Owen, D-Ypsilanti, a strong "pro-choice" vote, agrees with Geake, a "pro-life" vote, that voters should decide the question, but disagrees on calling a special election.
- How should a ballot question be worded? The Legislature's debate has been confined to cutting off \$6 million for about 18,000-plus abortions for welfare recipients under Medicaid. Geake's proposal would prohibit any public funds — either from the state, colleges or local units — for abortions for employees under health insurance packages.

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Refinancing bonds may save schools cash

Declining interest rates could save Plymouth-Canton Community Schools nearly \$300,000 over the next 13 1/2 years if a bond issue is approved by voters in 1974 is refinanced now.

That's the word from investment advisers whose report has prompted the school board to investigate the refinancing possibility in more detail.

When the 1974 bond issue won approval, interest rates on tax exempt

were projected to range between 6 and 7 percent. Now, interest rates can be had at 4 to 6 percent. The 25-year issue runs through May 1, 2000.

The bond issue, \$9.9 million, was used to build and equip Hulsing, Field and Erikson elementary schools and to construct a pool, gym and music rooms at Plymouth-Canton High School.

ABOUT \$7.7 million remains to be repaid. Advisers project a net savings of \$290,000 by obtaining rates from 4.1 to 6.2 percent now through the life of the issue.

Individual taxpayers shouldn't expect to reap financial bonanzas with the refinancing.

At best, the debt retirement tax levy — currently \$3 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation for all outstanding debt in the district — probably would go down only slightly, said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business.

The largest savings for any one year other than the last, according to projections, is just less than \$5,000.

"Still, savings is savings," Hoedel said. "I'm a taxpayer, too. Everything is significant even if it's not as big as we'd like to see it."

School administrators say they would expect a refinancing plan to be final by Feb. 1.

THE SCHOOL board Monday also:

- Accepted a bid of \$20,138 for 378 additional lockers at the Centennial Educational Park. A two-week installation was projected.
- Approved a policy that prohibits the sanctioning of travel and bans in-school solicitation of travel outside of North America due to terrorist activities.
- It's intended to disassociate the district for what people do on their own," Richard Egli, community relations director, said of the liability issue.

The policy most likely would affect foreign language teachers who might want to organize a trip to Europe.

- Accepted the recommendations of a study committee on instructional materials relating to sexually transmitted diseases and reproduction in district health classes.
- Considered a policy to conform with the state's no smoking law, which takes effect Jan. 1.

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Mercy OKs agreement to run Westland hospital

By Tim Banas staff writer

The Sisters of Mercy HealthCare Corp. have signed an agreement to operate Westland Medical Center, setting the stage for an outright buy-out from the Southwest Detroit Hospital Corp.

The agreement was reached Tuesday morning and is expected to take effect immediately, said Mercy spokeswoman Rose Dill.

Southwest officials declined comment.

In a renewable 30-day contract, Mercy begins to operate the former county-operated medical center in Westland while negotiators draft a purchase option. There are eight years remaining in a 10-year lease Southwest has with Wayne County.

At least for the next month Mercy will continue to honor employee contracts with the center's 650 workers. "We can't say what's going to happen after that," said Dill.

DILL SAID an assessment team of

specialists from Mount Carmel Hospital in Detroit, one of five Mercy-operated hospitals in southeast Michigan, will be sent to Westland Medical to begin examining its operation and financial status. For years as a county-operated facility, the center, then called Wayne County General Hospital, recorded annual deficits of \$15-\$18 million. In 1985 Southwest reports its corporate losses at the Westland center and its Detroit hospital at \$2.6 million.

Particularly troublesome has been a low occupancy rate at the 310-bed facility of about 30 percent. In recent years, its 85-member physician staff had slipped in numbers from a one-time average of 125 doctors.

It also carried a high percentage of partial-pay patients, though it tried to bring up its number of full-pay patients. Recent records show Westland Medical carried 30 percent Medicaid patients, 25 percent Medicare patients, 12 percent indigent patients under the Resident County Hospital Program, 15 percent Blue

Cross-Blue Shield patients and 5 percent private-pay patients.

The decision by Southwest to turn over its operating lease at Westland is one that it has pursued strongly because of an inability to continue to absorb financial losses.

Mercy Corp. was one of three interested bidders. Others had included an out-of-state firm, Gateway Medical Systems of Atlanta, and Michigan Osteopathic Medical Services, which recently purchased 21 clinics in the Detroit area.

Industry observers say Southwest officers were quick to hone in on the Sisters of Mercy HealthCare Corp., the largest not-for-profit health care organization in the country, and one of the top five largest health care providers overall in the United States.

Besides having a healthy bankbook, Mercy's reputation in the field was considered a needed asset by Southwest officers and could provide "immediate credibility" for the struggling facility. Also, Mercy's

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commitment to caring for the poor, considered a central "mission" by its officials, was also viewed positively considering Westland's status as a provider of health care to county indigents.

Tuesday morning's decision followed a Friday meeting at Mercy's Farmington Hills corporate office where its corporate board of directors directed officers to "move quickly toward an agreement," said Mount Carmel's chief operating officer, Scott Iedson last week.

Broadening its services and diversifying has strengthened the corporation internally and made it a more influential health care operator nationwide, said Symond Gottlieb, executive director of the Greater Detroit Area Health Council.

Corporate boards fear liability suits

Fully one-third of Michigan's directors of major U.S. corporations surveyed have considered resigning because of increased personal exposure to lawsuits, according to a national survey done by Touche Ross.

Overwhelmingly, they agree it will be more difficult to recruit competent board members in the future.

"The results clearly point to a serious concern regarding liability issues by a substantial portion of Michigan and U.S. corporate directors," said James R. Flaherty, Touche Ross partner and director of audit practice in Michigan.

"If, as the data suggest, this translates into fewer qualified directors over the next decade, there may be a dramatic change in the way stewardship is practiced in corporate America."

TOUCHE ROSS, a Big Eight accounting and management consulting firm, in September surveyed officers and directors of companies with sales of \$500 million or more. Among the 1,124 respondents were 48 Michigan directors, 4 of whom represent companies with more than \$1 billion in annual sales.

Surprisingly, 54 percent of Michigan directors agree with other survey respondents that although foreign competition has hurt earnings, Congress should not consider legislation to protect U.S. business from foreign competition.

Michigan directors proved to be much more optimistic than their colleagues that plant expenditures will increase during 1987, as will investment in research and technology-based industries. These figures may represent an acknowledgement of the need to diversify the state's industrial base.

TWO-THIRDS of Michigan respondents expect favorable benefits for American business as a result of establishing a U.S.-Canadian Common Market. But they agreed with their colleagues nationwide that implementation of such a program is unlikely.

Fatal crash site: winding, local road

Only 2 percent of Michigan traffic accidents involve trees. But 11 percent of the fatalities are car-tree crashes, a state official said.

Andrew Ziegler, a landscape architect for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said that based on a recent study of 500 vehicle-tree accidents the typical accident occurs under the following conditions:

- The road is local and rural (84 percent of deaths) rather than a state-federal road and is winding rather than straight. Typically it curves left and the driver leaves the road at the outside of the curve.
- The driver is typically male, 20 to 25 years old, driving faster than the speed limit and has been drinking. "Drinking is a common ingredient," he said.
- The time is between 2 and 4 a.m. Friday or Saturday (two-thirds of accidents occur at these hours) and happens more often in winter than summer, apparently because of shorter periods of daylight.

Ziegler, speaking to a Michigan Institute of Traffic Engineers workshop in Plymouth, urged officials to set a system of priorities for dealing with problems. He said there isn't enough money to deal with all hazards.

He said possible solutions include (in rising order of cost): more road signs, speed reduction signs, wider shoulders, guardrails, tree removals and road realignments.

Don't be too quick to advocate cutting trees, he cautioned, because local residents are vocal in pointing out that trees have historical, environmental and erosion control values.

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Questions to be asked on who lives where

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Don't be surprised if there's a visitor at your door or a telephone caller with questions in the next month or two.

Canton has hired the Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies to conduct a census and demographic study.

If the township proves there has been a 15 percent population growth since the 1980 survey the community would receive more state revenue

sharing money. The demographic study will be used for future planning projects.

Confidentiality is maintained because names will not be asked in the survey or study, according to Kim Scherschligt, Canton community and economic development research associate.

SURVEYORS WILL be knocking door to door for the mid-decade census, which will cost the township \$46,880.

Canton was listed as having 48,616 residents in the 1980 census survey. Currently Canton receives \$2.3 million annually in state revenue sharing.

If the new survey bumps the figure to 60,000 the state shared revenue would increase \$545,647 to about \$2.9 million, according to John Spencer, Canton finance director.

The survey is expected to take between five and 10 minutes.

The mid-decade census was contemplated a few months ago but was shelved due to Canton's potential participation in Supersewer.

Community costs in the sewer program were to be determined by population figures, and the survey would have

increased Canton's costs. The census survey is being reinstituted because the township recently opted out of Supersewer.

The type of questions that will be asked include the number of people who live in the house and possibly their sex and age.

The demographic study — to cost Canton \$8,000 — will be done by a random telephone sampling of 320 households in the township. Because 25 percent of Canton residents have unlisted telephone numbers the random dialing was considered optimal, Scherschligt said.

INFORMATION REQUESTED may include ages, schooling and occupations of residents in the home.

The following are potential warm-up questions to be asked in the survey:

- Do you feel Canton Township should encourage certain high quality commercial development?

- Do you feel Canton Township should encourage industrial development?

- Do you use any of the public recreation facilities in Canton for activities such as tennis, softball, football or soccer?

- Would you like to see a multi-purpose recreational building constructed for use by Canton residents? It could include facilities such as a gymnasium, exercise rooms, meeting and activity rooms, swimming pool and ice arena.

- How would you rate the quality of life in Canton on a scale of one to five with five being the highest?

- What physical improvement would you make in the township if you were in charge?

Yes, we're sorry the resident was "whisked away" and little more was said but we were concerned more of getting the resident warm and comfortable than to have a lengthy conversation with the people who brought her back.

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FISH NEEDS HELP

Plymouth-Canton FISH needs new volunteers. For information call 420-2046.

CEP VOLUNTEERS

Teachers at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools need volunteers to type, make bulletin boards, help in the reading lab, input for computer circulation in the library, or serve as speakers and resource people in the areas of social studies, German, and French. Native French and German speakers also are needed. If you can donate an hour a week, call Cyndi Burnstein 1-10 p.m. at 459-9435.

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Volunteers serve on the council, which meets once a month to plan social, service or educational activities for residents at Canton Care Center. The time commitment is three to six hours per month. For more information, contact Kathy Belisle at 981-2382.

EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Plymouth Township Office of Emergency Preparedness needs volunteers to be trained in skills that will be used during an emergency or disaster. Training includes damage assessment, shelter management, first aid, emergency operating center support and service weather spotting.

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Retired master craftsmen, who want to remain active, make use of years of knowledge and pass their skills on to another generation, can become involved in passing on their skills and work habits to others. Those interested can contact Focus: HOPE, 1200 Oakman Blvd., Detroit 48238 or call 883-7440 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

WANTED: CIVIC RADIO HELP Plymouth Area REACT Team is looking for members for emergency radio communication (no experience necessary) and other community programs. All residents from Plymouth, Canton, Northville and surrounding areas are invited. The group meets at 8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Plymouth Township Hall, Mill at Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call 455-9609 or 453-7641.

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from our readers

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Elderly also have rights

To the editor:

We are writing in response to the article written on Dec. 4, 1986, in the Canton Observer about a Canton Care center resident who wandered away from the home Sunday, Nov. 30, 1986.

The impression reporter Diane Gale gives appeals all of us. Yes, we understand the resident did get by us but they have rights too.

Do you wish to have them all restrained to chairs, or put deadbolts on all the doors? Why not read the Patients Bill of Rights before writing an article

that's so one-sided it's depressing. The resident did not ask anyone for a bat or gloves before she left. She is her own responsible person with guardian pending.

According to statistics, it takes about 20 minutes to travel one mile on foot. Even considering the lady's age, she still is quick. This resident had only been here for one week and came through the front door. So her recognizing the parking lot, which is in back of the building, is highly unlikely.

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DEADLINES
Announcements for Brevities should be submitted by noon Monday for the Thursday issue and by noon Thursday for the Monday issue. Bring in or mail announcements to the Observer, 489 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.

EAST CHORAL CONCERT
Thursday, Dec. 11 — The East Middle School Chorus will present its holiday concert, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

HELP AMNESTY
Thursday, Dec. 11 — Help Amnesty in freeing prisoners of conscience by writing letters during the letter write-a-thon from 7-10 p.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center for International Human Rights. Sponsor \$1 per letter or help write.

CHILDREN'S YULE PARTY
Saturday, Dec. 13 — Canton Parks and Recreation will sponsor its annual Christmas Party for ages 3-12 in the Canton Recreation Center, Sheldon at Michigan Avenue. Times will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. for ages 3-7, 10:45-11:45 a.m. for ages 8-12. The children will enjoy movies, games, refreshments, and a special visit with Santa Claus. Reservations may be made by calling 397-1000 during working hours on weekdays.

STORY TIMES
Tuesday, Thursday, Dec. 16, 18 — A Sleepy Time Christmas Story Time featuring stories, activities, and a film will be held from 7-8 p.m. Dec. 16 for ages 3-5. Children can come dressed for bed and bring something to cuddle with. Parents must remain in the library for the event.

On Thursday, Dec. 18, an after-school Christmas program will be held for ages 6-8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Also from 7-8 p.m. Dec. 18, a Christmas craft workshop will be held for ages 9-12.

Registration for all these programs will begin Dec. 8.

DIAL SANTA
Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 16, 17, 18 — Santa Claus will be taking phone calls 7-9 p.m. from children who want to talk to Santa personally. Call Santa at 453-1200. The Calling Santa project is sponsored by the Plymouth Jaycees.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
Tuesday, Dec. 16 — Celebrate the holidays with your favorite Christmas carols as sung by Centennial Educational Park's choir in concert beginning 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School. Admission is free.

TOY COLLECTION
Saturday, Dec. 20 — Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest, Plymouth, is conducting a toy collection now through Dec. 20. New and used toys are needed to be donated to handicapped and abused children.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

Tuesday, Jan. 6 — The Western Wayne County Committee of Fathers for Equal Rights will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Livonia Public Library, 32901 Plymouth Road one block east of Farmington Road.

CEP PARENT COFFEE

Thursday, Jan. 8 — A CEP Parent Coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Plymouth Canton High School. Hosts will be Canton Principal Tom Tattan, Salem Principal Gerald Ostin and area coordinator Ethel Hazelwood. Parents, an original sponsor of Gov. James J. Blanchard's election-year plan.

Robbers hold station employee at gunpoint

Two men, one armed with a gun, robbed the Union 76 gas station on Ford Road at Haggerty Monday.

About \$500 was stolen. When the two men entered the gas station at 8:20 p.m. one pointed a small black revolver at the 18-year-old employee's head.

The men fled to the wooded area behind the station.

One man was described as 5 feet 8, 175 pounds, shoulder-length black hair, about 21, wearing a black T-shirt, black leather jacket and blue jeans.

The other man was about 5 feet 5, with shoulder-length brown hair and wearing a blue and red ski-type jacket.

Anyone with information is asked to call Canton Police at 397-3000.

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Senate OKs tuition trust plan

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Parents who want their children to attend college will be able to invest in tuition contracts sometime in 1987.

"This is the single, most important new idea to come out of Lansing in two decades, or maybe more," said Sen. Patrick McCollough, D-Deerborn, an original sponsor of Gov. James J. Blanchard's election-year plan.

The Senate gave approval late Tuesday to a Senate substitute plan designed to satisfy Republican objections that Blanchard's bill was weak on details.

"The Senate did not do too much damage," said Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, the freshman lawmaker and recent father of twins who was chief sponsor. At his urging, the House agreed to Senate amendments, 89-8, without debate.

SUPPORTING the Michigan Education Trust, as it's now called, were Sens. Doug Cruse, R-Troy, Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, Richard Fessler, R-West Bloomfield, R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, and McCollough, serving his last day in the Senate from a district that includes Garden City.

Absent were Sens. William Faust, D-Westland, and Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, whose district includes the Rochester area.

All but four Observer & Eccentric area representatives concurred in the Senate substitute.

Republicans Judith Miller of Birmingham and Gordon Sparks of Troy voted no.

Democrats John Bennett of Redford and Justine Barnes of Westland were absent.

"METT" WILL be a state administered trust fund in which parents can invest \$2,000 to \$3,000 on behalf of a newborn with assurance the contract will cover four years of college tuition 18 years later — a cost expected to soar from the present \$8,000 to \$30,000.

Although the House of Representatives adopted the bill last spring, Senate Republicans held up consideration during the election campaign until their objections were satisfied — and won.

"We were in a good bargaining position," said Sen. William Sederburg, R-East Lansing, a chief architect of the substitute plan. He noted Gov. Blanchard was eager to have Michigan be the first state in the Union to have such a tuition plan.

A key question is whether parental investments will be exempt from federal income taxes. If the U.S. Internal Revenue Service fails to grant tax-exempt status, the program will "sunset" — legislative jargon for dying.

Under the state personal income tax law, investments will be tax deductible.

TWO DEMOCRATIC senators — Faxon of Farmington Hills and Lana Pollack of Ann Arbor — fought tax-exempt status. Senators overwhelmingly rejected Pollack's amendment to remove tax-exempt status from the bill.

"One person's tax break is another's tax increase," said Pollack, estimating that tax exemptions would

cost the state treasury \$5 million.

She said the plan will help "people of prosperity — a break to those who have, and not to those who have not."

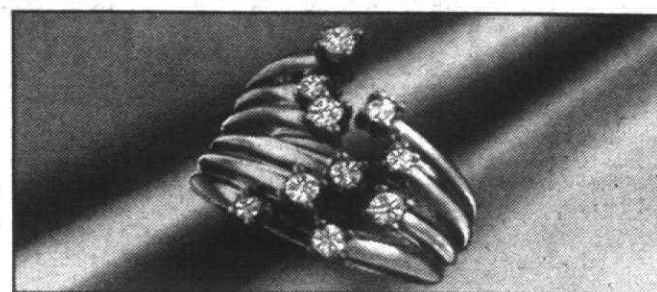
Faxon alone supported her, complaining, "This could well run into megabucks. For those who don't join the program, we give them nothing."

OTHER CHANGES won by Senate Republicans include:

• Fees, as well as tuition, are covered.

• METT will be governed by a board that includes: State Treasurer Robert Bowman; a person appointed by the House speaker; one appointed by the Senate majority leader; two college presidents (including one from community colleges); and five "public" members.

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A 10-day, nine-night trip to the

Southwest (Tucson, Phoenix, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas) will begin Feb. 25 under the sponsorship of the city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Blasco Travel & Tours. The tour price of \$899 includes airfare, bus transportation in the Southwest, seven full breakfasts, one lunch, six dinners, sightseeing in Arizona, Sonora Desert Museum, Old Tucson, Nogales Mexico, San Xavier Mission, Tombstone, Sons of Pioneer (entertainment), riverboat cruise, Tortilla Flat, Scottsdale, Rawhide, Montezuma's Castle, Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and the Gila Indian Reservation. For information, call 453-6620.

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for students to use their language and knowledge of art history. The price covers all travel, hotels, two

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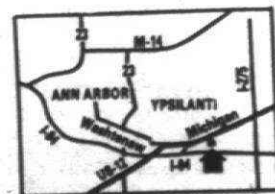
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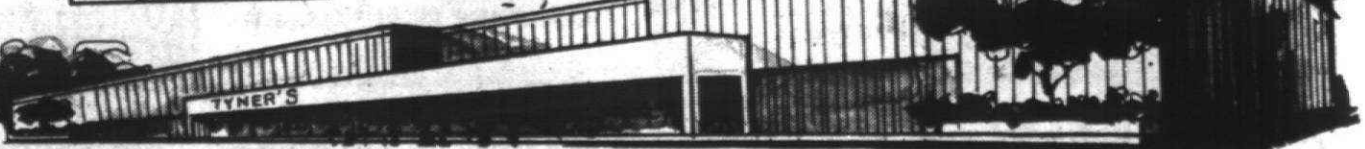


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1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
2 eggs
1 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 cups vanilla
1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup dates cut up
1/2 cup raisins
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup mixed candied fruit

Cream butter, salt and spices. Gradually add sugar and cinnamon. Beat in eggs one at a time. Add vanilla, nutmeg, and dates. Mix in fruit and nuts. Drop by teaspoon (full) on greased cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes at 350°F. When done, please call Joan at Tales and Tapes Bookstore.

—Joan Holmes



To enhance the flavor of these cookies, put them in a sealed container with an apple quartered, for about three days.

ENGLISH TOFFEE

1 cup white sugar
1 cup light brown sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 Hershey chocolate bars

Cook in iron skillet slowly at first until sugar dissolves. Increase heat stirring constantly until mixture is thick and caramel color. Remove from heat, add vanilla, pour into buttered 10-by-6-inch (can vary) pyrex dish on top of sprinkled broken pecans.

While hot, place 3 Hershey bars on top. Spread melted chocolate evenly. Cool and press into candy. When cool, cut into squares.

—Dr. Ron Cowden
Principal,
Garden City High School



This is a recipe from my mom Maxine. It's simple and easy — it has to be if I'm doing the cooking. Ask me for my roast chestnut turkey dressing recipe.

MINT COOKIES

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
2 eggs
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup chocolate chips

Melt butter in saucepan. Add sugar and water. Add chocolate chips. Stir until partially melted. Remove

—Polly Fitzpatrick
Michael's Appliance Service



This is the easiest recipe in the world. And for zest: add 1 pint lime vodka. Serve on the rocks. Cheers!

—Ann Wheeler
Staff Builders

SWEDISH TEA ROLL

Mix together:
1/2 cup lukewarm milk
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt

Stir together and add to mixture: 2 pkg. dry yeast, 1/2 cup warm water in 1/2 cup lukewarm water.

Stir in: 2 eggs and 1/2 cup soft shortening.

Mix in with spoon, then by hand. 4 1/2 to 5 cups flour.

When dough clings together in center of bowl, turn onto a floured board. Sprinkle flour on hands and knead dough until it is smooth. Place in greased bowl. Cover with damp cloth and let rise in warm spot until double in size (1 1/2 to 2 hours). Punch down dough and divide into 16 balls. Let rise again until almost double. (30-45 minutes)



'My grandma made them and my mother Eleanor makes them every year. You can get them in the bakery but this recipe is much better.'

GRANDMA KURT'S CHRISTMAS COOKIES

4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
4 egg yolks
1/4 lb. shortening
2 cakes fresh yeast
1 can "soft" peppermint filling
1 can "soft" almond filling
1 can "soft" vanilla filling
Powdered sugar to roll dough out on

Work yeast in with the flour and baking powder until crumbly. Add shortening, crumble, blend and sugar and rest of ingredients for at least two hours. Roll out small quantities at a time on powdered sugar. Keep remainder of dough refrigerated. Cut into squares and make pin wheel stars. Fill each with peppermint, apricot or almond.

Bake until golden brown — approx. 15-20 minutes at 350°F.

—Beverly Penner-Michener
Garden City Florist

PIZZELLES

1/2 cup margarine, softened
3 eggs
1 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons vanilla
pinch of salt

Beat margarine until smooth. Gradually add sugar and beat well. Add eggs and vanilla and beat. Add flour, baking powder, and salt into egg mixture. Dough will be sticky and soft. Preheat pizza grill for 15 minutes. Place rounded teaspoon of batter in center of each design on bottom grid, close top. Squeeze the two handles together to flatten better and cook for 15-20 seconds or until individual pizzelles are done. With individual handle, remove from grill. Pizzelles will be limp when removed, however, will become firm and crisp in a few minutes. Makes approximately 3 dozen.

—Jan Twormina
Misty's Cards and Gifts



It's an Italian tradition that comes from his side of the family — but everyone likes them!

LASAGNA

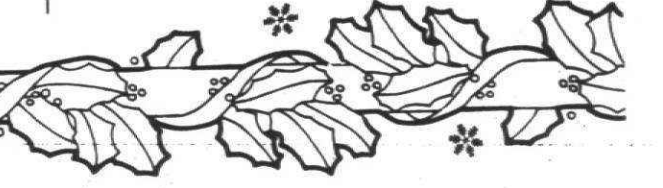
1/2 cup olive oil
1 lb. ground beef
1/2 lb. ground pork
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 cups tomato sauce
2 cups ricotta cheese (cottage)
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup tomato paste
1 cup salt
1 cup oil
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon basil leaves
1 teaspoon oregano leaves

Heat olive oil. Stir ground beef and pork in the olive oil together with chopped onions and onion. Cook until tender. Drain and add to tomato sauce. Stir in ricotta cheese and tomato paste. Heat oven to 350°F. Cover lasagna with tomato sauce. Bake for 25-30 minutes. Sprinkle with walnuts, candied cherries, fruit.

FRONTIER:
Mix together:
1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup vanilla or almond extract



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Board has lost sight of its duty

IF CANTON trustees spent the time and energy that's consumed by their continual backstabbing, petty bickering, game playing and second guessing on something constructive, the township would be a far better place to live.

The message struck especially hard last week when the trustees seemed to be at their worst. Developers, who were there to talk about multimillion-dollar business deals, snickered into their collars as trustees jabbed each other and wasted everyone's time protecting their political egos.

Discussion concerning the developments and other township action waited until most of the quibbling was over.

MOST FRUSTRATING of all was watching Nicholas Pafundi, a 10-year-old Canton boy, observing government in action for the first time. He and his mother were upstairs in the library and decided to drop in and watch their local officials in action. Nicholas was impressed.

"I thought it was very fun. I think they acted like I was in a real court."

Nicholas heard the trustees using big courtroom words like lawsuits, affidavits and resolutions. Unfortunately the trustees weren't talking about anything that would affect the township. Nicholas has heard the trustees threatening each other.

Trustee Stephen Larson presented a lengthy resolution admonishing Clerk Linda Chuhran for inappropriately mentioning a newspaper article about a police report filed against Trustee Bob Padgett by his wife, Kay. Then the board voted on whether Chuhran should have the right to speak about the Padgett issue at a public meeting. The majority of the board decided it wouldn't be a good idea.

Chuhran was allowed to bring up these allegations at Tuesday's board meeting.

Since when doesn't anyone — especially a public official — have that right at any time? Is freedom of speech

extended only to people who talk about pleasant topics and denied to those who raise unpleasant issues? Are we still going to waste efforts attacking the bearer of bad news (allegations)? A while back other board members publicly talked about an allegation that Chuhran made an obscene gesture to a motorist while driving a township car. Lack of maturity is shown in both these cases of political mudslinging, but a person's right to speak exists even if it's to speak inappropriately.

LATER IN the evening Larson unveiled a proposal to amend board rules switching agenda preparation from the clerk to the supervisor.

Larson argues that Chuhran places developers on the agenda without giving township staff enough time to review plans. He contends this wastes everyone's time. Chuhran says the "good ole boys" on the board want to decide who gets on the agenda and who doesn't.

Then there's the argument about whether there should be a secretary present at meetings. Chuhran says it's a waste of taxpayer money. Others say the quality of board minutes has fallen dramatically since the absence of a secretary. Trustee Loren Bennett said he found more than 100 mistakes in the minutes of a recent board meeting. It must have taken a lot of time to count those goofs.

Let's not forget another effort-wasting internal battle fought by our chosen ones — the lawsuit filed by Chuhran against the board she sits on. The lawsuit addresses Chuhran's responsibilities as clerk. Lengthy depositions have been taken, meetings were held and there was even talk about settling but it continues months and months later.

What's accomplished by all this, other than teaching small boys like Nicholas that governmental meetings are a lot like going to court and that public officials like to use big words to protect their interests? What about spending more meeting time to discuss things that will affect Nicholas's life?

Grinches are busy making life tedious

"THE GRINCH Who Stole Christmas" is more than a TV cartoon story. Grinches are out there. In our neighborhoods. Hordes.

My all-time top Grinch was the father who photographed his kid dancing in "The Nutcracker" several years ago in the Clarenceville auditorium. He set up his 35 mm camera on a tripod to shoot.

Now, the shutter of a single-lens reflex makes a pretty loud "click!" When it's set on a tripod in the open air, there's nothing to muffle that "click!" When that sound bounces off the walls of a high school auditorium, it's as loud as a 22-caliber rifle shot.

And this Grinch fired off an entire 35-shot roll of film over about 10 minutes. "CLACK! CLACK! CLACK!"

Ever try to enjoy a ballet and the music of Tchaikovsky when somebody's firing a rifle?

A JUNIOR-grade Grinch fired off a flashgun a couple of times in the "Nutcracker." We saw in Farmington Hills last week. Such flashes are rarely effective beyond about eight feet, so the rest of us had the satisfaction of knowing the Grinch's film and flash probably were wasted.

It seems to me that if a parent were serious about photographing a performing kid, he would either visit a professional studio, arrange to take pictures during or after a dress rehearsal, or just pose a shot on stage following the performance. The photos would be far superior, and he wouldn't be a Grinch.

Grinches abound in suburban shopping center parking lots. A favorite haunt is the fire lane, where they park. They don't just pick up the shopper. They park. They practice their grinchy trade most in bad weather.

Take the Six Newburgh plaza in Livonia. Grinches there park on both sides of the driving lane, reducing the traveling



Tim Richard

space to a single lane for both directions. It's like an Upper Peninsula logging road.

Of course, they get away with it, just as they get away with parking in the handicapped spots. Although parking in fire lanes and handicapped spots is illegal and dangerous, cops never ticket Grinches because they have murders, aggravated assaults, burglaries, accidents, frauds and domestic disturbances to investigate. Cops can't enforce every ordinance, and Grinches know it.

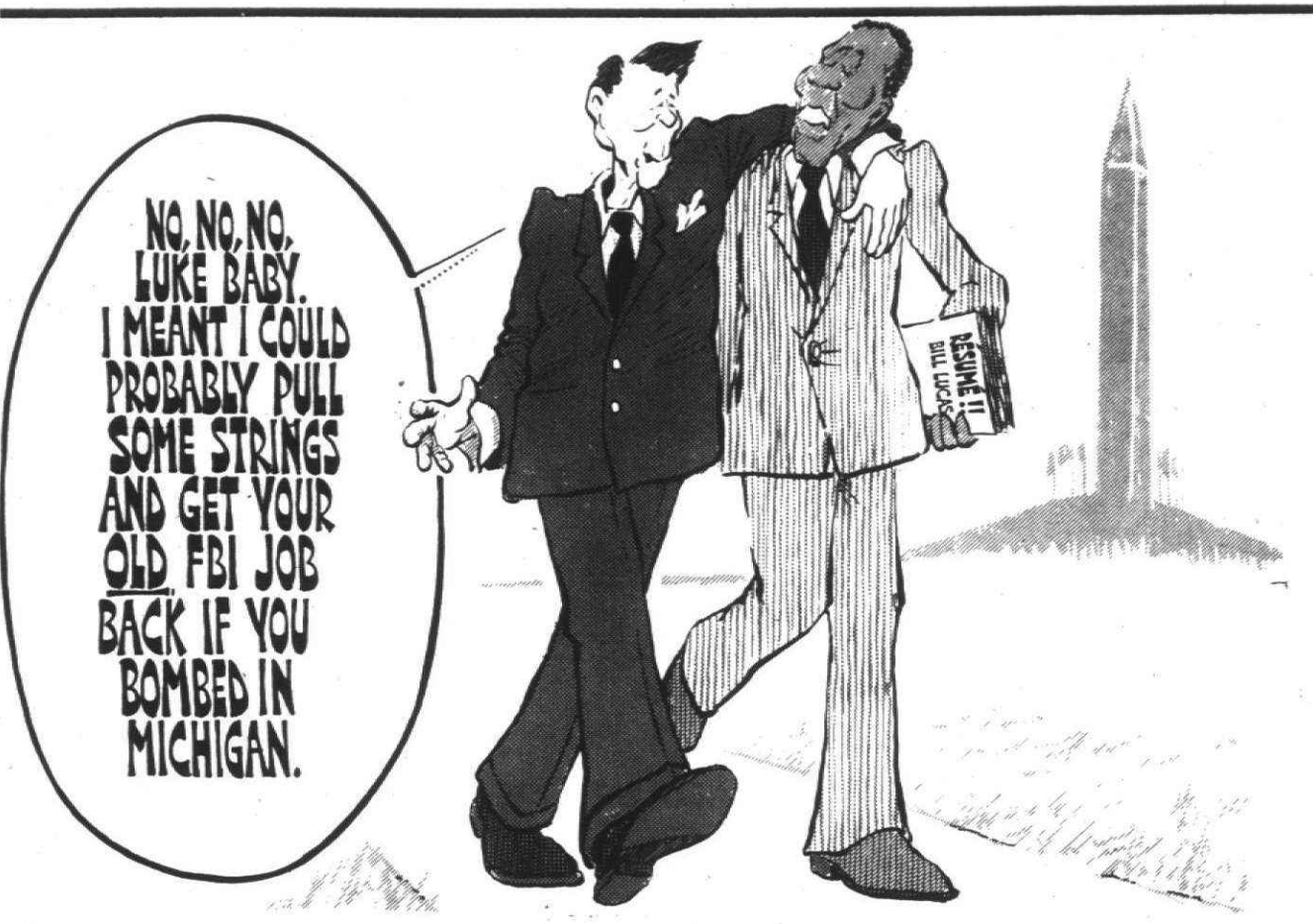
INSIDE THE nearby discount department store — I won't use the name; let's just call it D dump — they have express lanes with big signs saying "Cash Only."

Does that bother a Grinch? Nope. She pulls out a credit card. Moreover, the D dump store manager has equipped "Cash Only" lanes with credit card machines. Grinches stick together.

As a kid I wandered the 12th floor of the downtown J.L. Hudson's for hours, never dreaming of touching anything unless we were ready to buy. Grinch parents and their misbegotten brats have no such qualms. The parents turn the kids loose to play in the store.

Meanwhile, clerks tell us, the Grinch parents aren't content to spray on the free samples of cologne from the display bottles. They open the for-sale boxes and sample those.

Well, those are my top candidates for grinchhood. I'll bet you have a list of your own.



Teflon presidency is over

THE PRESIDENT has enjoyed during his six years in office the benefit of a Teflon coating. When things go awry in Washington, the public looks everywhere but at the Oval Office to find the culprit. The president is too sincere, too forthright to be blamed for any major mistakes emanating from the White House.

But the unthinkable has happened. The president is indeed in hot water. The Teflon coating has worn off. If you needed any further indication, consider the fact that he has lost Bill Broomfield, watching the unfolding events surrounding the Iranian arms-cash to contras affair, we have seen first one leading Republican and then another put some distance between himself and the White House, between himself and the president.

When you see U.S. Sen. Robert Dole, R-Nebraska, on television chastising the White House and Reagan for selling weapons to Iran, you think that, well, Dole is a possible candidate for president himself and he's trying to put himself in a favorable light with voters.

WHEN YOU SEE U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, publicly call for the president to get rid of his White House confidants and replace them with some "big leaguers," you begin to get the picture that the Teflon is wearing thin. Lugar is the highly respected foreign affairs committee member the administration has gone to again and again in an effort to sell programs on the Hill.

But when you see Broomfield giving the White House hell, you know the



Bob Wisler

Teflon is gone and there is big trouble. U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, is a loyal foot soldier who has represented constituents in rock-ribbed Republican areas that include the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, the Farmington area, Rochester and part of Troy for 30 years.

HE ISN'T dashing. He isn't exciting. He's not a leader. He's just plain Bill. But he's Republican all the way and certainly one of the most loyal GOP foot soldiers to ever serve in Congress. He regularly wins 100 ratings from the conservative organizations and backs the Republican administration on every vote.

He's been a point man to help boost Republican programs during Nixon's administrations, Ford's brief tenure and Reagan's reign. He has been an advocate of aid to the contras in Nicaragua. After serving 30 years on the House foreign affairs committee and as the senior Republican on the committee, he's looked to as something of a foreign affairs expert.

And as such he's being sought out these days as a person who can give a



Rich Perlberg

Saturday plant. One governor was willing to offer the first-born child of all state residents. His bid failed, though, when he neglected to include a Jacuzzi in the floor plans of the training center his state would build for GM.

The loser in these sweepstakes was Michigan, which was spurred by the hometown business boys. As punishment, the governor was re-elected by the largest margin in his party's history. He defeated a guy who defeated a guy named Chrysler who is not related to those Chryslers but who believes, "If you can find a better political office, buy it."

The winner was Tennessee. One reason for its success was its strong educational system. This is the state, remember, that is most famous for the Scopes Monkey Trial and Minnie Pearl. This is also the state that thought it was going

rock-ribbed Republican, foreign-affairs savant point of view.

BUT INSTEAD of defending the president and the president's men, Broomfield is saying that the arms for Iran deal and subsequent funneling of money to the contras was "extremely ill advised and mistaken."

Those who made the arms deal, or anyone who approved or knew of any arrangement to circumvent the law has done a grave disservice to the president, the Congress and the American people," Broomfield said at a committee hearing.

We hear day after day from one administrative spokesman or another that the president means to get to the bottom of the affair, to get all the facts out. The questions remain, though, why does it take so long, why does it seem like pulling teeth to get any facts out? Why can't, as H. Ross Perot suggested in Detroit, the president sit his aides down and say, "Give me all the facts."

The president is losing credibility each day. A poll now shows that half of the country thinks the president is lying. The great communicator isn't communicating and things are likely to get worse as the White House stumbles around trying to come up with a shield that will protect the president.

If you want to know how bad things can get, watch Bill Broomfield. If he starts defending the administration, the situation is improving. If he starts saying, "The question is, what did he know and when did he know it?" the travesty will continue.

GM shows no brilliance

LET ME SEE IF I have this straight. Generous Motors is run by brilliant leaders and proof of this is the fact that GM is one of the largest, most powerful organizations on earth. Or GM is one of the largest, most powerful organizations on earth and proof of this is the fact that its leaders are thought to be brilliant.

It's one or the other, I forget. I do know that a short while back GM showed that it was still a great auto manufacturer by purchasing a firm called EDS. This firm's product isn't clear, but it appears as though it processes a little bit of data and data. I think the initials stand for Easy-Dollar Scoopers.

This firm was run by a straight-shooting Texan who, when he isn't on rescue missions, is being forced by GM to accept \$700 million so he will quit saying what he has already said.

SO, JUST HOW smart is this corporate giant? It's so smart that not so long ago it induced some formerly self-respecting governors to play "Let's Make a Deal" on the Phil Donahue Show. The governors were vying for the well-ballyhoosed

to manufacture the world car of the future and is now wondering if there is a planet named Edsel with rings around it.

SO FAR, I've somehow been able to make sense out of all this. If I understand it right, the smooth-talking, straight-shooting head honcho of EDS shot his talker off too much and was silenced, sort of, for about \$700 million. If he criticizes GM, he has to pay a \$7 million fine, which means he would only get \$693 million from the deal.

Some auto analysts are calling this another brilliant move by Generous Motors. They are the same analysts who buy Detroit Lions season tickets so they won't miss a game in case there's a sellout.

If Generous Motors was any smarter, it might have to shut down even more factories and lay off even more employees so that it could still make less money than Ford.

Some might think that I am writing a snippy, disrespectful column. To them, I can only say this: Maybe so, but if I owned GM stock, this column would be the first step toward making me a millionaire.

Insomniacs abound — with anecdotes, cures

Letters, phone calls and casual comments at the pop stand during the four weeks since I wrote about the treacherous of insomnia convince me that we who suffer from this eye-opening affliction are non-partisan and co-educational.

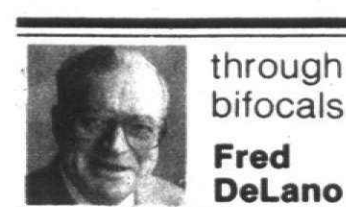
That essay for the multicity, double-county Observer & Eccentric empire appeared Nov. 13, a date that may live in journalistic history — not because of my abuse of our language, but because it was the day a far more noted writer's syndicated column gave us all cause for sleeplessness.

It was the day William F. Buckley Jr. turned in his varsity "R" from the Ronald Reagan cheerleading team by starting his piece for national subscribers with the sentence: "One worries about many things, foremost among them the credibility of the president of the United States."

And to think that those of my ilk toss and turn through the predawn hours just because a car payment is overdue!

AH, BUT there are remedies, random samples from the vox populi to follow.

"Southfield Angie," the lady I mentioned before as preferring a slug of brandy to reintroduce sleep as opposed to John Hayes' crackers and warm milk, came to dinner one night with husband



Fred DeLano

in tow and from this retired engineer and race car driver I learned his bride's problem.

"Angeline is infected by the Puritan Work Ethic," he analyzed. "She lies awake thinking of things for me to do. But because my conscience is clear, I sleep like a baby."

Someone postmarked Bloomfield Hills, unfortunately unidentified, wrote, "If I went through your antics, I would be awake too. You recognize such basic night rules as to walk softly, etc. Well, these same rules apply to thinking — softly, lightly."

"The best way to conquer your habit is to command your mind, before you go to bed, not to wake up when you take your nightly fantastic jaunt to the bathroom."

"ON THE ENTRANCE of your first conscious thought, command it to think of nothing. If necessary, just keep thinking nothing. At the very most, re-

peat — nothing, nothing, nothing."

"It's thinking that wakes you up. Thoughts stimulate and activate more thoughts. They are contagious. They motivate your think process, so don't think. Don't let yourself wake fully up. Refuse to let your mind accept any thoughts."

"Every night, practice this. You will find you can go back to bed and continue Act II of your dream play. Try it. Sleepwalking can make your day!"

Now there's a person I'd like to debate. In Act II, I may.

June, a West Bloomfield widow, called to say she had urged a ladyfriend to read that first discourse for the comfort inherent in knowing that more than just the two of them are often up and about, seeking solace in the weak and weary night.

AND MY FRIEND Kleinbrenner, a practical Plymouth sort, had this pithy suggestion: "Don't try to cure it; take advantage of the situation and look for a job that starts at five in the morning."

"If that fails, as it probably will, soundproof your den so the typing won't wake Mother Goose, make a pot of fresh coffee, and start writing your memoirs — at least the printable chapters."

I told him it wouldn't work. Coffee, for me, has a more Ex-Laxing effect

than relaxing.

But equally pithy was this note from Dorothy in Livonia:

"I read your article about insomnia, and everything you wrote applies to me. Since you mentioned answering nature's call and poetry, I thought you might like this little poem of mine — Wired Up?

"Is there a button on your toilet seat? Mine can perform an uncanny feat. Each time I sit down to do nature's things, the darned button works, my telephone rings."

Angie, why don't we just share your brandy?

for your information

MUSEUM YULE DISPLAY

The trees are decorated, the table set, trains are running, old toys are out, and everyone's all dressed for the holidays. The "Christmas at the Museum" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, includes more than 80 old fans on display — Chinese silk fans, handpainted fans, feathered fans from France, leather fans.

Also on exhibit are a Lionel Chessie Steam Special passenger train, American Flyer passenger, work and freight trains, including tractors, firetrucks, iron trains and farm equipment. The Plymouth Historical Museum is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission.

KREATIVES

Kreatives, a preschool class to foster and develop creativity, is offered for six weeks sessions in First United Methodist Church on N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. Times are 10 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents may choose any combination of times and days. For ages 3-5, Kreatives develops creativity through art, crafts, music, games, and forms of creative expression. To register, call the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at 453-2904.

ADOPTIVE PARENT CLASSES

Expectant Adoptive Parent Classes will be offered at 7 p.m. Fridays beginning Jan. 23 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills, for families waiting to adopt an infant up to age two. Terry Allor of Plymouth, program director for Expectant Adoptive Parent Classes, says the classes will provide information on the physical care of an infant, growth and development, selecting infant clothes and accessories, common infant health problems and child safety. The classes also provide the opportunity to explore parenthood and its relationship to being an adoptive parent.

HELPING ADULTS READ

Plymouth-Canton Community Education can help adults read. For more information about Adult Basic Education, call 451-6555 or 451-6660. Open enrollment. Students can begin classes at any time.

PROJECT: COLLEGE BOUND

Tuition assistance, personal development workshops, tutoring and job placement support are being offered to a limited number of persons age 18-21 who are interested in attending Schoolcraft College for either the winter or spring semester. A high school diploma or GED is not necessary for enrollment into Schoolcraft. For more information, call Growth Works Inc., in Plymouth at 455-4090.

PARENT/CHILD GUIDE PROGRAMS

One minute they're 5, the next they are in their teens. Don't miss the moments of your child's young years. The YMCA Indian Guide Parent/Child Programs is an opportunity to spend special time together on a one-to-one basis for ages 5-13 in neighborhood tribal meetings in homes. Through the Indian Guide program, you'll be guiding your child as you have fun and learn together. For information, call 455-2904.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 743

Boy Scouts of America Troop 743 meets at 7 p.m. each Monday in the gym of Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth. Anyone interested in scouting should contact Russ Crum at 961-3671.

NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons, a sharing exchange for mothers, will meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Faith Moravian Community Church, 46001 Warren west of Canton Center Road. For information, call Mary at 455-8221.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Canton Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the Canton Historical Society Museum on Canton Center Road at Proctor.

MINOR HOME REPAIRS

The Conference of Western Wayne Minor Home Repair Program has been funded through Senior Alliance Inc. for fiscal year 1986. The program assists homeowners 60 and older with minor home repair tasks. For information, call 525-8690.

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Pets of the Week

These two pets — Jane the dog and Shadow the cat — are available for adoption at the Michigan Humane Society's Westland Kindness Center. Jane, a husky-terrier mix, is seven weeks old. (Control No. 184175). Shadow, a female domestic cat, is three years old. (Control No. 184155). The Kindness Center, 37255 Marquette, can be reached by calling 721-7300.

SEMTA boasts reliability record

SEMTA Connector (small bus) operations achieved a perfect reliability record for the last three months of fiscal 1986, according to Albert Martin, general manager, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority.

Connectors, which primarily serve the elderly and handicapped, made 100 percent of their scheduled trips in April, May and June.

They also scored 100 percent in February, and the average reliability for the entire fiscal year ended June 30 was 98.47 percent.

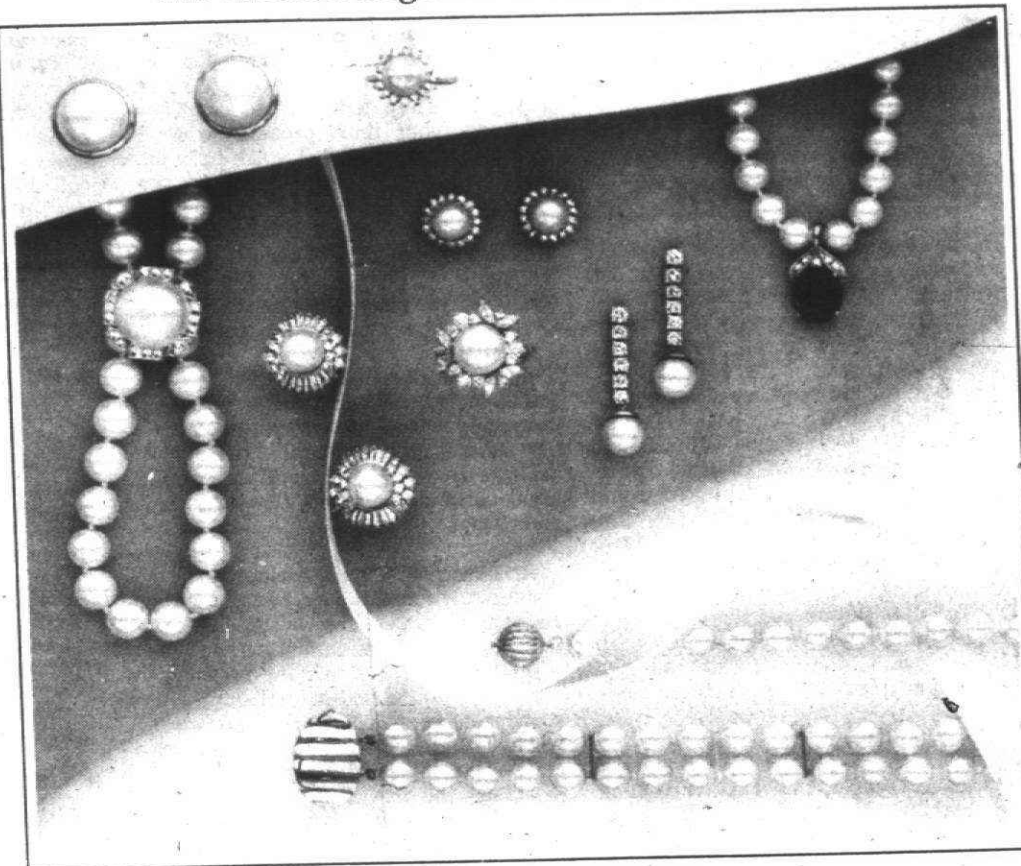
"Perfection is something we all strive for but seldom achieve, so we are especially proud of 'batting 1,000' so often," said Martin. "This is

particularly significant because we operate the largest such system in the United States."

SEMTA directly operates Connector service in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, using 147 buses. All are equipped with wheelchair lifts, and most are capable of seating 15 ambulatory passengers and two wheelchair passengers, or 19 ambulatory passengers.

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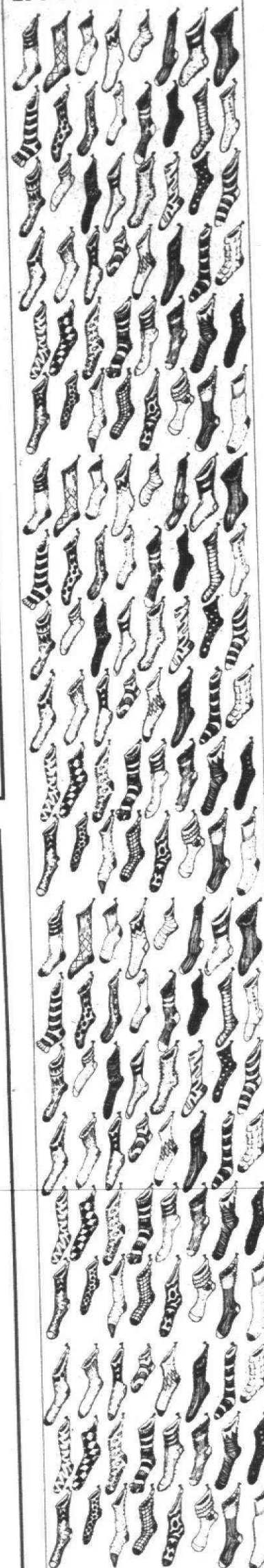
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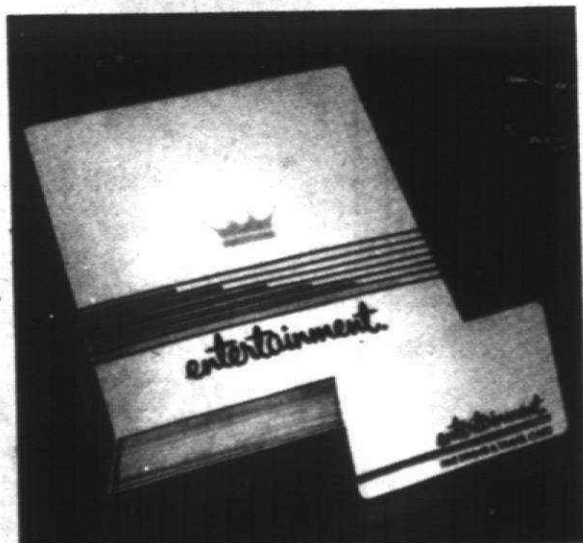
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Sinker is the author of "Toys for Growing: A Guide to Toys that Develop Skills" and the program director of the National Lekotek Center in Evanston, Ill. Lekotek is a worldwide system of play and resource centers that uses toys to teach children with special needs.

Toys in bright, primary colors and toys that can be used in more than one way are high on her list. On the other hand, she said battery-operated toys often don't offer enough play value.

"Turn them on and they bark. Turn them on and they walk. After you watch them for a while, then

what?"

"But a toy like this you can do a lot with," she said, pointing to brightly colored rings stacked on a peg, as pictured in a Christmas catalogue.

"You can put the rings on your fingers, roll them on the floor or hide them in your pocket."

"Kids with handicaps sometimes aren't able to explore the possibilities of a toy as much as other children can. They play with them in the most obvious way. It takes parents or other family members to help them unlock all of a toy's potential."

It's for that reason she encourages parents to buy toys they like as well. While she feels toy safety in the United States is very good, she does stress the safety aspect for children with disabilities.

"You have to remember that the manufacturer's recommended age range for a toy isn't always a good yardstick to use for a handicapped child because, developmentally, that child may be at a much younger level, so a plaything can get banged

around quite a bit."

In looking through the catalogue, Sinker noted several toys that she herself had no experience with but which she thought had good play value. One was a game called Pig-Pong.

"It's often hard for handicapped kids to orient to the middle of their bodies or do things at mid-line, as we call it. But this game, which requires the use of two hands to squeeze the pigs to blow the ball over the net is a fun way to do it."

On the same page, she pointed to another toy, a football player that kicks a football up and toward a goal post when you push down on his helmet.

"This would be great fun for children who couldn't use their fingers but could use their fists."

She also was enthusiastic about a stuffed animal called A.G. Bear. "It's a wonderful, soft and cuddly toy that 'bubbles' back to you when you say something. It's great because even a severely disabled child can make a sound and get a response in return."

clubs in action

POTLUCK DINNER

The Lake Pointe Village Branch, Women's National Farm and Garden Association, will hold its annual "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" potluck dinner 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. Husbands of members may attend. Following dinner, there will be an auction of handmade items and homemade baked goods. Lenore Howe is chairwoman for the evening, with Judy Sharrar, Virginia Myrle, Nellie Grinenko, Kathy Charlebois and Jean Pink serving as co-hostesses.

PARKINSON'S

A support group for those with Parkinson's disease and their families will meet 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Hull Elementary School, 34715 Lyndon. The program's discussion will be on "How to Cope." The group is sponsored by the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. For additional information, call 459-0216.

OPEN HOUSE

The Canton Historical Society will host its annual Christmas open house 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Canton Historical Museum. A holiday program will be held, followed by light refreshments. Those attending will be able to see the museum's holiday decorations. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, call 397-0088 during regular museum hours.

LA LECHE

The La Leche League will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at 709 Provincetown Lane, Plymouth. The discussion will cover the advantages and disadvantages of breastfeeding. Information on establishing a happy nursing relationship will be included. For additional information, call Johanne, 453-9171.

BAND PERFORMS

The Plymouth Community Band will present "A Christmas Festival" 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the Little Theater of Plymouth Canton High School, Joy and Canton Center roads, Canton. Carl Battistelli will conduct. Admission is free of charge.

MESSIAH

Ars Musica and Tafelmusik of Toronto will perform Handel's "Messiah" 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, in historic Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Jean Lamont, Tafelmusik's music director, will conduct both of the performances, with soprano Penny Jensen, tenor Gary Glaze and bass Andrew Schultz as soloists. Ann Arbor's Wendy Bloom will be heard as the alto in the Dec. 12 performance; counter tenor Steven Richards will conduct Dec. 13. Ivana Taurina will conduct the 22-member Tafelmusik choir for both performances. Tafelmusik is based in Toronto, Ontario, and recently embarked on several successful tours of Europe, North America and South America. Ticket prices are \$15, \$9.50 and \$6.50. Tickets are available at all Ticket World locations, the Michigan Theater and Orchestra Hall. For additional information on the performances, call the Ars Musica office, 662-3976.

BAKED GOODS

St. Kenneth Church will hold a bake sale noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the church, 14951 Hagerty Road, Plymouth. The sale will continue after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon Masses Sunday, Dec. 14. The women of St. Kenneth Church are sponsoring the event.

HOLIDAY GOODIES

The St. John Neumann Women's Guild will hold a Christmas bake

sale 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and after all Masses Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14. The bake sale will be held in the parish activities building in Canton. The homemade baked goods will include breads, cakes, cookies and pies.

PHOENIX I

Phoenix I will hold a singles' dance/party 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill Road at Venoy. Music will be by Chlo. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Price is \$4. For additional information, call Ruth or Jill, 471-1248.

DAR TEA

The Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Bruce Richard in Plymouth. The program will be the annual Christmas tea. A slide program, "Christmas at the National Cathedral," will be presented by Mrs. George F. Mervin. For additional information on the meeting or on membership in the DAR, call 453-4425.

CLUB PARTY

The Western Wayne County Mothers of Twins Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads in Livonia. This will be the annual Christmas party. Husbands may attend, as may mothers of twins or triplets. For additional information, call Marilyn Coleman, 728-7144.

BEREAVED GROUP

The Bereaved Parents Group will meet 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at the Schoolcraft College Newman House, 17300 Hagerty Road, Livonia. The self-help group is for parents who have had a child die. For additional information, call Raymond or Gloria Collins, 348-1857.

THEATRE GUILD

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold its monthly membership meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Central Middle School, 650 W. Church St., Plymouth. Members may bring holiday munchies to share. Those who would like to learn more about the Theatre Guild or its upcoming production, "Murther Takes the Stage," may attend. For additional information, call 451-0037.

REFUNDERS

The Refunders Club will meet 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Plymouth Grange Hall, 273 Union St., Plymouth. Those attending should bring refund forms, proofs of purchase and complete deals to trade. New members may attend.

LOCAL PWP

Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, for an orientation for new members. For additional information, call Ellen, 455-3851.

LET'S DANCE

Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will meet 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, for a program with a speaker followed by a dance at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lots Road, north of Michigan Avenue and east of I-75 in Canton. Price is \$2, \$3 after 9:30 p.m. For additional information, call Ellen, 455-3851.

SINGLES' DANCE

Westside Singles II will hold a Christmas dance for singles from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, just east of Merri-man in Livonia. The dance is for those age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. Price is \$4. For additional information, call the hotline, 562-3170.

BETHANY DANCE

Bethany Plymouth/Canton will sponsor a candlelight dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at St. Kenneth Church, Five Mile and Hagerty roads in Plymouth. Refreshments will be served. Music will be by Chico. Price is \$5. For additional information, call Mary, 981-1274, or Pete, 422-8625.

LUMINARIES

The Plymouth Symphony League and the Trailwood Garden Club will offer Christmas "luminaries" the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 24. The Christmas Eve event is based on the Spanish custom of lighting the way for the Christ child. It will begin at 6 p.m. Paper bags filled with sand, kitty litter or top soil will hold candles; the bags will then be placed along the curbs, approximately 10 feet apart. Free sand is available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the city of Plymouth's Department of Public Works, on the north end of Arthur. Plymouth Township's Department of Public Works, at Lilley and Ann Arbor roads, also will have free sand from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Those picking up free sand should bring their own containers and shovels. Price for candles is \$2.50 for a set of 10 candles with white bags. Individual candles and bags are 25 cents each. Luminaries will also be sold 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Westchester Mall and at the K mart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For additional information, call co-chairwomen Mary O'Connell, 459-1999, or Dianne Fessler, 453-1289.

HOLIDAY DANCE

Westside Singles will hold a Christmas dance 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft Road west of Inkster Road. The dance is for those age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. Music will be by Eddie Rogers of WOMC-FM. For additional information, call the hotline, 562-3160.

SPEAK UP

A new Toastmasters Club is being organized by Toastmasters International, a world leader in developing public speaking/communication skills. The club will meet weekly on Saturdays for breakfast. The first meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Elias Brothers Big Boy restaurant on Wayne Road in Westland. For reservations or additional information, call Phyllis K. Sullivan, 455-1635.

\$100 OFFERED

It's time to start going through your photographs, to take new ones or to get out your palette. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering \$100 for the winning 5-by-7 inch color photo or watercolor of a familiar Plymouth winter scene. The winning picture will remain the property of the PCAC and will be used for a Christmas card project. Entries may be delivered or mailed to the PCAC office at 332 S. Main St., Plymouth 48170. The office is open 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Deadline for entries is March 1. For additional information, call 455-5260.

NO PANCAKES

All pancake breakfasts sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to Mayflower-L.L. Gamble VFW Post No. 6695 have been canceled until further notice.

TOUGHLOVE

Toughlove meets 7 p.m. Mondays at the Faith Community Moravian Church, 46001 Warren Road, at Canton Center Road in Canton. Toughlove is a self-help group for parents troubled by teenage behavior.

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Arts Council plans program

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is developing a Cultural Arts Program.

Boxes containing artifacts of different cultures will be taken to local schools. The artifacts will introduce students to the cultures of various countries.

The purpose of the program is to create interest in and awareness of the student's own heritage, along with understanding and appreciation of the heritage of others.

Items needed are those that represent the culture of a country, including clothing, books, pottery, art, toys, small currency, stamps and greeting cards. A box for Mexico, for example, could include a sombrero, poncho, pottery, art and other items representing Mexican culture.

The PCAC is seeking help in obtaining artifacts for the Cultural Arts Program. A brief explanation

of each article will be needed.

Items may be delivered to the PCAC office at 332 S. Main St. in Plymouth. The office is open 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

THE PLYMOUTH Community Arts Council is also conducting a Christmas card project. The organization is offering \$100 for the winning 5-by-7-inch color photo or watercolor of a familiar Plymouth winter scene.

The winning picture will remain the property of the PCAC and will be used for a Christmas card project.

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Spotlight's on theater

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from plays, they are more apt to be learning how to lose their inhibitions.

Hartman employs exercises designed to increase the students' sensitivity and concentration and their fluidity of movement on stage. He is considering writing an acting book incorporating some of the techniques he uses.

One exercise calls for students to jog on stage, waving their hands and "vocalizing."

"The average person going by and looking in is going to think it's something bizarre and strange. It looks pretty chaotic and bizarre, but it all has a function in training the actors."

HARTMAN SAID he continually

adds to his own training. In the summer of 1985, for instance, he took part in workshops at the Stratford Shakespearean Festival in Ontario. Last summer he worked with top European experts on stage movement at workshops in West Virginia.

Acting can sometimes be physically demanding, Hartman has found. In "Jimmy B. and Andre" Hartman was called on to play an alcoholic. Since his total alcoholic intake amounts to about two rum-and-Cokes a year, Hartman had to improvise to get the right effect.

"I kept myself up all night, so my face was drawn, my eyes red and my walk a little uneven," he said. "And it worked very well."

Three years ago he played Lincoln in "Lincoln at Little Rock," a story

about Abraham Lincoln being transported in time to 1957 and the racial disturbances at Little Rock, Ark. The film has not been shown yet, but Hartman is hoping it will wind up on cable TV.

He had to spend 10 or 12 hours a day acting in the Lincoln-esque makeup, which took a toll on his skin.

"When they took off the makeup, the side of my nose would crack and bleed."

Although he enjoyed his movie roles, Hartman prefers the stage to the screen.

"I love the theater more. I like a live audience, I like to go through a script from beginning to end. Plus in films you go over the same shot over and over and over again. I like the excitement of live performing."

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weddings and engagements

DeMars-Luhning

Sherry Ann Luhning of Sycamore, Ohio, and Jeffrey Jerome DeMars of Canton were married Nov. 15 at the Melmore United Methodist Church. The Rev. Karen Drotar performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Luhning of Sycamore, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeMars of Canton.

The bride attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Her husband is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is a student at Central Michigan University where he is majoring in marketing.

The reception was held at the National Guard Armory in Tiffin, Ohio. The newlyweds will make their home in Mount Pleasant, Mich.



Kokoszka-Olney

Joanne Marie Olney and Robert Stanley Kokoszka were married Nov. 29 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Ann Arbor. The Rev. James Koval performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Olney of Ann Arbor and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kokoszka of Plymouth.

Sister of the bride, Sharon Campbell, was the bride's honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Sue Collins and Nancy Van Eman.

Brother of the bridegroom Joseph Kokoszka was the best man. The bridegroom's other attendants were John Kokoszka and Tom Mach.

A reception was held at the Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. Following a wedding trip to Aru-



ba, the newlyweds will make their home in Plymouth.

Spicer-Wehmeyer

Pamela Lynn Wehmeyer of Chicago, Ill., and Stephen Alvin Spicer of Chicago were married Nov. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. The Rev. Philip Rodgers Magge performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wehmeyer of Dearborn, formerly of Plymouth, and Mr. and Mrs. George Thurston Spicer of Breward, N.C.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth High School and of Alma College. She is employed as an art director with Frankel and Company in Chicago.

Her husband is a graduate of Breward High School and of Davidson College. He also holds a degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State University. He is employed as a hydrologic engineer with the Corps of Engineers.

Elaine Guregian was the bride's attendant.

The bridegroom's attendants were Dr. Barclay Shultz, Scott Goodfellow and Michael Eliffe.



The bride wore her mother's wedding gown of ivory satin. She carried a bouquet of white miniature orchids, carnations, baby's breath, stephanotis, roses and statice.

A reception was held at the Meadowbrook Country Club.

Following a wedding trip to Toronto, Ontario, the newlyweds will make their home in Chicago.

Classes offer fun for families

New Morning School in Plymouth Township is again offering its "Me and My Shadow" class for toddlers and parents.

The director at New Morning, Elaine Yagiela, advises early registration for the classes, since enrollment is limited. Some classes are filled, but names are being taken for a waiting list.

The 14-week classes begin the week of Jan. 8 with the following schedule:

• Friday mornings, Jan. 9-April 10. Classes are available 9:15-10:15 a.m. for children 24 to 32 months (open) and 10:30 a.m. to noon for those 30 to 36 months (waiting list only).

• Thursday nights, Jan. 8-April 16. Classes are available 6-7 p.m. for children 24 to 36 months (waiting list only).

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Each class will be planned around a weekly theme. A simple art activity will be completed each session. There will also be a music/movement/rhythm or language activity.

Canton's Linda Zahn will be the instructor for the "Me and My Shadow" class. She holds a degree in elementary education from Wayne State University and special education certifications through Eastern Michigan University.

Zahn is also a New Morning preschool teacher.

New Morning School is a state-certified parent cooperative school for children ages 5-14. It is at 14501 Haggerty Road, just north of Schoolcraft Road in Plymouth Township.

For additional information or to register for the "Me and My Shadow" class, call New Morning School, 420-3331, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Lazarus-O'Callaghan

Nancy Karen Lazarus and David Patrick O'Callaghan of Plymouth plan a late January wedding at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Lazarus and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. O'Callaghan of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of Schoolcraft College. She is employed by the Mayflower Mortgage Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of Michigan Technological University, where he received a degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a research and development engineer with B.M.Y. Defense

Co. in York, Pa. He is also pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Pennsylvania State.

Parents of the couple are Ronald and Betty Westerfield of Plymouth and Kenneth and Ruth Verardi of Ann Arbor.

Honor attendants were all family of the bride and groom. Bridesmaids were Deborah Krska, Karen Geddes and Cheryl Curtis.

Groomsmen were David Verardi, Andrew Verardi, Kenneth Verardi and Roger Curtis.

For her wedding, the bride wore a dress of ivory satin and lace.

Following a reception at Joy Hall in Westland, the newlyweds left for a wedding trip to the Smokey Mountains. They are making their home in Ann Arbor.

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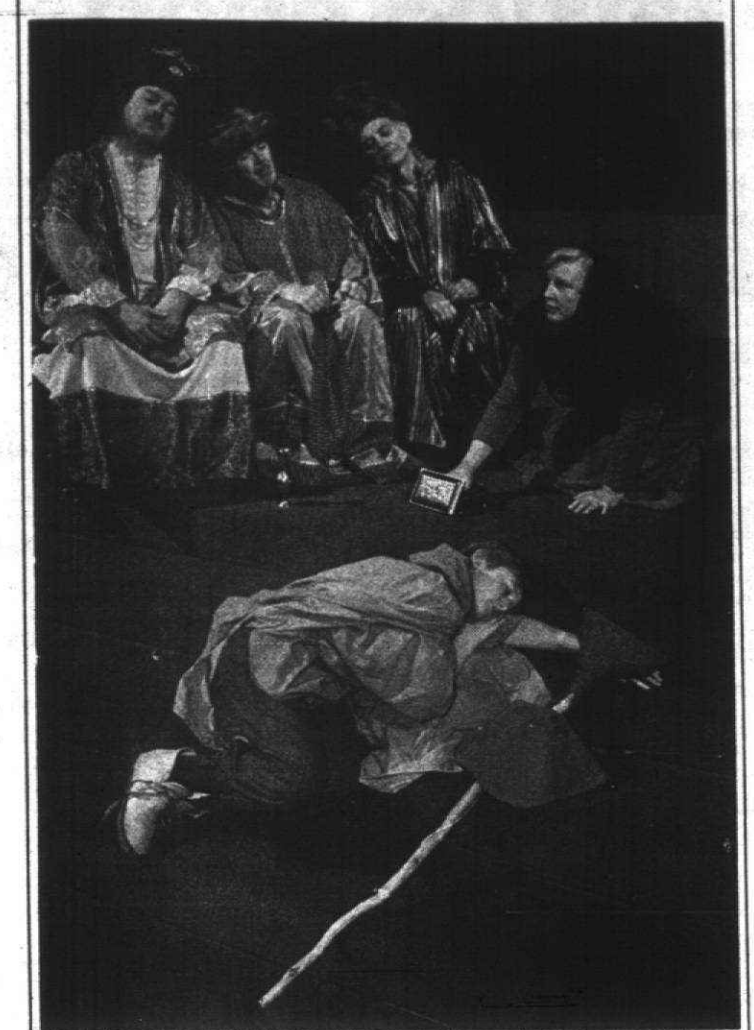
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Members of the Rosedale Gardens' production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" include (left) Dan Williams, Stephen Peterson, Bill Dunphy and Helen Thomas with Chris Swanson, 11.

Rosedale Gardens to host Christmas opera 'Amahl'

The Christmas opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors," by Gian-Carlo Menotti will be presented 7 p.m. C. Benton as the page and a chorus of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. The opera is directed by Robert M. Barcus. The production is open to the public. The cast includes Helen Thomas, 11. There will be no admission as the mother, Chris Swanson has charge.

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ADVENT CONCERT
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Joy Road and Newburgh, Livonia, will celebrate Advent with a concert, "Prepare for the King," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Special Christmas music will be presented by the Sunday School, church choir, instrumentalists and dancers. A hymn sing will follow.

ADVENT WALK
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, will have an Advent Walk 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Over 100 people will be involved as Bible characters, Old Testament dancers, puppeteers, choir members, and madrigal singers. For more information, call 464-0211.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Ward Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Farmington roads, Livonia, will have a Christmas celebration at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. The church is combining 400 voices and symphonic orchestra to present its Christmas celebration.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Grand River Baptist Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, will have a special program, "Christmas Melodies and Memories," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. The program is open to the public.

OPERA
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, will present the one-act opera of "Amahl and the Night Visitors," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. There will be a chorus of shepherds and orchestral accompaniment.

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Sundays, January 11 through March 1, at First Baptist Church, 45000 E. Territorial, a half-mile west of Sheldon, Plymouth.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, will host its annual Children's Christmas Program 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. The program will center around the events leading up to the birth of Christ. For more information, call 261-9276.

MINI CONCERT
Nativity House Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Rd., Livonia, will present a mini concert series at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Thomas and Susan Barna. Sunday, Dec. 14, the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church Carillon Bell Ringers will perform. Sunday, Dec. 21, the harp music of Christina Grix will be presented. For more information, call 421-5406.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATER
Trinity House Theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia, will have a series of performances at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Saturday, Dec. 13, and Thursday, Dec. 11.

The evening of one acts will include "Virginia is for Lovers" by James Schapp, "Collection" by James Leach, "Maggie and Beth" and "Silent Morning" by Paul Patton.

CHORAL PRESENTATION
There will be a choral presentation, "Cradle the King With Praise," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. Admission is free.

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The definition of religion in the New Testament is equally pointed: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep oneself unstopped from the world" (James 1:27).

TO THOSE who would traffic in arms, to warn against the trafficking in arms. Where are the prophets to remind the United States that "if your faith in God is not firm your leadership will not be firm?"

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HOLIDAY CRAFTS
Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will have its annual Christmas arts and crafts show 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. The show will have more than 75 exhibitors. The show will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission is free of charge and free parking will be available. For additional information, call the parks and recreation department, 455-6620.

BRIGHTON GARDEN CLUB
Brighton Garden Club will have its fifth annual Old Fashioned Christmas Store 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Maitly Junior High, 4740 Bauer, at Brighton Road. There will be some 80 craftsmen. The display will feature country folk art, bears, dolls, quilted items, wreaths, baskets and other Christmas items. For more information, call 229-4885.

RICE MEMORIAL
Rice Memorial United Methodist Church, 20601 Beech Dale, at Eight Mile, Redford Township, will have "The Santa Shop," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. The store will provide a place for children to shop. Children will have a chance to have their pictures taken with Santa. There will also be a bake sale. For more information, call 534-4907.

School bands strike up fund-raising effort

By Sue Mason
staff writer

Instrumental music buffs in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools are humming a catchy tune — a tune they hope will generate between \$95,000 and \$100,000 for new instrumental music uniforms for John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools.

"Your gift marches on" is the slogan for a fund-raising campaign a steering committee of school officials and instrumental music boosters hope will pay for uniforms for the high schools' marching bands and other musical groups.

"Our main activity will be pledge cards that we'll be leaving around at obvious locations in the community," said Charles Heard, director of instruction.

"If all goes well, by delivery time in August, we'll have the money to pay for the uniforms."

The majority of the cost — \$95,000 — will be for 325 marching band uniforms that cost an estimated \$200 each. The remaining \$30,000



will be for 300 concert uniforms, costing an estimated \$100 each.

The steering committee has "brainstormed" the fund-raising activities that were unveiled to parents and students last week, Heard said.

The school district in October agreed to front the money for the purchase, although Heard is confident that the committee will have enough contributions by the time the uniforms arrive.

THE COMMITTEE anticipates

Wayne-Westland School District

The district serves southeast Canton.

that the brunt of the money will come from the pledge cards and donations or grants from major companies like Dayton-Hudson and Domino's Pizza, community service clubs, cultural groups and PTAs.

Pledges can be as small as \$5 up to \$500, although there is no limit on the amount of the donation, Heard said. One option is paying for an entire uniform set, for those who do, a label will be sewn into the jacket, acknowledging the donor's "generous contribution," he added.

The committee is more fund-raisers. It is looking at a community appreciation dinner with entertainment, a 24-hour music-a-ma possibly tied in with a cable television telethon, drawings for cash prizes, a

6K race in conjunction with the cities of Wayne and Westland and a donkey baseball game to generate money.

In fact, the annual round of televised Thanksgiving Day parades gave the committee an idea for one of its drawings — having residents guess the weight of the bands, including their uniforms and instruments.

The committee also is looking at ways to make it easier to make donations. It has asked the district to see if an installment plan could be made available to employees and the possibility of accepting VISA or MasterCard charges.

The process for ordering the uniforms also has started. The music di-

rectors have begun soliciting designs and costs from uniform companies.

The band uniforms will be in the schools' colors — red, white and blue for Glenn and yellow and black for Wayne Memorial — and will be made of wool, which holds up better with repeated dry-cleaning and wear and tear, Heard said.

HEARD is excited about the designs already received. Both schools have opted for the short military-style jackets with high-waisted pants. Wayne Memorial is favoring a fully detachable cape, while John Glenn is leaning towards a half cape.

The concert uniforms will be lightweight, black, tuxedo-style jackets with dress pants, ruffled dummies, cummerbunds and ties. The uniforms will be plain so that they can be shared between the two schools, offering a larger sizing range, Heard said. With the band uniforms, an additional \$0 in each style will be needed to offer a sizing range, he added.

A progress report on the fund-raising, along with bid specifications for the uniforms, will be presented to the school board in January. Heard hopes to have as much as 25 percent of the money raised to show the board "there's some money behind" the purchase request.

The bid will be awarded in February, the down time for uniform manufacturers, which could garner some discounts on the uniforms, Heard explained.

"I'm anxious to see how it costs out," Heard said.

"We estimate the uniforms will cost between \$95,000 and \$100,000, but that depends on how the bids turn out, what the specifications are and the deals we can make with the companies."

"February and March are slow times for the companies. If we get the orders in then we could get discounts for such a large order and for ordering during the down time." The cutoff for the fund-raising is August, but Heard said that if it doesn't generate enough money by the time the uniforms are delivered, "we'll keep fund raising until we have it."

School board, teachers to start bargaining

By Sue Mason
staff writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has decided to get a head start on negotiating a contract with its teaching staff.

The school board last week formally directed the administration to begin negotiating with the Wayne-Westland Education Association "in earnest."

The board's goal is to have a multi-year agreement negotiated and ratified by June 12, well in advance of the Sept. 7, 1987, expiration of the teachers' current three-year contract.

This is the first time the district has asked to begin negotiations with its largest union 10 months in advance of a contract's expiration date.

Superintendent Dennis O'Neill said no specific date for the start of formal negotiations has been set, since the WWEA has yet to select its

negotiating team. He added that some informal discussions have taken place between members of his administration and union officials.

"WE'RE TRYING to get our homework done," O'Neill said. "We believe that by opening negotiations early we will be able to do some long-range planning in the district."

Bill Taylor, associate superintendent for employee services, will be the district's chief negotiator.

The remainder of his team will be made up of Thomas Svitkovich, associate superintendent for communications/finance; William Harvey, associate superintendent for instruction and planning; Elizabeth Kobe, assistant superintendent for school/community services; Woody London, associate superintendent for business/finance; Douglas Pretty and Mary McGowan, executive directors in employee services; Ronald Stratton, Adams Junior High School assistant principal; and Sigvard Dietrich, P.D. Graham Elementary School principal.

O'Neill will be an ex-officio member of the negotiating team.

"Historically, Labor Day has been considered D-Day in contract negotiations," O'Neill said. "We believe that if we set a deadline of completing negotiations by the end of the

current school year, parents, students and teachers won't have to go through the summer wondering when school will start."

THE DISTRICT is hoping to get a multi-year agreement from the teachers, O'Neill said, adding that most of the contracts to date have

been for three years.

The resolution was approved unanimously by the school board and, according to Trustee Sylvia Kozorsky, "It shows good faith (in negotiating) by the administration and the board's support of that."

The resolution notes that the "number one priority of the board is to provide the best education possible for the students" and that "the successful negotiation of a contract within the means of the school district would enhance the educational opportunities of the students."

Legal dispute ends

Townships break ties with sewer

By Teri Banes
staff writer

Plymouth and Canton townships settled a three-year-old legal dispute last week that they say wins them free-and-clear access to developing a sewage disposal plan other than the much-disputed Ypsilanti Sewerage Disposal contract.

The consent judgment, worked out before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Sharon Tevis Finch on Friday, was good news for the two west county townships which already are formalizing their plans to construct a sewer system sending waste for treatment by the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority.

But the settlement reached with Wayne County, the city of Detroit and the state Department of Natural Resources, never addressed allegations brought by Plymouth and Canton townships that pointed to a governmental "conspiracy" against them.

The conspiracy issue had alleged that the city of Detroit, which operates the Detroit Wastewater Treatment Plant for Detroit and suburban users, incorrectly attempted to block the two suburbs from seeking additional sewage capacity from a provider other than Detroit, said Plymouth Township attorney Brian C. James.

"The issue was once their (contracted) limits were reached, were they still obliged to Detroit or could they contract elsewhere," said James.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Supervisor Maurice Breen said he was glad the "air is now cleared," though he called it "unfortunate" that their allegations were never brought out for debate. Nonetheless, he added, a trial could have been costly, lasting six to eight weeks.

James said the debate extends back to 1981 and the drafting of the Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal contract when Detroit defined its "territorial" region as including all out-county areas.

On this basis, he said, the city of Detroit convinced the Department of Natural Resources that Canton and Plymouth townships were not permitted to take part in the Huron Valley Wastewater Control System (Super Sewer), then a \$284-million proposal that would have serviced 17 communities by sending waste to a treatment plant in Brownstown Township.

"It was a simple breach of contract," said James. "We wanted to be part of that project in 1983; it had 75 percent guaranteed federal funding and it meant that pollution wouldn't be discharged into the Rouge River."

That project eventually fell through, though all communities had agreed to it, and was separated into two branches with the North Huron Valley Wastewater Control System (Son of Super Sewer) becoming the intended project for 16 communities, including Plymouth and Canton townships. In recent months the townships announced they wouldn't

participate in that project, tied to the Detroit Treatment Plant, opting instead to develop their own authority, one that intends to contract with the Ypsilanti communities.

Dave Vago, deputy county Public Works director, said he was pleased with the consent order, as well, though he feels the county would have been vindicated as an alleged conspirator.

"Our position was that there was never any conspiracy. There was no agreement breached," he said.

From the county's standpoint, he said the consent decision called for the return of EPA-advanced design money being held by Plymouth Township that now can be used to fund redesigns of a new sewer package for remaining western Wayne County communities. Out of an original \$3.8 million advance, half has been spent. A full accounting of the remaining sum is planned, he said.

About the townships' development of a sewerage treatment program with Ypsilanti, Vago, a chief Super Sewer proponent, said he believes the townships will end up paying more for construction and rates than what had been planned in Super Sewer based on engineering studies. "But yet, I don't know the total YUCA package," he added.

Breen said the governing boards of Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships will take action on establishing an authority by next week. Canton Township Supervisor James Poole was not available for comment on the settlement.

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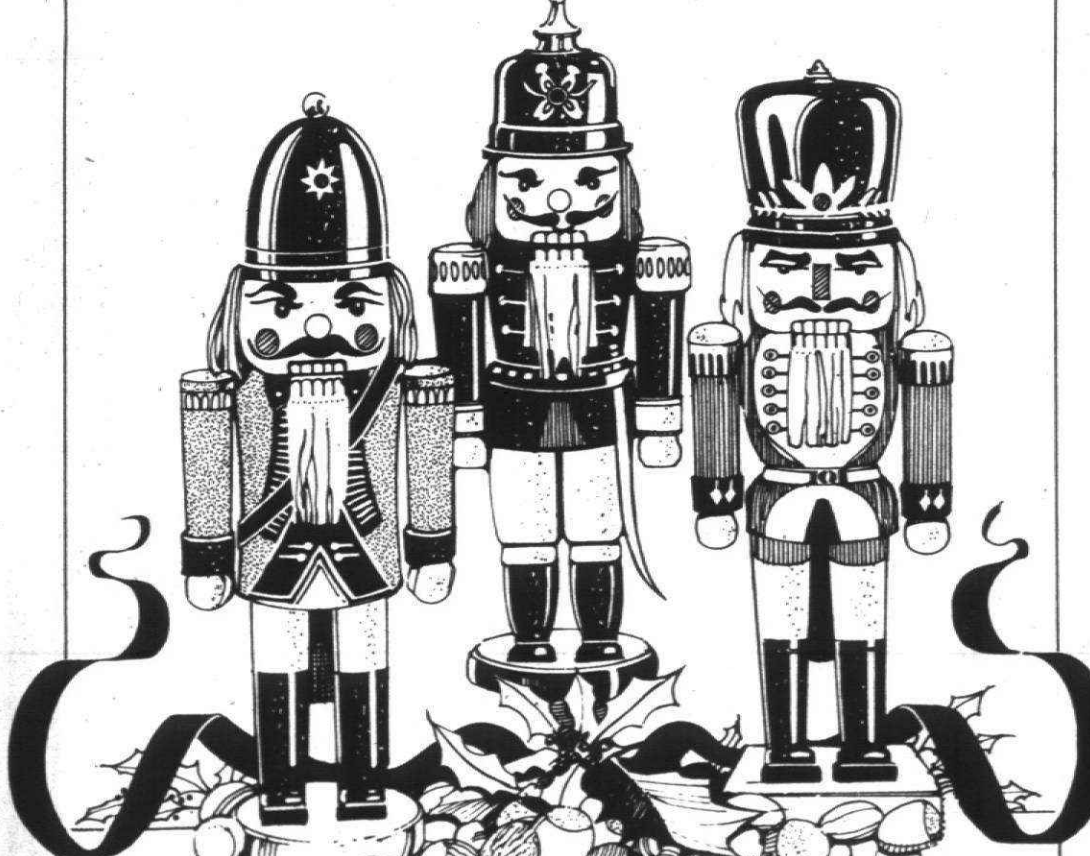
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THE MAKERS OF Pepto-Bismol say Thanksgiving opens a season to overeat and overdrink to Americans and that's "prime Pepto time."

The makers and bottlers of the hot-pink stomach-relief liquid direct their efforts to coat, soothe and relieve from a sweet-smelling encephalogram on an industrial park in Greenville.

"We go into what we call the overindulgent promotional period — around Thanksgiving," said J.R. Hopkins, plant manager for Norwich-Eaton Pharmaceuticals, the world's only maker and bottler of Pepto-Bismol. "This is the big time of the year for Pepto and, of course, the big time of the year for the plant."

"WE EVEN HAVE slogans that have to do with it," Pepto People "Have Pepto," Hopkins said. "The holidays have been prime Pepto time" since the early 1900s, when a doctor concocted the original bismosal mixture to tackle infant cholera, he added.

The company, which can ship out 788,000 bottles of Pepto in a day, reports more than 25 percent of its sales from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. Sales and shipments increase to Pepto-Bismol's

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Snowy owl pays a call

In addition to a tasty treat of tom turkey on Thanksgiving, I was surprised by another bird that day. On my way to Sterling Heights, I passed the intersection of 16 Mile and Rochester roads. I noticed a snowy owl flying southeast.

Snowy owls, as their name implies, are mostly white. So when I saw this large, white, stocky looking bird flying overhead I knew what it was immediately. It was strictly by chance that our paths crossed at that moment, but, the more time you spend in the field, the more often those chances occur.

OWLS ARE readily recognized by most people because of their unique facial disk.

Eyes of most birds are on the sides of the head; owls, however, have them on the front of their face.

Feathers surrounding each eye often form a disk, which emphasizes the large eyes needed for hunting in the dark.

When the snowy owl flew by, its head, projecting forward, was very large and blunt. Identifying a flat, "squared" head is one way of distinguishing between a flying hawk and an owl. Most owls hunt at night, but a few species, like the snowy and hawk owl, are active during the day.

PERIODIC invasions of snowy owls from their arctic nesting and wintering range generally occur every four years.

Frequently, birds seen in Michigan during the winter are juveniles that have heavy black barring across their body. They are forced south because of a decline in their regular diet of small rodents known as lemmings.

Birds generally go just far enough south to find food. Some birds, though, have traveled as far south as Georgia and Bermuda.

It is interesting that just about four years ago, a snowy owl stayed on Belle Isle for several weeks. Its perch — a telephone pole with a background of high-rise glass and steel structures — contrasted sharply with its flat, Arctic wilderness of the north.

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Which toys are the best for each age?

Q. Help! Before I make my annual trip to the toy store, I need some tips for buying toys. With so many choices, I'm overwhelmed and confused.

A. Play is natural to all kids. It's the way they learn about the world around them.

Play isn't "just playing" to kids — it's learning. Properly chosen toys can aid your child's mental, emotional, social and physical development.

Since every child has unique interests and abilities and establishes favorite kinds of play at an early age, the best way to choose toys for particular children is by watching and asking what they like.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENTAL characteristics suggest types of toys suitable for children at different ages:

• Birth-18 months — Toys should be brightly colored, lightweight, varied textures. Toys should be washable, colorfast and too big to swallow. There should be no rough edges or sharp corners.

• 18 months-3 years — The toddler needs things to ride and climb on and stack up. This age likes pretending "grown-up" with dishes, clothes, stuffed animals and dolls.

• 3-4 years — Pretend is still important. Costumes and equipment are stimulating. Backyard gym sets, bigger tricycles or two-wheelers help coordination. Coloring books, paints, wooden puzzles, picture books and records stimulate the mind and develop coordination. Coloring books, paints, wooden puzzles,

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For an appointment in the Sun-Damaged Skin Program, please call the University of Michigan Department of Dermatology, (313) 936-4069 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 A.M.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER

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BLOOD DRIVE

Oakwood Canton Health Center will hold a blood drive from 1-7 p.m. Dec. 16 in the community education room and front lobby of the center, 7300 Canton Center Road at Warren in Canton. To register call 459-7030. Walkins are welcome.

CARDIAC SUPPORT

The Cardiac Rehabilitation Spouse Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, in Arbor Health Building, 990 Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey in Plymouth. Families and friends of those who have heart problems are welcome.

NATURE OF NUTRITION

"The Nature of Nutrition" will be held from 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 18, or from 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays, March 11 to April 15, at Madonna College, Livonia. The course deals with and examines dietary trends in today's society and looks at what is necessary to stay healthy. The fee for continuing education units is \$45. For information, call 591-5188.

YOUNG ADULT AA

A new Young Adult AA group will meet at 7 p.m. each Sunday in Plymouth Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Mill. The meeting is for young adults only. For information call Mike, 459-0176.

FOOT CARE SERVICE

A foot care service for senior citizens in Plymouth is offered the second and fourth Thursday of each month 1-5 p.m. in the community room of the Arbor Health Building at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey in Plymouth. The treatment includes foot assessment, soaks, nail trimming, pumicing, massage, education for proper hygiene, exercise and footwear. Appointments may be made in advance by calling 455-1908. A nominal fee will be charged at the time of the service.

HELP-A-HEART

Barb Kibler of Canton is chairwoman of the Help-A-Heart, Save a Label drive being conducted by the

Ticker Club of Children's Hospital in Detroit. For each Heinz baby food, juice and instant food label turned in six cents will be donated to the hospital for medical equipment. Labels may be mailed to: Barb Kibler, 1127 Canterbury Circle, Canton MI 48187. This will be an ongoing project.

POSTMASTECTOMY GROUP

ENCORE, the YWCA Postmastectomy Support Group meets from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Forum Health Club, Maplewood at Ford in Westland. ENCORE stands for encouragement, normalcy, concerns, opportunity, reaching-out, and energies revived. For additional information, call Cynthia Nichols at 561-4110 or Sharon Morris at 722-7329.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The Plymouth Family Support Group for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month and 7-9 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Arbor Health Building at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey in Plymouth. The next meetings will be 1 p.m. Nov. 5 and 7 p.m. Nov. 10. Meetings are in the conference room and free to the public.

DRUG USE ASSESSMENT

A new substance abuse assessment service is being offered by the chemical dependency program at Catherine McAuley Health Center. For the assessment a trained counselor meets with the parents and their child. If the child has a drug or alcohol problem, the parents and the child will be given assistance in selecting the right treatment. For information, call 572-4308.

FOCUS ON LIVING

Focus on Living (with cancer) meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The self-help group is to bring together patients and family members who are experiencing problems as a result of living with cancer. A nurse consultant and other

resource people lead discussions of mutual problems. The meetings are on the fourth floor of St. Mary Hospital.

MOTHER-BABY EXERCISE

Mothers and babies can have fun together at Mother-Baby Exercise sponsored by Oakwood-Canton Health Center from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays in St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling 459-7030. There is a \$35 charge.

GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Plymouth Family Service is offering groups for women who either wish to explore their drug/alcohol use or want to recover from drug/alcohol problems. Fees charged are based on the ability to pay. For additional information, call Judith Darlington at Plymouth Family Service, 453-0890.

CUED SPEECH SUPPORT

A Cued Speech Support Group will meet 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. The class is sponsored by Oakwood-Canton Health Center. To pre-register, call 459-7030.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Free blood-pressure checks are offered by members of the Volunteer Guild of Oakwood Hospital Canton Center 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays in the main lobby of the hospital at Warren and Canton Center roads in Canton.

DIABETIC SUPPORT

A Diabetic Support Group will begin meeting 7-8 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Oakwood Hospital Canton Center at Warren and Canton Center roads in Canton.

CPR CLASS

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation Heart Saver classes are taught the second Monday of each month 7-10 p.m. in Oakwood Hospital Canton Center, Warren at Canton Center Road. This course covers one-person CPR on an adult, and what to do for

a person with an obstructed airway. There is a \$3 charge. Register by calling 459-7030.

TELE-CARE

Senior citizens in Plymouth-Canton may participate in a "Tele-Care" program senior citizens are called everyday to check on their well-

being. For more information, Canton residents may call 397-1000 Ext. 278 and Plymouth residents may call 453-3840 Ext. 37 or 453-2671, Plymouth Township Hall.

MEDICAL RETIREES SUPPORT

Medical Retirees Support Group, for people forced into early retirement because of medical problems, meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays in the Peoples Community Hospital Authority Annex at Annapolis Hospital, 4420 Venoy, Wayne. For information, call Dave Brunette at 595-1940.

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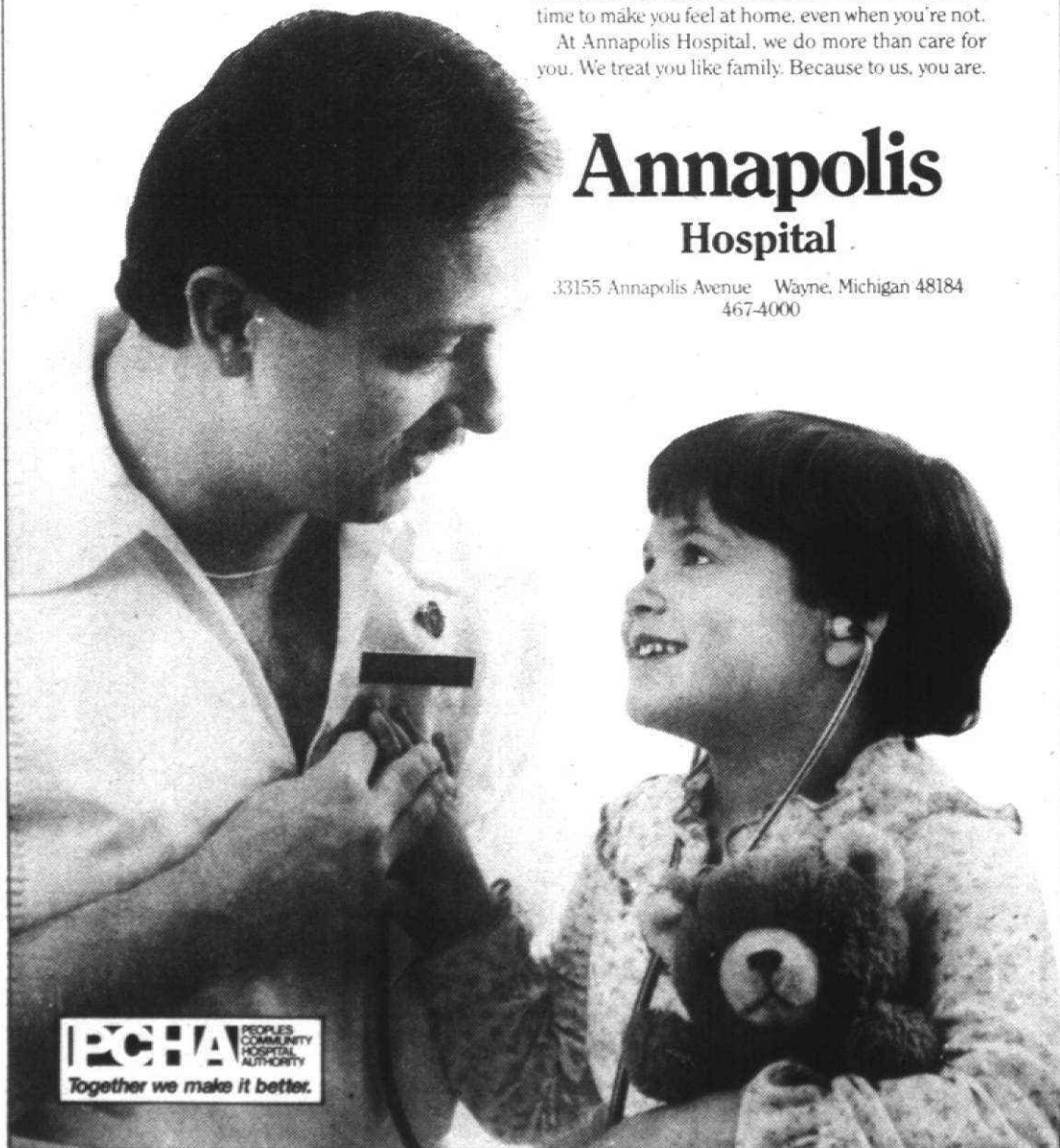
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It's a wrap — with help from local stores

By Carolyn DeMarco
staff writer

The U.S. Postal Service is no longer the only game in town.

A number of private franchises have cropped up to duplicate services which previously were exclusively the domain of the postal system. Besides providing shipping services, mailbox rentals, and selling stamps, postal cards and money orders, the alternatives offer a number of related consumer services, not the least of which is packaging.

Mailboxes Etc. USA has opened outlets in West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Southfield, Livonia, Rochester, Troy and Westland. Do-it-yourselfers can purchase packaging materials or have their goods packaged on the spot for a fee, then have them shipped through United Parcel, Federal Express or other major shippers.

Similar services are offered by The Box Shoppe, with new locations in Livonia, Troy, Rochester and Livonia. The wholesale/retail operation also carries an inventory of 300 different styles of boxes for moving, storage, shipping, as well as special purpose pet carriers, voting ballot boxes and mailers.

Both franchises carry gift wrapping, ribbons and bows as well as foam "peanuts," bubble wrap and other cushioning materials.

Holiday hours may be more flexible than the traditional post office. "Many are open on Sunday," said Joan Dyer, co-owner of the Novi Boxes store. "Each franchise is different so it's best to call first."



IF YOU HAVEN'T yet sent Granny's jogging suit, you'll have to hurry to get it there in time for Christmas or Hanukkah. Besides the concern of getting it there on time, you'll want it to arrive in its original condition.

"A few extra minutes spent packaging your items can mean the difference between delight and

disappointment for the recipient," says Ted Gauthier, a West Bloomfield firefighter and owner of a Mail Boxes Etc. USA franchise in Waterford.

Gauthier, who mails hundreds of packages each week, reports that most shipping problems occur when the sender fails to provide sufficient protection inside the

mailing carton. Outside shocks are then allowed to pass to the contents.

"Contrary to popular belief, newspaper is not the best packing material," Gauthier says. "I recommend using styrofoam chips, bubble wrap or Mail Boxes Etc. custom-molded foam packing to protect glass and other

fragile items which should be packed in a sturdy cardboard box."

SOME MAIL services use conveyor belts to move packages more quickly, a danger to loosely wrapped and string-tied packages. "If the outside wrapping comes off, the mailing address is frequently lost and the package never reaches its destination. That's why UPS and the U.S. Postal Service prefer items to be packed securely in a plain, sturdy box secured with package sealing tape."

"Once a cardboard box has traveled through the mail, it loses 50 percent of its resiliency, so it's not wise to keep re-using previously shipped cartons," stresses Gauthier.

Gauthier advises senders to separately wrap items to be shipped, placing them in the center of the carton. Cushioning material should be layered around, over and between the items. Avoid placing fragile materials near the corners or sides. No rattling should occur when the carton is shaken.

UPS GUIDELINES suggest glass and china items be packed in 2-4 inches of packing on all sides, and double-packed with packing material between the inner and outer carton.

"Don't close packages with masking or cellophane tape as those react poorly when exposed to hot or cold temperatures," Gauthier says. He suggests using sealing tape two inches or more in width, which can also be used to reinforce carton seams.

When all else is done, Gauthier suggests, "Double-check the shipping label for the correct address and zip code. Then put a strip of the clear package tape across the label. This will protect the ink from moisture, as well as affix the label securely. Do the same thing on the return address label."

"Although our store has been called the 'Post Office Alternative,' it's really a one-stop postal and business service geared to save people time, money and frustration," Gauthier said.

Adapt to changing times or be left behind

By Bill Parker
staff writer

Job security is something every employee strives for. No one wants to spend five or 10 years with one company only to discover they are no longer needed.

But look at the headlines in the news. Companies are merging, others are laying off, and still others are going out of business. It seems no industry is immune to these changes.

The big question is: Are you going to stand by and let the changing times ruin your hopes for the future or are you going to adapt your abilities to meet these changes?

The key to meeting the changes is innovation, according to Denis Waitley, co-author of the new book, "Winning the Innovation Game."

"Most self-help books are devoted to managers or people who are self-styled entrepreneurs looking for a way to make money," said Waitley who was in Southfield last week promoting his book.

"This book is for people who go to work one day and find out that the company that was going to support them for the rest of their life is now letting them go. And the trend along these lines will be even greater in the future. We want to reach the everyday employee. These people need to realize this company may not be there forever. They need to realize this, see the danger and be ahead of the pack in terms of meeting the change."

Waitley isn't suggesting that everyone start looking for a new career, but rather that employees look for a way to become more valuable to their current employer or possibly to a future employer. He pointed out that Bureau of Labor Statistics claims that every employee has a 1-in-10 chance that he or she will be laid off this year.

"PEOPLE SHOULD maybe try to convert a hobby into a profession," said Waitley, who is known for his motivational work with the U.S. Olympic team, professional athletes

and individual companies. "They should try to enhance their competitiveness so that they will become an absolute employee."

"I'm not suggesting you should give up sports or recreation but just take a little time to improve your competitiveness. Maybe enroll in a junior college class and enrich your education."

According to Waitley, an innovator is someone who welcomes change rather than resists it. Innovators let changes work for them.

The greatest quality of an innovator is the ability to convert problems into opportunity. And problems, according to Waitley, "are normal because they always precede change."

In his book, Waitley discusses such topics as setting up a winning strategy, becoming a trend spotter, the elements of risk taking and spotting opportunities in change.

But the strong point of the book, says Waitley, shows you how "to set up YOU Inc."

YOU INC. IS your company. A company with one employee: you. The main goal of YOU Inc. is to protect yourself against the possibility of your skills becoming obsolete.

"That doesn't mean you can't still be loyal to your current employer," said Waitley. "But it means that you won't confuse your own goals with the goals of your employer."

The key elements in developing YOU Inc. include establishing a strategic planning department; setting up a training department and mak-

ing sure your star employee, you, is updating his or her skills and techniques; and to start your own pension plan.

"Retirement isn't guaranteed. You need to find a way to guarantee it. You can't rely on companies or the government to meet your needs anymore."

"The message here is that no one has been anticipating any of these changes. The employee is alone. He or she needs to spend some time insuring for the future."

Waitley believes one of the main problems people confront, in becoming an innovator, is lacking the ability to unhook their prejudices.

"We are definitely creatures of habit," said Waitley. "We tend to do the same things day after day. Pretty soon, before we realize it, we get into a tremendous rut. We need to break out of this routine. Take a different route to work and see another side of the community. Associate with people who hold different views and educational levels than we do. We need to learn to accept change and make it work for us."

WAITLEY ALSO suggests that people should try to take time from their daily routines for an awareness break. He suggests trying to turn the television off for an entire week and using this otherwise non-productive time as a time to educate and enhance ourselves. He believes we also need to learn to be better listeners.

"People need to learn to be a good listener rather than a lecturer. We

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— Denis Waitley

need to accept input rather than always being concerned with output. People always want to top each other in conversation. They always need to add something. We should spend more time listening than speaking and using what we hear to enhance our education."

With worldwide competition in business, Waitley feels "the game of life" has already changed.

"WINNING THE Innovation Game" is based on interviews with some of America's top millionaires,

entrepreneurs, corporate chairs and leaders in their respective fields.

"Luxury of time is no longer available," said Waitley. "If you're not ahead of the pack, you're behind it. The bottom line is what you continue to do with what you have."

"Winning the Innovation Game" by Denis E. Waitley and Robert B. Tucker
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Home buyers' taxes eased

The Michigan Mortgage, a program to help with the purchase of a home, is available through private lenders.

Operated by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and local savings and loan associations, banks and mortgage companies, the Michigan Mortgage provides a federal income tax credit that gives buyers more income to make monthly house payments.

Nearly \$20 million in mortgage loan reservations has been made through the program since it was announced by Gov. James Blanchard last spring.

More than 65 lenders, with 650 branch offices, many in Oakland and Wayne counties, are participating. Each lender sets its own interest rate, loan terms and down payment requirements. When the Michigan Mortgage tax credit is applied to the monthly payment, it effectively reduces the lender's interest rate.

For example, a 10 percent interest rate, with the credit, becomes an initial rate of 7.7 percent. On a \$50,000 mortgage, that means about \$83 more per

month in income that could be spent on house payments.

The federal tax overhaul legislation recently signed into law has made changes in the program. Purchase limits now will range from \$63,350 to \$73,500 for new houses, and from \$51,570 to \$60,000 for existing homes, depending on the location of the property.

Household income cannot exceed \$30,000 for new houses or \$28,000 for existing homes. In most cases, up to \$4,000 in one-time earnings may be excluded from the income calculations.

The program cannot be used to refinance existing loans or land contracts. The Michigan Mortgage is primarily for first-time homebuyers. For more information, call 1-800-327-9158 or 517-335-2039.

COMPANIES participating in the program serving Wayne and Oakland counties are: Capital Mortgage Corp., Farmington Hills; DMR Finance Services, Southfield; Detroit and Northern Savings, Romeo; First Federal of Michigan, Birmingham (18 branches); 20 branches of First Federal Savings Bank and Trust of Pontiac; First Financial Mortgage Co., Southfield.

Fourteen branches of First of America-Wayne Oakland, Royal Oak; Hilton Mortgage Co., Clarkston; Independence One Mortgage Corp. of Troy and Farmington Hills; Lambrecht Co., Southfield; Manufacturers Bank of Novi; 14 branches of Manufacturers Bank of Southfield; Manufacturers Bank of Southfield; NBD Mortgage Co., Troy;

Branches of Standard Federal Bank of Troy; Universal Mortgage Corp., Southfield; Washtenaw Mortgage Co., Ann Arbor; Waterfield Financial Corp., Southfield.

Wayne County companies participating are: 25 branches of First Federal of Michigan, Detroit; 51 branches of Manufacturers Bank, Detroit; Manufacturers Bank of Livonia; Peoples Saving Bank, Monroe.

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Directors fear lawsuits, dislike mergers

One-third of Michigan's directors of major U.S. corporations surveyed by the accounting firm of Touche Ross say they have considered resigning because of increased personal exposure to lawsuits.

Overwhelmingly they agree it will be more difficult to recruit competent board members in the future.

"The results clearly point to a serious concern regarding liability issues by a substantial portion of Michigan and U.S. corporate directors," said James R. Flaherty, Touche Ross partner and director of audit practice in Michigan.

Touche Ross, the Big Eight accounting and management consulting firm, undertook the survey to gauge the opinions of directors on issues critical to the future of America's largest corporations.

In September of this year, the questionnaire was distributed to officers and directors of companies with sales of \$500 million or more. Among the 1,126 respondents were 48 Michigan directors, 34 of whom represent companies with more than \$1 billion in annual sales.

Among the findings:

- Michigan directors agreed with their colleagues nationwide that acquisitions and mergers have had a negative effect on the U.S. economy. Nonetheless, the majority (60 percent) also agreed that such activity will increase or remain the same during the coming year.
- Surprisingly, a majority (54 percent) of Michigan directors agree with other survey respondents that although foreign competition has hurt earnings, Congress should not consider legislation to protect U.S. business from foreign competition.

According to Michigan respondents, the industrial sectors most vulnerable to bankruptcy are automotive and steel related, which reflects ongoing regional concerns. However, 75 percent of these same directors agree that the federal government will not provide bail-out assistance.

Michigan directors proved to be much more optimistic than their colleagues that plant expenditures will increase during 1987, as will investment in R&D and technology-based industries. These figures may represent an acknowledgment of the need to diversify the state's industrial base.

Two-thirds of Michigan respondents expect favorable benefits for American business as a result of establishing a U.S./Canadian Common Market. But they agreed with their colleagues nationwide that implementation of such a program is unlikely.

Other highlights from the national survey include:

- More than 80 percent of the directors polled believe today's directors are more effective than they were 20 years ago.
- Corporate directors are clearly not concerned about terrorism, survey responses reveal. Less than one-third of the respondents believe that

terrorism, including consumer terrorism in this country, will significantly affect business in 1987. The industry most likely to be hurt, according to respondents, is travel and leisure.

Eighty-one percent of the directors polled do not believe that, over the next year, Third World debt will have an adverse effect on the balance sheets of companies where they serve on the board, and only 11 percent of those who say it will have an effect feel the effect will be significant.

Directors living in the Southeast and the Middle Atlantic states are the most optimistic about the U.S. economy; the majority in these states say that the economy is growing slowly. Those living in the Southwest and the Rocky Mountain regions are the most likely to describe the economy as stagnant.

Michigan National moves toward regional banking

Michigan National Corp., holding company for 21 banks, announced restructuring aimed at "creating a leaner, more competitive organization better positioned to be a market leader."

The state's third largest bank holding company will be run through three "regions." Earlier this year, it had created a nine-region structure.

"The decision to reorganize was reached against the backdrop of a national economy that is adjusting to deregulation," said Robert J. Mylod, chairman and chief executive officer of the Farmington Hills-based firm.

"This, coupled with the recent announcements in Michigan by the automotive and other industries, compelled us to focus on the cost of operations and to move in a forceful and effective way to gain better control of those costs in 1987."

THE THREE new regions are:

- Southeast, with 130 branches, services the greater Detroit metropolitan area and is headquartered in Detroit. Richard C. Webb has been appointed chairman. In addition, the Corporate Banking Division is being consolidated into the Southeast Region.

- Central, with 101 branches and headquartered in Lansing, is comprised of: Port Huron, Saginaw, Flint, Charlotte, Litchfield, Lansing, Jackson, Ann Arbor and Livingston. Lawrence L. Gladchun, former West Metro officer, has been appointed chairman.

- West, with 40 branches, is headquartered in Grand Rapids, and serves the cities of Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and southwestern Michigan. Alden G. Walters has been appointed chairman.

MYLOD SAID MNC is seeking a buyer for Michigan Bank-Huron in East Tawas.

"The restructuring will enable Michigan National either to significantly expand our present market share by acquisitions or to reduce our presence in less profitable market areas by consolidations or sale of these branches."

"The management of three new regions will determine over the next several months the configuration of the branch system. We believe this

Alliance's proposals under fire

A group of leading business organizations, representing more than 25,000 member firms around the state, sent a letter to members of the Michigan Legislature late Monday expressing opposition to proposals recently put forth by the Michigan Economic Alliance.

The group said the proposals "will not improve Michigan's business climate and may have a negative effect."

The letter says the proposed Economic Alliance workers' compensation and unemployment insurance package would result in cost increases to Michigan businesses of up to \$350 million over the next five years.

The letter also cites a Senate Fiscal Agency analysis which indicates total unemployment insurance cost increases would more than double should Michigan suffer an economic downturn similar to the most recent recession.

The 14 business groups, led by the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Manufacturers Association, said the Alliance's unemployment insurance portion of the proposal "is merely a temporary delay in substantial cost increases" for Michigan, which already has one of the highest per-employee unemployment insurance costs in the nation.

The letter calls for the entire workers' compensation and unemployment insurance systems to be reviewed by the new Legislature when it convenes in January 1987.

"We look forward to working with you on these issues during the 1987-88 legislative session in an open forum in which all elements of the business and labor communities may participate," the letter concluded.

strategic restructuring will increase our momentum as we move toward our goal of becoming one of the top regional banking organizations in the United States."

MYLOD ANNOUNCED steps to create what he said was a more service-oriented and cost-effective branch banking system.

He cited a capital program to im-

prove the physical appearance at certain facilities.

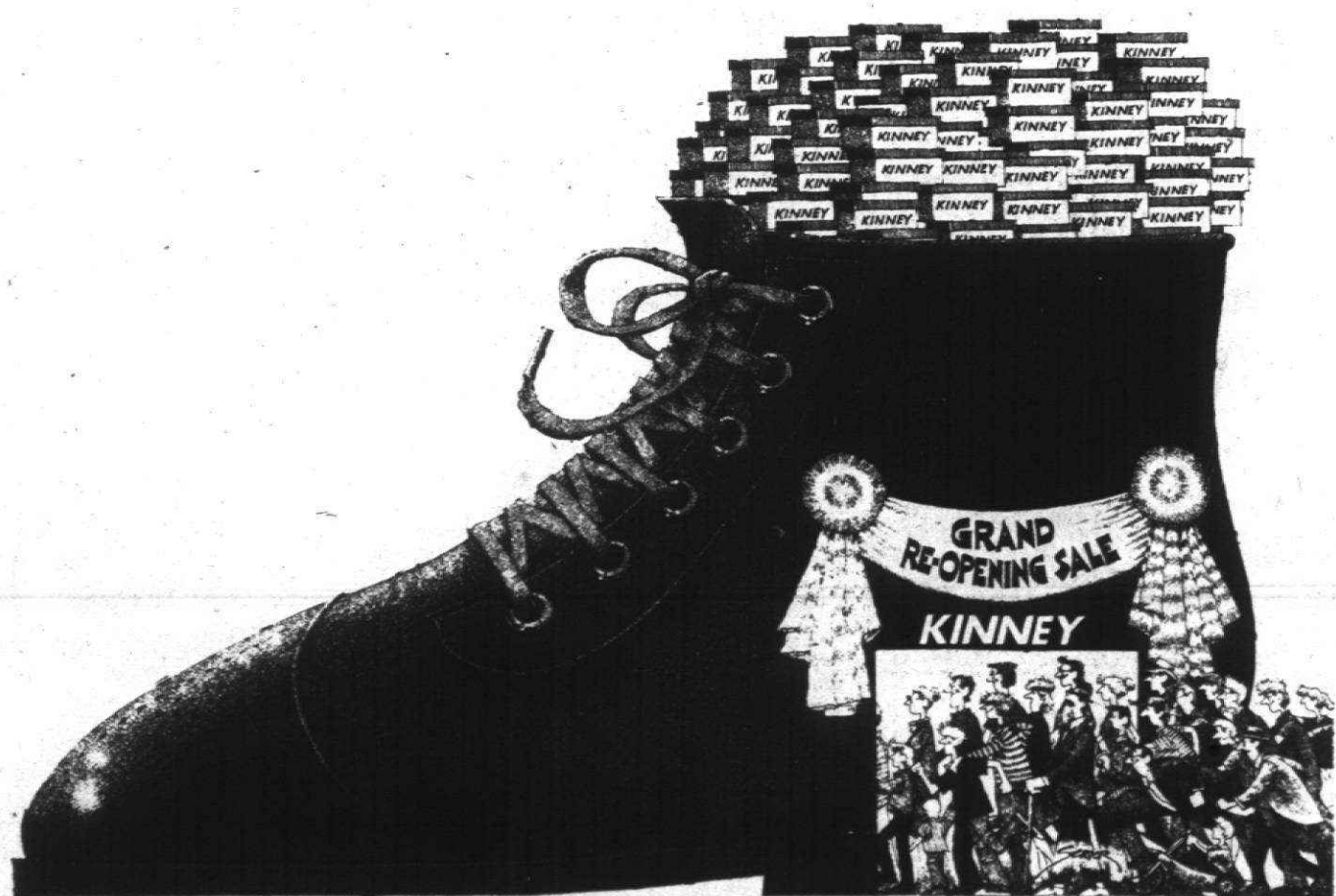
MNC also will install a new computer system to enhance tellers' sales and service effectiveness. Other programs are aimed at enhancing service quality.

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recreation news

• SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics soon will begin training for the Spring Olympics. The program is for mentally impaired people, ages 8 through adult, and involves swimming, bowling, track and field events. There is a need for volunteers to help with the program. Any one interested in participating or volunteering may call 348-9300 or 420-6509.

• INDOOR SOCCER

Canton Parks and Recreation is taking registrations for indoor soccer from teams and individuals. Games are played in the Canton Soccerdome at the Canton Softball Center complex on Michigan Avenue west of I-275. The second season begins Jan. 5. Leagues are for all ages youth through men's over 30. For details, call 397-1000, Ext. 212, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

• SOCCER SIGN UP

The Canton Soccer Club will be holding registration for the spring 1987 season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 10, 17 at Canton Township Hall. Registration fee is \$20 per player (\$30 for Bonanza) with a maximum fee of \$70 per family for youth players. Players also may register 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Canton Parks and Recreation Department in Township Hall through Jan. 16.

• WALKING CLUB

YMCA sponsors a walking club for Plymouth, Canton and Northville residents. The club meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail at Sheldon, and the first Monday of each month at 4 p.m. in Northville Township Hall meeting room at 4160 Six Mile. For information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

• POLISH DANCING

The 1986-87 Polish dancing season has begun for the Polish Centennial Educational Dancers of Plymouth, sponsored by the Polish National Alliance Lodge 3240. There still are a few preschool positions available for ages 2 1/2-4 1/2. Gail Cisio Wilenius will teach basic steps with a group concept. For more information and/or reservations, call John Peltz at 261-9016 or Joan Ygeal at 464-1263.

• AFTERSCHOOL BASKETBALL

Youth Afterschool Basketball for ages 7-10 will be held Mondays at Smith Elementary, Tuesdays at Bird, Wednesdays at Isbister, and Thursdays at Allen. Register by calling the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at 453-2904.

• BOUNCE VOLLEYBALL

Men and women age 55 and older, regardless of experience, may participate in bounce volleyball from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 Main St. north of Joy Road. Bounce volleyball is a fun and relaxing way to get exercise. Just wear gym shoes and loose-fitting clothes. For information, call the Canton Seniors at 397-1000 or Linda Goolidy at 453-5464.

• AEROBIC FITNESS

Dance and exercise to fitness with Aerobic Fitness classes at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Morning and evening classes are offered at all levels. Child care is available in the morning. Sessions run for six weeks. For schedules and additional information, call 348-1280.

• SENIOR EXERCISE

A program is under way for a class in senior citizen exercise. Any one 55 and older can participate in



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- SOUTHFIELD (South of 74-12 Mall)
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- WESTLAND (at Wayne and Warren)
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MUSEUM YULE DISPLAY

The trees are decorated, the table set, trains are running, old toys are out, and everyone's all dressed for the holidays. The "Christmas at the Museum" exhibit at Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, includes more than 80 old toys on display — Chinese silk fans, handpainted fans, feathered fans from France, leather fans.

Also on exhibit are a Lionel Chess Steam Special passenger train, American Flyer passenger, work and freight trains and a Standard Gauge train; also old toys, including tractors, firetrucks, iron trains and farm equipment. The Plymouth Historical Museum is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission.

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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 1986, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Tentative Preliminary Plat for:

PLYMOUTH NOTCH SUBDIVISION

Located on the east side of McCampbell Road between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail as required by Subdivision Ordinance No. 22. The plat, as proposed, is available for review by the public during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The application, review of the proposed plat, meeting and address for written comments is: Plymouth Charter Township, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone no. 453-8167. Application No. 818.

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tal, Farmington Hills, for families waiting to adopt an infant up to age two. Terry Allor of Plymouth, program director for Expectant Adoptive Parent Classes, says the classes will provide information on the physical care of an infant, growth and development, selecting infant clothes and accessories, common infant health problems and child safety. The classes also provide the opportunity to explore parenthood and its relationship to being an adoptive parent.

HELPING ADULTS READ
Plymouth-Canton Community Education can help adults read. For more information about Adult Basic Education, call 451-6555 or 451-6660. Open enrollment. Students can begin classes at any time.

PROJECT: COLLEGE BOUND
Tuition assistance, personal development workshops, tutoring and job placement support are being offered to a limited number of persons age 18-21 who are interested in attending Schoolcraft College for either the winter or spring semester. A high school diploma or GED is not necessary for enrollment into Schoolcraft. For more information, call Growth Works Inc., in Plymouth at 455-4090.

PARENT/CHILD GUIDE PROGRAMS

One minute they're 5, the next they are in their teens. Don't miss the moments of your child's young years. The YMCA Indian Guide Parent/Child Programs is an opportunity to spend special time together on a one-to-one basis for ages 5-13 in neighborhood tribal meetings in homes. Through the Indian Guide program, you'll be guiding your child as you have fun and learn together. For information, call 453-2904.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 743
Boy Scouts of America Troop 743 meets at 7 p.m. each Monday in the gym of Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth. Anyone interested in scouting should contact Russ Crum at 961-3671.

NEW HORIZONS
New Horizons, a sharing exchange for mothers, will meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Faith Moravian Community Church, 46001 Warren west of Canton Center Road. For information, call Mary at 455-8221.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Canton Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of

each month in the Canton Historical Society Museum on Canton Center Road at Proctor.

MINOR HOME REPAIRS

The Conference of Western Wayne Minor Home Repair Program has been funded through Senior Alliance Inc. for fiscal year 1986. The program assists homeowners 60 and older with minor home repair tasks. For information, call 525-6690.

ORAL MAJORITY TOASTMASTERS

The Oral Majority Toastmasters is a club where members can learn how to express their ideas, opinions and aspirations at a weekly dinner meeting beginning 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays in the banquet room of Denny's restaurant at Ann Arbor Road and I-275 in Plymouth. For reservations or information, call Phyllis Sullivan, 455-1635.

COMPUTERS IN LIBRARY

Four Apple II computers are available for public use in the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Children younger than age 14 will be required to attend a training workshop or pass a users test. Children younger than age 8 must be accompanied by a parent while using the computer. All pa-

trons must have a library card and must sign a responsibility card also signed by a parent or guardian. Once the responsibility card is on file at the library, patrons may reserve computer time and software. Rules and instructions for using the computers, the responsibility card, and a list of software are available at the library. For more information, call 453-0750.

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Out-County Human Services Inc. provides hot, nutritious meals five days a week to people 60 years of age and older in both Plymouth and Canton. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance at the following sites:

Plymouth: Tonguish Manor, 1160 Sheridan, Site Manager is Mary Bengtson, 453-9763.

Canton: Canton Township Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon, Site Manager Madeline Carpenter, 397-1000 Ext. 278.

Home-delivered meals are provided to eligible senior citizens who are homebound and unable to attend the nutrition site. Volunteers to deliver the homebound meals always are needed for both sites. For home-delivery information, call 453-2525.

Tree-farm map aids Christmas choppers

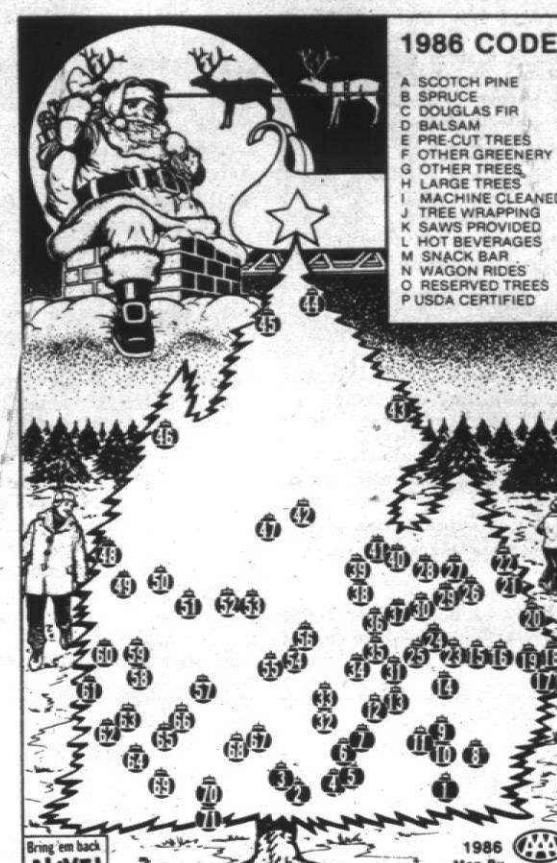
There are only 13 chopping days left until Christmas for those who wish to cut down their own yule tree.

More than 568,000 trees are available this season — 4 percent more than last year — at the 71 farms listed in AAA Michigan's Cut-Your-Own Guide.

Scotch firs can be purchased for as low as \$4 while bigger trees, such as Douglas fir or blue spruce, may run up to \$50. Prices at tree farms charging by height run from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per foot. More than a dozen varieties are available for cutting.

AAA Michigan advises tree cutters to:

- Bring a hand saw. Nearly all tree farms provide saws, but supplies may be limited during peak cutting times. Axes are not allowed.
- Saw the tree trunk close to the ground and shake the tree in the field to remove old needles.
- Noway, white and black spruce and Balsam fir trees should be cut when temperatures are above 44 degrees to help hold their needles. Colder temperatures could cause those trees to drop their needles more easily than pines or Douglas firs.
- Take some twine. Forty-one farms will wrap the tree but it is advisable to have some twine. The base of the tree should be tied to the front of the car to help the tree withstand the wind during transport.
- The tree should be placed in a water-filled stand immediately after arriving home. If more than two days have passed since the tree was felled, cut an inch or two off the base before putting the tree up. Check the stands water level daily.
- Place the tree in a cool area, preferably away from open flames and heating ducts. Inspect all electrical wires to be placed on the tree for frayed cords, damaged lights or bare spots. Never overload electrical outlets.



A guide to Michigan cut-your-own Christmas trees.

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
1. MATTHEWS 13418 Lusk Rd., Ida, Ph. (313) 269-2660, or 269-4244, 5,000 trees, \$10-\$40. Open Nov. 22, daily 9 a.m.-dark. (ABEFGHJLMNO)
2. GLEIS 3500 Mines Rd., Hillsdale, Ph. (517) 437-4045, 3,000 trees, \$10-\$15. Open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
3. SPRUCE ACRES, Lk. Wilcox & Taylor Rds., Hillsdale, Ph. (517) 437-2774, 300 trees, \$10-\$15. Open Sat. Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
4. ARNDT 6867 Inlay City Rd., Goodells, Ph. (313) 324-2662, 10,000 trees, Open Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
5. PAMPERED PINES, 4248 Ralston Rd., Ruby, Ph. (313) 324-2913 or 963-3772, 2,000 trees, \$15 up. Open Nov. 28, daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
6. TOLLANDER #1, 7186 Bryce Rd., Port Huron, 10,000 trees, \$15 up. Open Nov. 28, daily 10 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
7. TOLLANDER #2, 5800 Griswold Rd., Port Huron, 20,000 trees, \$15 up. Open weekends, 10 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
8. A & B, 5370 Rte. 10, Jeddah, Ph. (313) 327-6468, 600 trees, \$15-\$18. Open daily 10 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
9. KRAUSE 2900 Applegate Rd., Appleton, Ph. (313) 533-9925, 20,000 trees, \$17-\$24. Open daily 9 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
10. WESTERN'S, 3325 French Line Rd., Appleton, Ph. (313) 533-9411, 50,000 trees, Open daily dawn-dusk. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
11. IMAY CITY, 2330 Bowman Rd., May City, Ph. (313) 724-0488 or 528-3900, 1,000 trees, \$20. Open weekends 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
12. COULTER, 4814 Curtis Rd., Lumb, Ph. (313) 724-8771, 1,000 trees, \$12.50. Open Nov. 27, dawn-dusk. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
13. BULBITZ, Peppermill & Wilder Rds., Lumb, Ph. (313) 664-2660, 1,000 trees, Open Mon.-Fri. 3 p.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
14. DOGPATCH, 5286 Snover Rd., Colfax, Ph. (517) 761-7286, 5,000 trees, \$12-\$18. Open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
15. EDWARDS, 4522 Myers Rd., Mayville, Ph. (517) 843-3309, 2,800 trees, Open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. Sun. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
16. PENNYWICK, 3295 W. Saratoga Rd., Vassar, Ph. (517) 623-3006, 10,000 trees, \$8 up. Open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
17. SPENCER'S, 2370 Goodrich Rd.,

Oshtemo, Ph. (517) 795-2208, 300 trees, \$10-\$50. Open Sat. Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
18. SMITH'S, 7242 E. Mt. Morris, Oshtemo, Ph. (313) 653-8187, 4,000 trees, \$15-\$20. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
19. TRIM PINES, 4357 E. Baldwin, Grand Blanc Twp., Ph. (313) 694-4837, 5,000 trees, \$5 up. Open Nov. 29, daily 10 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
20. TANNENBAUM, 2515 Sandhill Rd., Mason, Ph. (517) 371-3727, 10,000 trees, \$5-\$20. Open Mon.-Fri. noon-dusk; Sat. Sun. 9 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
21. SNO-CAP, Harper & Meridian Rds., Chamois, 2,500 trees, \$18. Open Mon.-Fri. noon-dusk; Sat. Sun. 9 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
22. ASPLIN, 1210 Miller Rd., Lennon, Ph. (313) 621-4780, 11,000 trees, Open Mon.-Fri. noon-9 p.m.; Sat. Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
23. CHAPMAN, 10421 W. Coldwater Rd., Fultondale, Ph. (313) 699-8209 or 699-2700, 2,000 trees, \$10 up. Open daily 10 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
24. EVERGREEN, 10387 McKinley Rd., Montrose, Ph. (313) 639-7866, 6,000 trees, \$5-\$50. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. Sun. 9 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
25. COUNTRY POTTERS, 10235 Webster Rd., Cic, Ph. (313) 827-0476, 1,000 trees, \$18-\$25. Open Mon.-Fri. noon-dusk; Sat. Sun. 10 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
26. NORMS, 11271 Foreway Rd., Graham, Ph. (517) 885-6751, 2,800 trees, Open daily dawn-dusk. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
27. SUBITZ, 6105 S. Graham, Saginaw, Ph. (517) 793-1193, 3,000 trees, \$5 up. Open Sat. Sun. 9 a.m.-dark. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
28. KLUICK, 1028 Van Wornen Rd., Saginaw, Ph. (517) 855-3634, 10,000 trees, \$10. Open Wed.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
29. LENNEMANN, 5304 Charles, Saginaw, Ph. (517) 754-4023, 1,000 trees, \$17. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
30. HART, 8778 Young Ave., Rockford, Ph. (517) 814-6333, 2,000 trees, \$12-\$17. Open Nov. 28, Mon.-Thurs. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. dawn-dusk. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
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41. SHULTZ, 70 S. Coville Rd., Niles, Ph. (517) 724-4355, 5,000 trees, \$10-\$15. Open Nov. 28, daily noon-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
42. GOUNIER'S, 8041 Garbino Rd., Troy, Ph. (313) 618-5265, 5,000 trees, \$12-\$15. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
43. WEST MICHIGAN
44. BOSMA'S, 4480 Pleasantville Rd., Harbor Springs, Ph. (616) 526-5532, 2,500 trees, \$12-\$15. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
45. PINE RIDGE, Rt. #1, Honor, Ph. (616) 325-3557, 50,000 trees, \$5-\$8. Open daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
46. RATCLIFFE'S, 1795 S. Holland Rd., Ramoth, Ph. (517) 967-0312, 2,500 trees, \$2 per ft. up. Open Dec. 1, Mon.-Fri. 1 p.m.-dark; Sat. Sun. dawn-dusk. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
47. MONTAGUE, 3220 Fruitvale Rd., Montague, Ph. (616) 894-2020, 450 trees, \$12 up. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
48. HAGEN, 3081 E. Elm St., Muskegon, Ph. (616) 865-3827, 1,000 trees, \$12-\$20. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
49. CHURCH, 182 138th St., Grant, Ph. (616) 834-7158, 10,000 trees, \$6-\$18. Open daily dawn-dusk. (ABCEFGHJLMNO)
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SPORTS CAR. So what if he can't pronounce Porsche? Give in and buy him a sports car. That will get his attention.

SPORTS. Gain his undying love by repairing the garage basketball backboard and adding overhead lighting for night games.

NEW THREADS. You've heard of "Dress for Success?" Well, today it's "Dress to Excess." Close your eyes and buy him a new wardrobe.

POST OFFICE. The post office isn't really an influence, it's a destination—within a month of every male's 18th birthday. Here he must register with Selective Service. However, some young men put off registering, and a few decide not to register at all. That's why we're making this direct appeal to you. We need you to help influence your son to register—and to do so on time. You see, registration is the law. In addition to prosecution, non-registration could mean your son is disqualifying himself for federal student loans, federal employment and job training benefits. Don't let a young man you know miss out on any federal or state benefits. Make sure he knows about registering with Selective Service. A complete registration list saves our country six vital weeks in mobilizing our manpower in a national emergency.

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military news

● JACK PARKS

Pvt. Jack Parks, son of Vicki Parks of Canton, has completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga.

● TIMOTHY BLACKBURN

Marine Pvt. Timothy W. Blackburn, son of Marcy Schoeneman of Plymouth, has completed the infantry combat training course at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in March 1986.

● MARK CRATTY

Navy Seaman Recruit Mark E. Cratty, son of John E. and Lynda S. Stout of Canton, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego. He is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He joined the Navy in July 1986.

● DAVID RITCHIEY

Pvt. 1st Class David E. Ritchey of Plymouth has participated in "CelticCross IV," an Army light infantry

division field training exercise held at Fort Hunter, Liggett, Calif. Ritchey is an infantryman with the 32nd Infantry at Fort Ord, Ca.

● MICHAEL INNES

Navy Seaman Michael A. Innes, son of Kathleen Innes of Canton, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla. He joined the Navy after graduation from Belleville High School in June 1986.

● KARL GANSLER

Marine Pvt. Karl W. Gansler, son of Karl W. Gansler II of Plymouth, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. A 1984 graduate of Plymouth Salem High, he joined the Marine Corps in March 1986.

● TODD PARSONS

Army Private Todd A. Parsons, son of Sandra E. and George A. Parsons of Canton, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in West Germany.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments. Parsons is a communications system specialist with the 299th Support Battalion.

He is a 1985 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

● CECIL RADER
Staff Sgt. Cecil A. Rader, son of Vivian L. Rader of Canton and a member of the First Infantry Division (Forward), West Germany, has participated in exercise "Franconian Shield."

Conducted in West Germany and the Main Franconian Territory of Unterfranken, the exercise is designed to demonstrate German Army capabilities and emphasize solidarity within the French-American alliance. Rader is a cannon crewman.

He is a 1974 graduate of Romulus High School.

● BRIAN AND CHRISTOPHER ROBAR
Brian K. and Christopher S. Robar, sons of Bob and Carol Robar of Plymouth, have entered the United

States Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program.

Brian and Chris are expected to graduate from Canton High School next year and will enter the Air Force on Sept. 4, 1987. They will attend basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

● RICHARD GRYGAS

Pvt. Richard A. Grygas, son of Bogdan and Christine Grygas of Plymouth, has completed training as an Army military police specialist under the one station unit training (OSUT) program at Fort McClellan, Ala.

OSUT is a 13-week period that combines basic training with advanced individual training. Robar is a 1986 graduate of Salem High School.

● JEANNE DEVENNY

Second Lt. Jeanne M. DeVenny, daughter of Dorothy F. DeVenny of Canton, has completed an air defense artillery officer basic course at the Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Texas.

She is a 1985 graduate of Eastern

Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

● GERALD J. HARTMEYER
Air Force Airman Gerald J. Hartmeyer, son of John J. Hartmeyer of Canton, has arrived for duty with the 3rd Transportation Squadron, Philippines.

Hartmeyer, a general purpose vehicle maintenance mechanic, is a 1984 graduate of Canton High School.

● MICHAEL DIALAK

Airman Michael K. Dialak, son of Ronald C. Dialak of Canton and Carole A. Owens of Denver, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

● DAVID HUFFMAN

Army Private David M. Huffman, son of Michael W. Huffman of Canton and Merri A. Huffman of Orlando, has graduated from a helicopter repair course at the Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

He is a 1985 graduate of Salem High School.

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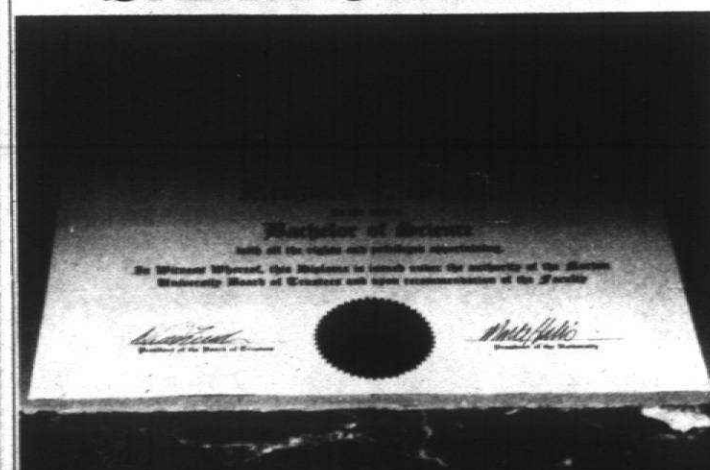
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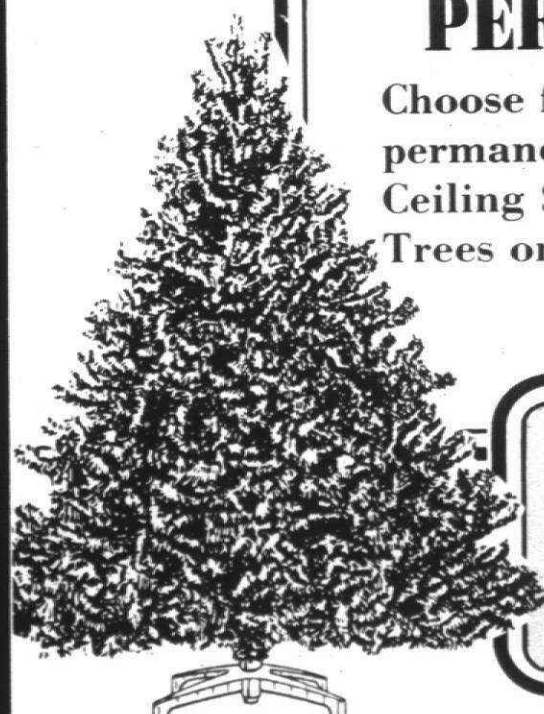
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Mrs. D.G., Detroit reader
Dear Mrs. G.:

Care for the feet is essential for all of us at any age. Feet carry us thousands of miles in a lifetime and take a great deal of abuse. Much of the abuse is due to the fact that we rarely take the time to take special care of our feet. The older we get, the more important foot care becomes.

Good foot care includes the selection of proper fitting shoes, ongoing and good "hands on" care of the feet and an awareness of certain symptoms that require professional help.

WHEN SELECTING shoes, anyone over age 55 should consider the following:
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Day. Feet have a tendency to swell late in the day.
• Select shoes broad and high enough, so that there is no squeezing or rubbing.
• Wear new shoes for only a few hours each day until they are nicely "broken in."

• Consider purchasing shoes that are custom made if fit is a serious problem.

GOOD CARE of the feet includes: Washing the feet daily in warm (not hot) water. Avoid soaking the feet for more than 10 minutes as this can cause dryness.

Drying the feet gently, making sure that the area between the toes is dry.
Inspecting the feet daily for

blisters, cuts, cracks and swelling. Avoiding use of pumice or commercial products on corns and calluses.

Using nail clippers or nail scissors when cutting toenails (nails are softer and easier to cut immediately after bathing).
Cutting or filing toenails straight across; avoid cutting a "V" in the front of the nail.

Consulting a professional in foot care (doctor, podiatrist or chirop-

dist) for treatment of thick, cracked or ingrown toenails.

SYMPTOMS that require immediate medical attention are:

A change in the color of the lower leg (blue or black) reflecting a problem with circulation.
An injury that doesn't heal or becomes infected.
Pain when walking that is relieved by rest.

Reduced sensation to pain or

changes in temperature.
A sensation of pins and needles in the feet or hands.
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Boys swim year opens Saturday

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

The 1986-87 boys swim season kicks into gear Saturday with the fifth annual Western Lakes Activities Association Relay meet beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Plymouth Salem.

And guess what? Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson, as they no doubt will be for the conference meet at the end of the season, are expected to battle for the title Saturday.

Even though the other 10 conference teams continue to improve and bring a competitive balance to the Western Lakes, Salem and Stevenson remain the frontrunners. "Stevenson and Salem are the favorites, no question," said Plymouth Canton coach Hooker Weiman. "But a lot of other teams have improved, as well. John Glenn is going to be tough. Livonia Churchill, Northville, North Farmington and Livonia Franklin should be good teams."

To say nothing of Plymouth Canton and Farmington Harrison, who also appear stronger and deeper than last year.

But this year's swim season will have a long way to go to top last season. Stevenson was the dominant team throughout the dual meet campaign. The Spartans won the WLA Relays and beat Salem in a dual meet. But at the league meet, Salem surprised everyone with a 225-211 victory over second-place Stevenson.

Both Salem and Stevenson lost All-Area talent to graduation. Stevenson will return All-Area performers Steve Taormina and Joe Saunders. Top returnees for Salem include Phil Bocketti, Don Harwood and Dave Miller.

Here's a composite look at the two Centennial Educational Park boys swim team.

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The Cougars are off and running. And leaving the pack behind.

After just three trips to the mat — a dual meet, a dual meet and a tri-dual meet — the Garden City wrestling team is 9-1, and coach Phil Freeman's grapplers are taking no prisoners.

On Saturday, Garden City picked up four wins in a dual meet tourna-

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Observerland shines at state

By Brad Emons
staff writer

With nearly 20 percent of the qualifiers from Observerland schools, it's easy to say that the area figured prominently in Saturday's state Class A girls swim meet held at Michigan State University's McCauley Pool.

Livonia Stevenson finished third in the team standings and boasted the meet's top individual, senior Sheila Taormina, who figured in three of the five record-breaking events.

The Spartans also proved to be spoilers, bumping defending state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer from first to second by pulling a mild surprise in the meet's final event, capturing the 400-yard freestyle relay. The title went to Bloomfield Hills Andover, which tallied 173 points. Pioneer was second with 169, followed by Stevenson (115), Birmingham Groves (112) and Bloomfield Hills Lahser (80).

Two other Observerland schools made the top 10.

North Farmington finished sixth with 60 and Farmington Hills Mercy was ninth with 43. (See complete results on statistical page.)

BUT THE TALK of the meet was the 5-foot-3 dynamo Taormina, who was named Swimmer of the Year after setting records in the 200 individual medley (2:15.14) and 100 butterfly (57.02). To top things off, Taormina teamed up with Ann Bollinger, Michele McKenzie and Maureen Sudek to defend the 400 freestyle relay title, breaking their old mark with a time of 3:32.6. (The only change in the foursome from last year was Maureen Sudek replacing sister Sherrie.)

"Sheila is just a great trainer," said Stevenson first-year coach Greg Phil. "She's set goals and worked on weights. That's helped, but if there's one thing about her, it's determination. She's the best I've ever coached."

Taormina's victory in the 200 IM came against Andover's Amy Charnes, who went into the race as the favorite after setting a state record in Friday's preliminaries.

"Sheila has never been happy at the state meet until this year," said Phil. "She really wanted it this time."

In the 100 butterfly, Taormina finished two seconds ahead of another area swimmer, Churchill sophomore Audra Martin who was clocked in 59.02.

IRONICALLY, Martin made the most of her second chance. After finishing seventh in the preliminaries, Audra Martin who was clocked in 59.02.

MERCY'S TOP INDIVIDUALS was diver Erica Campbell, who finished fourth overall. Other finishers included Jenny Morton, fifth, 500 freestyle and 11th, 200 IM, and Suzie Krupner, fifth, 100 backstroke. The Marlins also took ninth in the 200

championship final when another swimmer scratched because of injury. In the 200 IM final, Martin finished third.

McKenzie also enjoyed a fine meet, finishing second and third to Pioneer standout Jennifer Jackson in the 200 and 500 freestyles. McKenzie posted times of 1:53.88 and 5:03.33, respectively.

Also for Stevenson, Bollinger took second in the 100 backstroke (1:00.1) behind Lahser's Lisa Beni (59.2). Bollinger added a sixth place in the 50 freestyle (24.71).

North senior Jennifer Rowe capped a banner career, placing second in the 500 freestyle (5:00.9) and sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:56.7).

Teammate Cindy Cramer was another standout, gaining third in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.15) and fourth in the 200 IM (2:12.76). North freshman Mary Mulbarger was eighth in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.0) and the Raiders' 400 freestyle relay team of Rowe, Marge Cramer, Cindy Cramer and Laurie Oswald finished eighth in 3:44.66.

Westland John Glenn's Julie Jensen, who gained seventh in the 200 IM, The Rockets' 400 freestyle and 200 medley relay teams took ninth and 12th, respectively. Farmington freshman Lauren Weary was ninth in the butterfly.

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McCarthy leads Eagles to 2nd win

Pat McCarthy, who had one of the highest scoring percentages in Observerland last season, apparently hasn't let his explosive game rust over the summer.

The Plymouth Christian standout scored 23 points Tuesday night to pace the Eagles' 80-46 romp of Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

McCarthy had help. Andy Stephens scored 21 and Steve Windle 12. Tim Lee led Calvary with 20.

The Eagles are 2-0 on the season. SOUTHFIELD 49, SALEM 42: Plymouth Salem didn't officially show up until halftime Tuesday. The tardiness was fatal.

Southfield rolled up a 29-18 first half lead on the listless Rocks. Salem won the second half, but the game was lost.

"We just weren't attacking their defense well," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Southfield got up early. We played hard in the second half. We just couldn't make up the differ-

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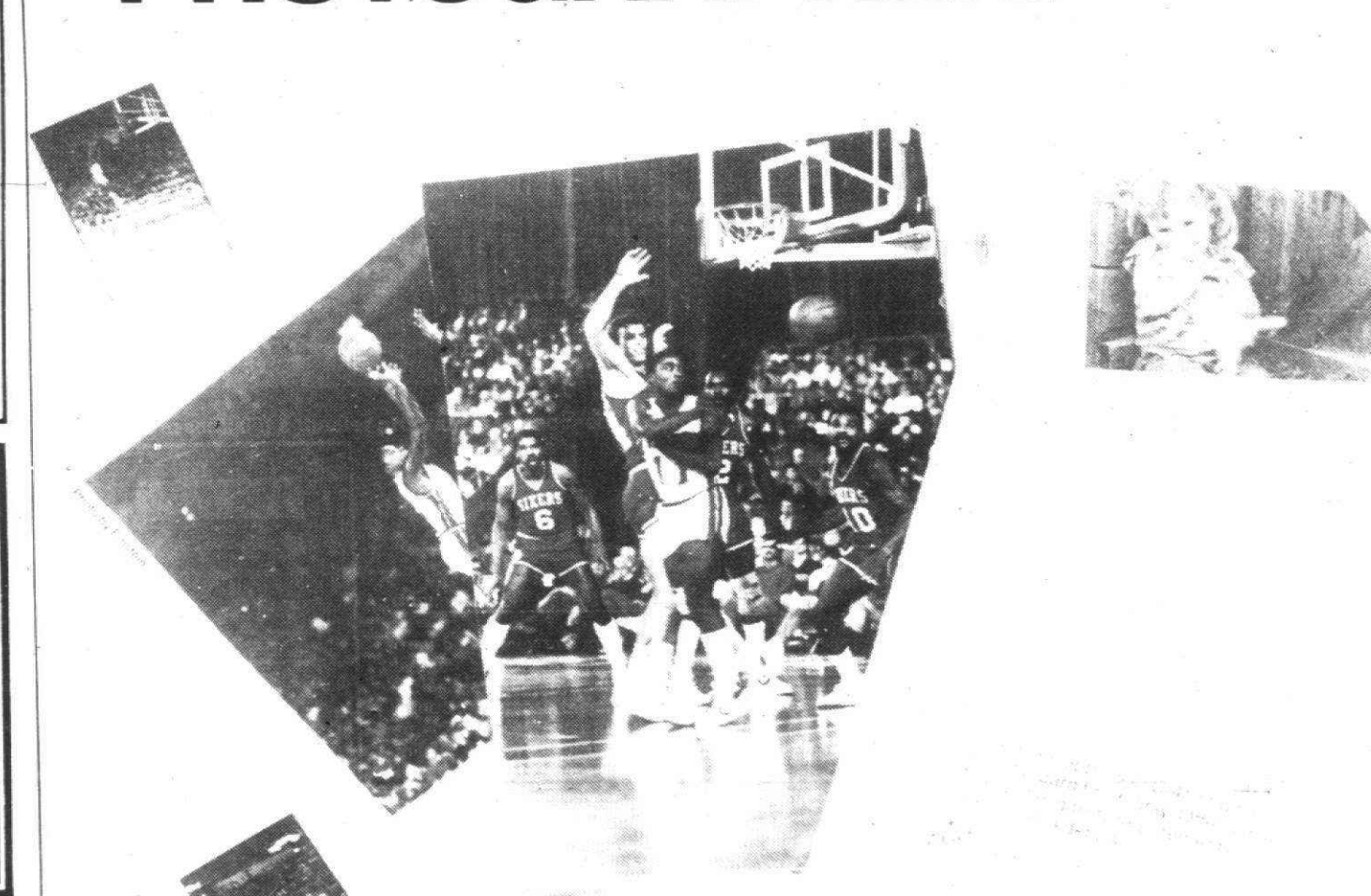
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Bryan Kearis (No. 4) reaches across in an attempt to swipe the ball from Southfield's Jim Swann Tuesday night. The Jays handed Salem its first loss of the season, 49-42.

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Audubon sponsors holiday bird watch

A GROUP OF 20 to 30 avid bird watchers will take to the field Dec. 21 for the 43rd annual Detroit Audubon Society's Christmas Count.

The group, led by Christmas Count chairman Tim Nowicki, will spend eight hours in the field in an area of northwestern Oakland County. They will count every bird seen and identify it to the proper species. All the information will then be sent to the National Audubon Society.

One of the best things that can be determined from this count is any fluctuation in populations of different species of birds, said Nowicki. "We can see the general trends in flocks. We can also see if there is any invasion of non-migratory species in the area."

It's really quite effective. A few years back, our records indicated that there was a drop in the pheasant and black duck populations. That was the same year the Department of Natural Resources stated there was a significant drop in the population of these two species.

The area in which the counting will be done is a mix between rural and suburban land. The 15-mile diameter circle is broken into 15 sections. Counting is usually done in a group, depending upon the number of participants.

We're looking for some group leaders," said Nowicki. But the count is open to the public and we are looking for any interested people. In recent years we have been averaging right around 20 or 30 people. We have had as many as 70 people in past years, however.

Interested people should contact the Detroit Audubon Society, 545-2929.

THE ONTARIO Ministry of Natural Resources is continuing its support in assisting Michigan Department of Natural Resources efforts to restore a healthy moose population to the Upper Peninsula. A total of 30 moose will be transported from Ontario to Marquette County in late January or early February. The animals will be transported under sedation, by helicopter and trucks.

Ontario's Algonquin Provincial Park provided 10 bulls and 19 cows last year in the first of these historic moose lifts.



Bill Parker

Since last year's lift, four cows were lost due to brainworm and three bulls died from unknown causes. However, 28 calves and yearlings have been born this year bringing the current total to 48.

Cost for "Moose Lift II" is estimated at \$80,000. It will be paid for with money from the DNR's Game and Fish Fund and contributions from the Upper Peninsula Sportsman's Alliance, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan Involvement Committee of Safari Club International, and the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation.

SIX LUCKY hunters from the Observer & Eccentric coverage area are currently participating in the 1986 Michigan elk hunt. These successful applicants, along with 89 others, were drawn from a pool of 36,348 applications.

Local luckouts include Paul A. Chism and Gary Sobek of Farmington Hills, Scott T. Wetzel and Joseph J. Dillahunty of West Bloomfield, Gerald R. Manus of Redford, and Matthew D. Selewski of Troy. The elk heard was recently estimated at 1,100 animals. This hunt, controlled by the DNR, will maintain the herd at a desirable size and minimize crop, range and forest damage while preserving a healthy, sizeable herd for public viewing opportunities throughout the year.

This year the hunt has been expanded from 295 to 435 square miles within the counties of Montmorency, Otsego, Cheboygan and Presque Isle. These are the areas where the most agricultural and forest damage is caused by concentrations of elk.

Elk hunts have been held in Michigan in 1964, 1965, 1984 and 1985.

During the hunts of '84 and '85, a total of 600 licenses were issued and 452 elk were taken. In 1984 there were 50 licenses issued and 49 were filled.

Slow start pains Ocelots

Playing one half of basketball rarely is enough. It certainly wasn't enough for Schoolcraft College's men's team Saturday at Flint Jordan.

The Ocelots did very little right over the first 30 minutes and trailed 54-37 at the half. And, although they rallied in the second half and trimmed FJ's lead to five with seven minutes left, they weren't able to overcome the giant deficit and lost 97-90.

That was the poorest half we've played," said SC coach Bob Wetzel. They rebounded everything they missed and put it back in. We didn't make the transition from offense to defense very well.

"It was just too much to overcome," Zollic Stevens did his best for the Ocelots. Stevens poured in a career-high 34 points. The 6-foot-2 guard also led the team in rebounding with 13. Aaron Brown added 17 points and 10 rebounds and Phil Weiss had 14 points.

Lady Ocelots win

A fast start slowed to a near stop in the first half of Schoolcraft College's women's basketball game Saturday at Southwestern CC. But the Lady Ocelots regrouped before halftime to take a 31-20 lead, then pounded SWCC 40-19 in the second half to take a 71-39 triumph.

The win was the third in the last four games for SC, evening its record at 3-3.

The Lady Ocelots started quickly, rolling to a 12-2 lead before going into an offensive lapse. SWCC, behind the scoring of Karen Gowing (12 points for the game), pulled to within four points with eight minutes left before halftime.

SC got it together, and in the second half a half-court trapping de-

fense led to several fast-break baskets and turned the game into a rout.

Sue Lubbe sparked the offense with 19 points. Tracy Ladouceur added 14 and 11 rebounds, and Lisa Kline and Sharon Miller contributed eight points apiece.

Tammy Adkins filled in at point guard for Lori Abbas, who was out with a bruised thigh, and scored seven points and made six steals.

SC plays at St. Clair CC Saturday.

Alpena CC. The Ocelots host St. Clair CC Friday. They will play seven straight games at home.

On Nov. 29, SC traveled to Wurtsmith Air Force Base but only eight Ocelots made the trip as

WAFB won 88-80. Wetzel suspended three players for the game for violating team rules.

Brown's 22 points was best for SC. Don Edwards and Jeff Vkratsis contributed 16 apiece.

basketball standings

The following are the standings for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association as of Dec. 6:		Hawks	1-1
		Tiers	0-2
		Rockets	0-2
		Bucks	0-2
		Results: Bulls 35, Bucks 16;	
		Celtics 40, Tiers 28; Spurs 55;	
		Jazz 39, Pacers 58; Sonics 33;	
		Lakers 44, Suns 36; Bulls 53;	
		Pistons 45, Hawks 48; Kings 43;	
		Knicks 40, Rockets 25.	
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		American Division	6-0
		Kings	5-1
		Bullets	5-1
		Bulls	3-3
		Suns	1-5
		Hawks	0-6
		National Division	
		Spurs	5-1
		Jazz	4-2
		Pacers	4-2
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When the Michigan Humane Society cruelty investigation van brought the dog we named Rocky into our downtown shelter, he weighed just 39 lbs. A boxer his size should weigh about twice that.

Rocky was immediately put on intravenous feedings and medication. In no time at all, he was able to eat solid food and go for short walks.

However, subsequent diagnostic testing revealed the dog had serious cardiac problems. On Oct. 30th, three weeks from the day we picked him up, Rocky died of heart failure. He was 2½ years old.

The kind of apathy and abuse this dog experienced isn't just sad. It's illegal.

That's why we're currently involved in the prosecution of Rocky's former owner. Through the efforts of our cruelty investigation team and staff legal counsel, that person has been charged with three separate counts of animal cruelty.

We're determined to make certain Rocky didn't die in vain. That's why we're turning to you in this season of giving. Please find it in your heart to make a donation, no matter how large or small, to the Michigan Humane Society.

Because it's your contribution that helps us feed and shelter neglected dogs and cats. It's your contribution that helps us find many of these animals a new home. And, it's your contribution that helps The Michigan Humane Society prosecute people who do things like this to dogs like Rocky.

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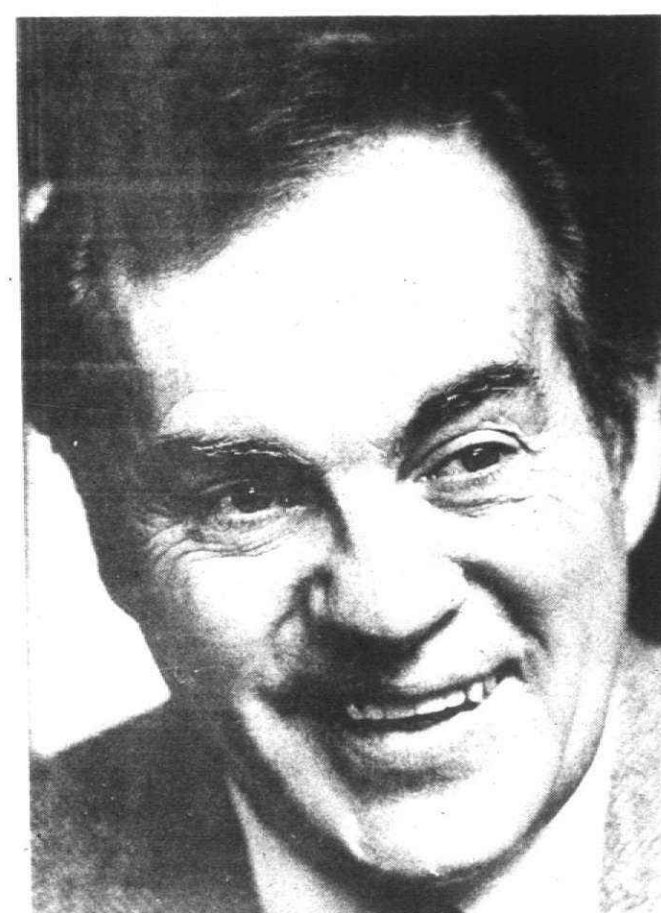
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Bob Hynes of Bloomfield Township is heard on WJR radio and also has a new business, with offices in Southfield. He's trying to peddle three shows — two on sports topics and one about seniors — for television.

Veteran broadcaster moves into new areas

By Ethel Simmons
staff writer

PERENNIAL BROADCASTING personality Bob Hynes has his finger in many pies. He's starting a new job at an old favorite radio station, WJR, where he returns after seven years, and at the same time is plunging into a private business, handling public relations and putting together video productions available for videocassette or TV syndication.

Hynes also has been talking to media pro Don Haney about the possibility of forming a partnership to operate a new UHF station in Pt. Huron for which Haney owns the rights. He continues to do teaching and training with Anthony Franco, where he instructs executives in how to handle themselves with the media.

One of the nice guys, Hynes has been around a long time and is looking for more outlets that will utilize his background in radio and television.

Last week Hynes showed off his new business offices. He shares a suite with Nancy Kader Jacobs' Entertainment Connection enter-

tainment agency in Southfield. Kader, the wife of Dixieland banjo player Doug Jacobs, has just moved her business downstairs in the office building at 21711 W. 10 Mile Road.

Kader needed more space for her ever-expanding agency and asked Hynes, a close friend of the Jacobs, if he would like to share the quarters. Hynes bought some used office furniture for \$400 and moved in.

Hynes is a resident of Birmingham Farms in Bloomfield Township, where he and his wife have lived for 19 years. Describing himself as "an Irishman from Boston," the handsome, graying Hynes has been a longtime Detroit staple on the air.

HYNES SAID that when he was in his mid-30s he was hot, doing the syndicated "Anniversary Game" and "The Morning Show," both from Channel 7. He also did "The Movie Game," a half-hour show, where he ran film clips and asked questions.

He's had other jobs, other shows at other stations through the years and he has adjusted to no longer being hot. He said working in broadcast-

ing is "like a ballplayer at the peak of his career." Usually, the younger personalities are in demand. "You have to be prepared to deal with it," Hynes said. "I've seen some broadcasters that are very bitter."

"You have to make it during your heyday."

Now that he's older, "All the things I have done will help me in the business I'm in. It's opened some doors to me."

With an easily recognizable name, voice and face, Hynes makes contacts that develop his career in PR and in video production. "I think it's honest," he said, when asked about using his name to get ahead. "When it's dishonest is when you don't have some kind of service to provide."

AS A BROADCASTER, he just left radio station WXYT and is doing a show from 4-9 p.m. Sunday on WJR. From 6-10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, to Monday, Dec. 29, he will replace J.P. McCarthy on J.P.'s morning drive time show.

Hynes first started at WJR in 1976. Till then, he was going back and forth to Nashville, where he had a talk/variety show, "Hind-

sight." He also was doing the Michigan State Lottery show, for an eight-station network out of Channel 50, and used to fly his own plane to Nashville on Sunday for the weekday show. He would tape the Friday morning show and come back home Thursday for the weekend. This went on for a year.

"WJR called me in Nashville in 1976 and asked me to fill in for J.P. He had phlebitis." Hynes ended up staying there for seven years, until he got fired by Joe Baccarella. "This man came into WJR — after I was there seven years — as operations manager," he said. Hynes went with WXYT, and was doing afternoon drive time there when Baccarella moved to that station. "I knew my days were numbered. I had a year's contract." Hynes got fired again but was quickly picked up by WJR.

Hynes discussed the firing after he was asked about a recent item that appeared in one of the Detroit dailies. "I hate to get into this mud-slinging stuff," he replied.

Describing his feelings, Hynes

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Good wines, many under \$10, available for 'the meal'

Focusing on wines to be served during the main holiday meal, one is usually confronted with a volume/cost problem: wanting to serve quality wine at a reasonable cost. Let's look at affordable wines to complement "the meal," ones that reflect good taste at under \$10 a bottle most of them considerably less than \$10.

CHARDONNAY With this most popular of all whites, the selection is huge. Most of these are clean, crisp and full of supple chardonnay flavors unmasked by long fermenting or aging in (expensive) oak.

The 1984 Felta Springs (second label for Mill Creek of Sonoma) is a real joy at \$6 and now reflects favorably on its second year of bottle aging. The Stratford is another excel-

lent example from that same vintage at \$7 and has shown well nationally in competitive tastings. Traditionally dependable is Fetzer Sundial 1985. Another is the Round Hill "House" chardonnay. The latter winery has been the unofficial champion the last few years as producers of quality wine for the cost.

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Liberty School (second label for Caymus 1985 (lot 7) is also excellent and easily found. Less available but worth finding for its price tag of \$5 is the 1985 Domaine St. George, Christophe, a negotiant label, at \$6, is sound if unexciting, and the 1985 Mocerri at well under \$5 in most

stores is perhaps the Best Buy of all. Most serviceable.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON. For the admirer of red wine the cabernet has no equal, and there are fortunately at least as many fine examples of low-cost, high-quality wine with this as with chardonnay.

Again, Felta Springs must be mentioned first as an excellent choice. At \$6 it cannot be exceeded in its category. And the Liberty School (both lots 13 and 14 are available) are presently drinkable, soft and eloquent expressions of this truly noble grape.

Long a standard, the Glen Ellen Proprietor's Reserve at \$5 is generally excellent, though the present 1985 may be a bit on the flabby side to some palates. And, again, Round

Hill "House" is always dependable.

The best by category, however, must go to the 1984 Gonn (made by Smith and Hook). At \$5 it has bite and complex flavors that will stand up to most meat choices for the day. And the old master of cabernet, Beaulieu Vineyards, has two offerings presently that meet our cost standard comfortably. A 1985 Claret (at \$7 a straightforward and fruity wine of sound character) and the 1983 Beau Tour, always dependable, at a dollar more.

PINOT NOIR/GAMAY BEAU-JOLAIS. Always appropriate to accompany any kind of fowl, the choices of sound wines under \$10 are somewhat more limited. The 1984 Saintsbury Garnet at \$9 is all a young pinot noir should be, and the

1982 from Louis Martini at \$6 is one of his best issues of this complex and difficult grape.

Two other excellent choices in this vein, for turkey and other holiday entrees, come to mind from recent sampling. Also, they may be hard to find. The Seven Lakes Vineyard Nouveau (made from the hybrid de chanauc grape) at \$5 is rich, full and warm. I understand that some may be still be available at the winery in

Holly. And there has just recently come into Michigan a small amount of Bonny Doon Clos de Gilroy (at \$8), a nouveau made from the carignane grape that tastes more like a gamay than do most gamays.

If the budget is tight, do not overlook, because of its funky label, the 1984 American Gothic Red from Pat Paulsen. At \$6.50 for a 1.5-liter bottle, this is pure gamay and a most enjoyable quaff.

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Broadcaster tries some new ventures

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HYNES HAS THREE shows he hopes to get on television and has already completed the pilot for "Those Were the Days," co-produced with his partner, football great Ron Kramer, and the first show. Other all-time sports stars ("the Joe Schimdt, Al Kaline, Gordie Howe") will be subjects of additional shows in the series hosted by Hynes.

Also in the works is "The Winter World of the Detroit Tigers," a series of three shows. Hynes has talked to Jim Price, former Detroit Tigers catcher who owns the Fantasy Camp where real people go to live out their fantasies of playing ball with the Tigers. "We may offer on the show the opportunity to go to Fantasy Camp and one of the shows would be at Fantasy Camp. Another show will be on the winter world of Sparky Anderson."

Hynes, who is in his 50s, also plans to host a series called "It's My Turn," a show for seniors covering a wide range of topics, produced through Booth Cable.

The broadcaster-businessman has asked Booth if he could "produce some things, then syndicate on USA. They have beautiful studios that are not in use enough. The Bloomfield Studios are across from Andover High School. I would love to produce shows there."

His partner in video productions is TV producer-writer Toby Tomkinson of Toledo.

Another project he is working

on is developing a kiosk for the Detroit Red Wings. Hynes explained it as a TV computer system that fans could use, at locations inside the Joe Louis Arena.

In his PR capacity, Hynes represents a variety of clients, ranging from Nancy Kader Jacobs Entertainment Connection to the Castaways, a year-round resort in Port Austin. "I think I can help the middle people... there's a lot of people who just want to get their message out," he said.

AT ONE TIME, Hynes and comedian Dom DeLuise worked together creating a TV pilot for a show called "Road Company." Hynes said he spent about six or seven months on the project and it didn't get anywhere. "Because of my experience on the DeLuise show, I figure I might as well have a whole flock of things going."

Two years ago, Hynes was piloting his airplane, flying with an engineer friend, to look at properties in radio stations up north, when he had a heart attack. "I passed out for a second," he said.

The friend didn't know how to fly a plane, but he happened to have some nitroglycerin with him, from the doctor. "It was a miracle," Hynes said. Hynes was in agony and ended up taking two of the nitro tablets in the air and one in the car after he managed to land the plane at Pontiac Airport. His friend drove him to Beaumont Hospital. "I was getting angeliopoli two hours later. It saved me from having a bypass," Hynes said.

That's the last time Hynes flew a plane. "I don't miss the flying all that much," he said, grateful for having landed on his feet.

table talk

Holiday feast

Traditional fare will be featured at an Old English Holiday Feast at 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 15-17, and Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 22-23, at the Lark in West Bloomfield. Highlights of the menu are smoked salmon, broiled oysters with bacon or prawn bisque, grilled Dover sole a la meuniere, and roast goose. Music featuring madrigals and carols will accompany the meal, priced at \$57.50 per person. For reservations call 661-4466.

Diners' choice

Dante Vannelli's "Gus" Steak House in Lake Orion has been named a winner in the American Express na-

tional "My Favorite Restaurant" promotion. "Gus" received the most number of votes by restaurant patrons in its market, American Express reported. The steakhouse was one of 37 restaurants nationwide selected by customers. The menu offers five five-dollar dishes, priced from \$10.95 to \$13.95, as well as other Italian specialties. Steaks include a blackened or broiled Delmonico at \$10.95, or \$13.95 for large, New York strip sirloin at \$14.25, and filet mignon, at \$12.95, petit, or \$14.95, king.

Espresso bar

An espresso cappuccino and coffee bar has been added to the Twelve Oaks location in Novi for Pastissier's, a fresh pasta and sauce retail

store. Customers at the espresso bar may order pasta salads, single-service prepared foods, radicchio and arugula salads, fresh baked pastries and Italian ice cream.

Dine with Santa

Children may have breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 or 21, at the Dearborn Inn. Mrs. Claus also will be there. To make reservations for breakfast at \$7 per person call 271-2700.

Stately dinners

"En route with the Orient Express" is the theme of the Stately Dinners featuring international cuisine at Meadow Brook Hall's Chris-

topher Wren Room on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Dinners are planned for Jan. 16 (Italy), Feb. 20 (Italy), March 20 (Switzerland), April 10 (France) and May 15 (England). For reservations at \$60 per person call 370-3140.

New beaujolais

The Lark in West Bloomfield is serving Beaujolais Villages Primeur of Georges Dubouef, the "King of Beaujolais," through December. The wine, released on Nov. 20 each year, is celebrated in French restaurants and hotels. Beaujolais Nouveau is now featured at many Detroit-area restaurants, but when the Lark first had the wine flown to Detroit in 1982 it was a rare event, restaurateur Jim Lark notes.

Chamber orchestra plays English music

British conductor Richard Hickox leads two Detroit Symphony chamber concerts of all-English music at 8 p.m. Friday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Both performances take place in Orchestra Hall. Each program features the music of Elgar, Vaughn Williams, Britten and Delius.

Hickox is associate conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, director of the London Symphony Chorus, musical director of the City of London Sinfonia, and artistic director of the Northern Sinfonia of England. He is principal guest conductor with orchestras in Europe and the United States.

Joining Maestro Hickox and the

Orchestra in Britten's "Nocturne" will be tenor, Martyn Hill, a regular performer on BBC radio, in recitals and operas, and a veteran of some 80 recordings.

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FAIRY TALE

The age-old fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel" will be performed for children by the Michigan Opera Theatre from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Community House in Birmingham. The one-act version of the opera, which toured throughout Michigan last year, is fully staged and costumed. Following the performance will be a visit with Santa Claus. Tickets at \$3.50 are available at the Program Department at the Community House. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

"The Arts in Review," cablecast weekly over 12 TV systems serving more than one million viewers in Oakland County and adjoining areas, recently celebrated its first anniversary. The program, which provides professional criticism of theater, film and the arts, was first aired by Oakland Community College Nov. 23, 1985. It airs weekly during a variety of time periods on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Time and channel information is available in local cable TV program guides.

MOUNTAIN JACK'S

The Bizer Brothers, formerly of Farmington and now of Plymouth, are appearing through Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Mountain Jack's of Farmington Hills. Showtime is 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays.

FAVORITE ORPHAN

"Annie," the musical about everybody's favorite orphan, plays through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. Ten-year-old Katie O'Shaughnessy of Troy stars as Annie. Ticket prices are \$8-\$10, depending on the performance. Dec. 31, at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. All tickets are \$8 to all performances. For ticket information, call 349-8110 or 349-0868.

CHILDREN'S SHOW

Five performances of "Mrs. Santa Claus and Rumpelstiltskin," a children's play, are being presented by the Marquis Mother Goose Theatre at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. All tickets are \$3.50 per person. For tickets, call 349-8110 or 349-0868.

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HOLIDAY FARE
Victor Herbert's fantasy "Babes in Toyland" will be the holiday fare through Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Henry Ford Museum at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The musical includes such Yuletide hits as "The March of the Wooden Soldiers" and "Toyland." Tickets are \$3.75 each, all seats reserved. For ticket information, call the Reservations Center at 271-1620.

AIRPORT HILTON
The Dick Sharp Trio plays quiet jazz Mondays-Saturdays at Delphi's at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Romulus.

POLISH CAROLS
Polonaise Chorale will present a concert of Polish Christmas carols at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Activities Center at Madonna College in Livonia. Under the direction of Bronislaw Siarkowski, the chorale features both a female and mixed chorus and also a double vocal quartet. An audience sing-along of Polish and English carols will highlight the afternoon. Admission is free. For more information, call 464-7996.

IN SHOWCASE
A live showcase of new album material by Detroit band Jimmy Smyth and the Cry will be presented at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Studio Lounge in Westland. Smyth, a guitarist from Nathan, Ireland, has lived in Detroit since 1984 and built a band of Motowners. The band has toured in 1986 on a national level with the Romantics, Quiet Riot, Boys

Don't Cry and the Guess Who. The free showcase at the Studio Lounge begins at 10:30 p.m. To attend, you must be over 21.

PROGRAM AIRS

Madonna Magazine, a talk show created by students of the Television Production classes at Madonna College in Livonia, is being aired by Detroit television station WXON, Channel 20, at 7 a.m. Saturdays. The program is in its second year on cable stations throughout the Detroit area as well.

THEATER GUILD

Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold its monthly membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Plymouth Central Middle School. Anyone interested in learning more about the guild or its upcoming production of

"Murder Takes the Stage" is being invited to attend. For more information call 451-0037.

WITH NOZERO

John Katalenic, Ray Tini and Tom Brown join Larry Nozero and Friends on Thursday, Dec. 11, at Hunter's Run in Livonia. Also joining Nozero are Teddy Harris, Peter Domingues and Tom Brown, Friday, Dec. 12, and Keith Vreeland, Dan Piskow and Jim Ryan, Saturday, Dec. 13.

IN 'FIDDLER'

Paul Lipson, who understudied Zero Mostel as Tevye when "Fiddler on the Roof" opened in 1964, will star in the Birmingham Theatre production of the musical, opening a four-week engagement Saturday, Dec. 27. The show will run through

Jan. 25. For ticket information, call the box office at 644-3533.

COMEDY CROSSING

Josh White Jr. will appear at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Comedy Crossing at the Red Cedars Restaurant in Southfield. Cover charge is \$6. For reservations, call 353-5170.

HOLIDAY SELECTIONS

The Oakland Community Band will perform a variety of holiday selections at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The band, under the direction of Walter Nison, consists of some 65 amateur musicians from communities throughout Oakland County. The concerts are open to the public without charge.

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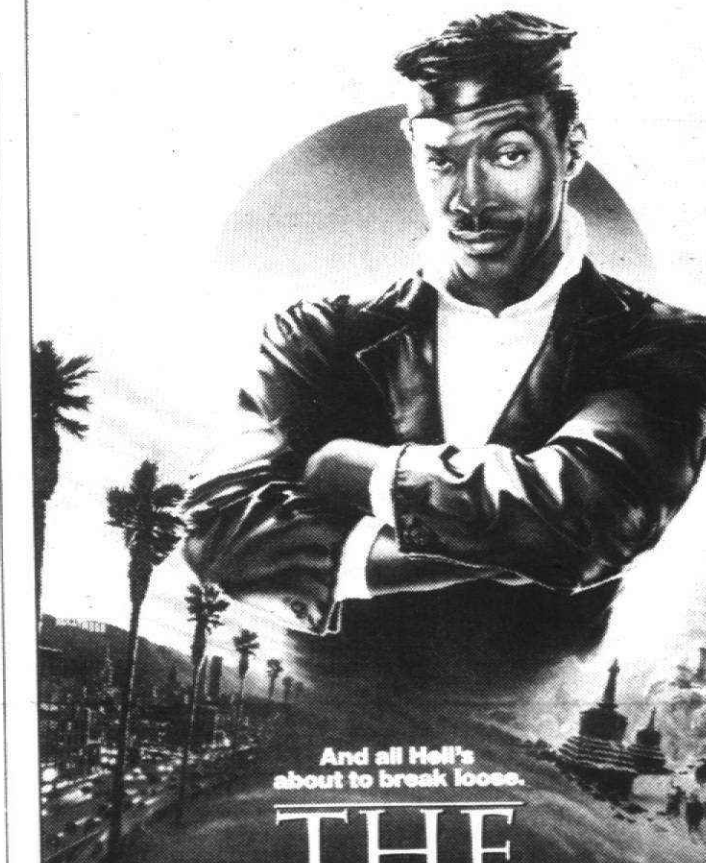
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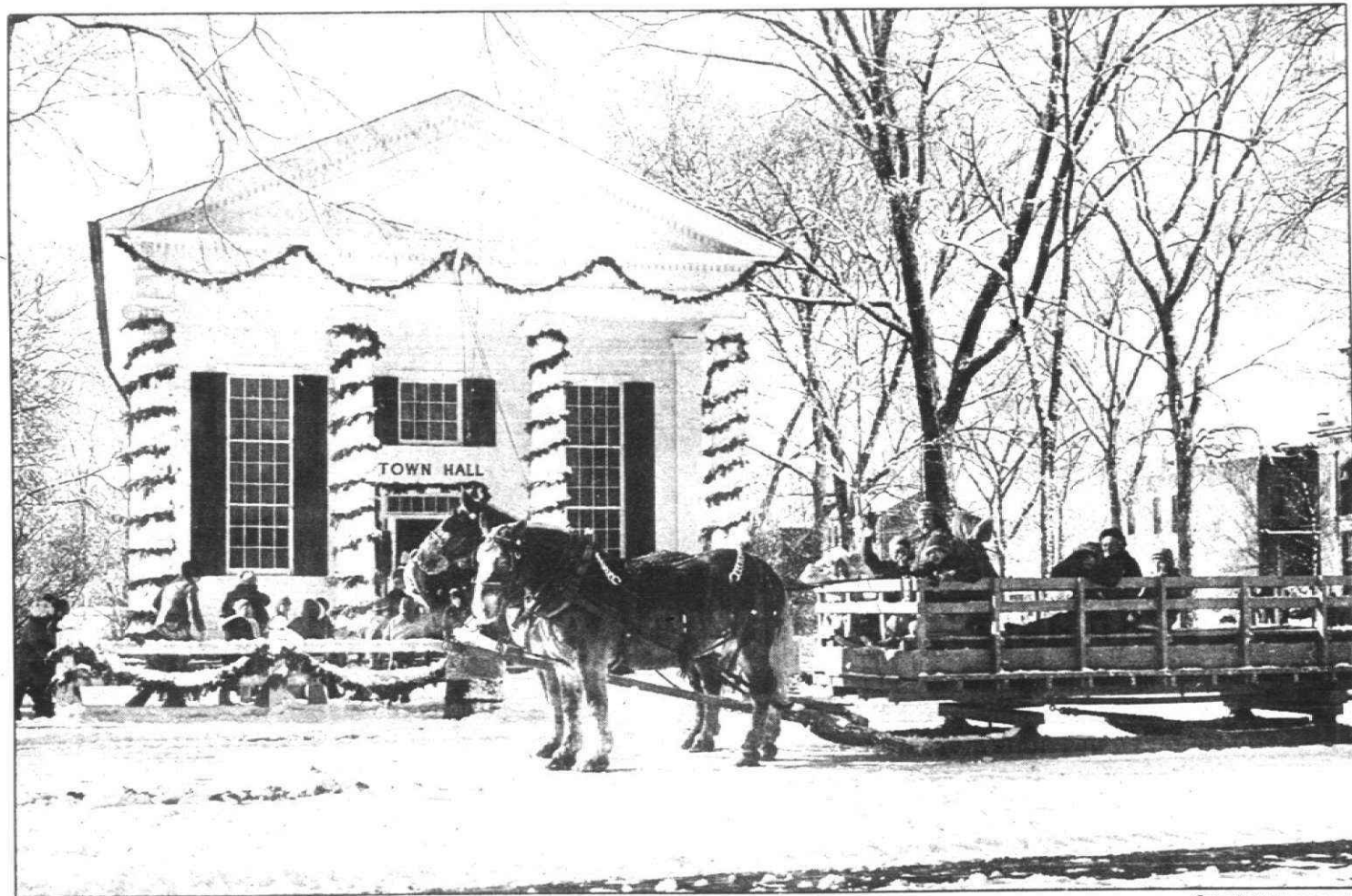


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Tiny Tim (Kevin Skiles) and Ebenezer Scrooge (Booth Coleman) are familiar figures in the Meadow Brook Theatre production of Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol" which is in a four-week run on the campus of Oakland University.



A horse-drawn sleigh waits for Christmas visitors outside Town Hall at historic Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

Be a Christmas traveler in your home town

Travelers are enjoying Christmas celebrations and yuletide events all over the world this month.

They are celebrating Advent in Vienna, Rooster Mass in Puerto Rico, the Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls and Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg.

Ohio has 100 special events from candlelit tours to Volksmarches. Fort Lauderdale is in the middle of a festival that culminates with the holiday Boat Parade Dec. 20. There are lights sparkling in Savannah, Georgia and Hershey, Pennsylvania, frontier Christmas festivities in Tennessee and a Christmas Round the World Festival at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

Even Six Flags Over Texas has its holiday lights on this Christmas. There is a lot of holiday activity all over the world, but don't forget what is going on in your home town.

IF I WAS writing this Christmas roundup in a newspaper in Toronto, Chicago or Toledo, I would include Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, Christmas at Crossroads Village and all the other great holiday events going on right here on our doorsteps.

I launched my Christmas vacation schedule last week with a visit to Meadow Brook Theatre, where Ebenezer Scrooge was stomping around the stage in his nightcap being his usual mean and stingy self. Nobody at Meadow Brook realized that their stage presentation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" would be quite so popular when they launched it a few years ago. Booth Coleman has been playing Scrooge for five years, on a stage that is always full of 19th century revelers and kids in winter caps.

As a good performance, appealing to every age, and I can't think of



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a better way to enjoy the season. A Christmas Carol runs through December 28 on Meadowbrook Theatre's usual schedule: 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, with 2 p.m. Wednesday matinee, a 2 p.m. matinee on the fourth Saturday and a 6 p.m. twilight performance on the second and third Saturday.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, Meadow Brook Theatre will launch "The Rose Tattoo" by Tennessee Williams, more or less on the same schedule.

Henry Ford Museum has its usual good schedule of yuletide events. A Child's World of Christmas focuses on the toys, trains and special Christmas trees that have always been a museum specialty. It runs through Jan. 4, as do the American Cafe Yuletide Evenings, which includes a candlelit dinner and a horse-drawn sleigh or carriage ride through Greenfield Village, and the exhibits of Christmas Past.

You can take sleigh rides through Greenfield Village, snow permitting, through March 13. When there is no snow, you can take a horse-drawn carriage.

Those are two of the biggies in the holiday itinerary around here, but there are many more events. Meadow Brook Hall offers its annual Christmas Walk through December 14. And you can finish your Christmas shopping along the way in gift shops and toy stores at Sunset Terrace or visit Santa Claus in Knole Cottage.

TOWER BUS (961-5800) will take you on a Christmas Lights tour, an evening tour of Detroit and Windsor that costs \$28 and includes dinner.

The Detroit Institute of Arts offers Breakfast with Santa daily except Sunday and Monday, but it is almost sold out so call 832-2731 for reservations.

You don't need a reservation for Snack With Santa noon to 3:30 p.m. daily and from 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday.

The DIA has also scheduled the Wassail Feast for Dec. 12-21, recreating a winter holiday in the court of Queen Elizabeth I. Following refreshments in Kresge Court, complete with mints, mimes and jugglers, you will enjoy a calorie-crunching Elizabethan dinner.

Pair Lane Mansion (593-5590) at the University of Michigan-Dearborn

has three traditional Christmas dinners scheduled for Dec. 12, 13, 14. You can also tour the decorated estates 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays.

WHAT ELSE? The Rosemary Clooney Christmas Show, Dec. 12, 13, 14 and 19, "A Christmas Carol" at Bonstelle Theatre Dec. 12-14 and 19-20. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is doing the Nutcracker Dec. 12-14, 19, 21-24, 26-31. "The Messiah" is on Dec. 13 and 14 at Fort St. Presbyterian Church. DSO performs the Messiah Dec. 20-22 at Orchestra Hall.

If you are inclined to wander a little further from home, there are activities going on everywhere. Santa Claus and the Antarctic penguins are celebrating the first annual winter festival at Sea World through Dec. 24th.

The marine life park will be transformed into a wonderland of winter-time activities including holiday movies, sea lion shows, snow flying ski jumpers, ice skating, daily appearance by Old St. Nick, and holiday bands. If you are going to Aurora, Ohio, don't miss it.

HOLIDAY FESTIVALS around

Michigan include Fantasyland at Kennedy Memorial Center in Lincoln Park, Holly Mart at the Art Center in Battle Creek through Dec. 24; A Victoria Christmas home tour in Muskegon, of Christmas Past in Charlton Park Village and Museum in Hastings, "Hansel and Gretel" at Dart Auditorium in Lansing through Dec. 14.

Christmas at the Zoo in Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek Dec. 12-23 and 26-28; Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade in Cheboygan Dec. 13; Christmas Concerts at the New Vic Theater in Kalamazoo Dec. 16-17; Christmas at Whiting in Whiting Auditorium in Flint Dec. 17-22; Holiday Pops at Wharton Center in East Lansing Dec. 21.

If you really want to see Christmas the way it looks on a Christmas card, however, go to the Upper Peninsula, where the snow and the trees and the caroling are real. Drive across the Mackinac Bridge, with its lights and its sequentennial 150 sign.

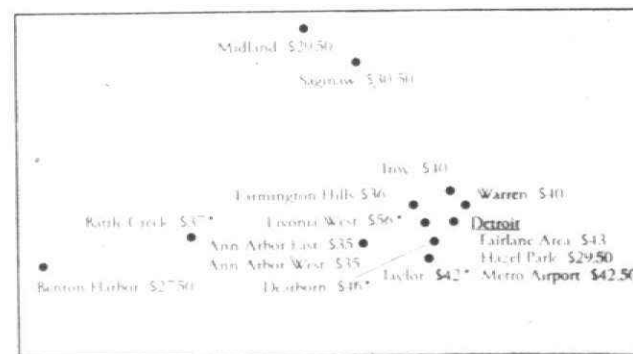
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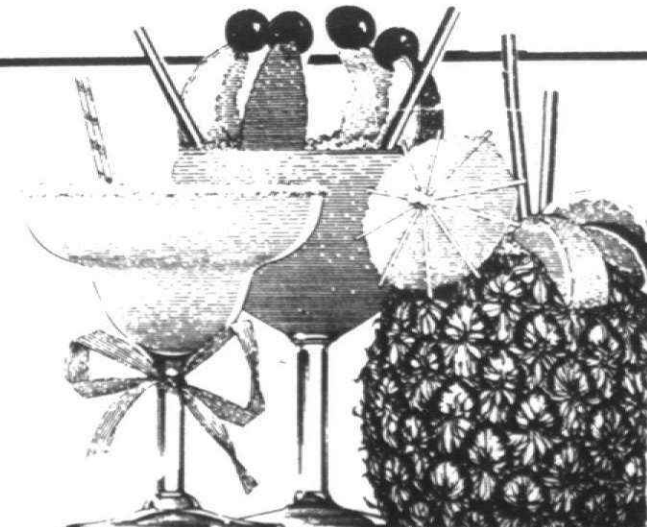
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Truck-car crash death toll soaring — AAA

Citing an alarming increase in accidents and fatalities involving trucks, AAA Michigan released a study today that urges 20 legislative and regulatory changes to make state roads safer for car and truck drivers.

Total fatal traffic accidents in the state rose 10 percent from 1982 through 1985, but fatal crashes involving trucks jumped 41 percent, according to the yearlong study entitled "Cars and Trucks: Sharing the Road Safely."

"It is almost a certainty that in fatal accidents involving cars and heavy trucks, it is the car occupants who will be killed," said AAA Michigan President Jack Avignone. "And this situation is becoming worse in Michigan."

THE STUDY found the motorist is most often killed because trucks have become longer, wider and heavier, while cars have become smaller and lighter to increase fuel efficiency.

The study also cites inadequate truck maintenance, more overweight trucks, speeding, overly fatigued truckers and motorists who fail to understand the limitations of trucks as major reasons for the dramatic rise in truck-related accidents.

AAA Michigan's Safety and Traffic Department computer-analyzed 782 police accident records for 1985 involving serious injuries and deaths. A total of 879 driving records of those involved in these accidents were also studied.

"We found that fault for most of the accidents was shared equally by truckers and motorists," Avignone explained. But investigators found that information regarding fault often came from truckers — the survivors.

OF THE 175 people who died in those accidents, 73 percent were in cars or other vehicles, and 11 percent were in trucks. The remaining deaths were pedestrians or cyclists.

The at-fault truckers and motorists in these 1985 accidents had worse driving records than 90 percent of other Michigan motorists, the study found.

In seven years, they accumulated more violation points for traffic offenses, had more accidents, received

more license suspensions and revocations and had more alcohol-related citations than most motorists receive in a lifetime.

"We have provided copies of the study to state legislators, circuit court judges, 500 police agencies, trucking companies, Michigan's congressional delegation and selected federal legislative committees," Avignone said.

AAA'S SPECIFIC recommendations include governmental action to:

- Restrict heavy trucks to the freeway's right lanes except when passing, entering or leaving, or facing a hazard. Many of the more than 5,000 people who responded to a AAA magazine survey complained

that heavy trucks often use every freeway lane, preventing motorists from passing, provoking them to tailgate and causing potential danger to all drivers.

• Require that all heavy trucks be equipped with tachographs, tamper-resistant devices to record information on speed, distance and time traveled and rest periods. Tachographs would help keep truckers from driving more than the 10 hours in a 15-consecutive-hour period that is allowed under federal regulations. Driver fatigue has been linked nationally to two-thirds of heavy truck crashes.

• Comply immediately with recently passed federal regulations that will set uniform standards by 1990 for all states in licensing truckers and other commercial drivers.

These regulations will provide for only one driving record rather than separate state records; require a written exam and road test for all heavy truck operators; and institute a foolproof driver identification system to prevent people from illegally obtaining more than one license.

The AAA study points out that truckers have been able to hide bad driving records by holding driver's licenses from several states.

• Hire more State Police Motor Carrier Division officers to patrol rural roads and to increase truck inspections.

• Raise minimum fines for serious truck violations, such as overloading, vehicle defects and speeding.

• Require all heavy trucks to have operable front brakes.

UM-D asks \$2.5 million hike

The University of Michigan-Dearborn will seek an additional \$2.5 million in state appropriations for fiscal year 1987-88.

Chancellor William A. Jenkins said the hike is needed to "maintain institutional vigor and to sustain the high quality of its programs and faculty."

Campus administrators cite record enrollments, continued high standards and aggressive corporate and foundation fund raising in the request, approved by the U-M Regents.

For the seventh consecutive year, the U-M-D budget request lists as its No. 1 priority the improvement of faculty salaries and the relative salary positions of the total faculty.

THE CHANCELLOR noted that the proposed increase would permit a 5 percent overall salary program

plus an additional \$480,000 to "help the U-M-D faculty salaries come closer to the 80th percentile of salaries."

In past years "only slight gains have been made despite our best efforts to achieve them," Jenkins noted.

"Our goal is to appoint and retain faculty and staff members of the quality necessary to enable us to fulfill U-M-Dearborn's mission in southeastern Michigan," the chancellor said.

The compensation program portion of the request, a total of \$1.48 million, includes \$740,000 for the competitive factor, \$480,000 for overall salary improvement and \$260,000 for staff benefits.

An additional \$320,000 is requested for non-salary inflation adjustments and \$50,000 is geared for the student financial aid program.

THREE PROGRAM revision requests, totaling \$800,000, are also included in the 1987-88 proposal. These include:

• \$400,000 to respond to enrollment growth in critical areas, by hiring a total of 10 additional faculty members in the high demand areas of manufacturing engineering, computer science, business administration, mathematics and economics.

• \$200,000 for three additional computer classrooms, each with microcomputer stations and a large demonstration station for the instructor's use; and

• \$200,000 for new instructional equipment in science and engineering. "During the recent years of extreme austerity, equipment budgets suffered disproportionately," said Jenkins, noting that more than half

of the School of Engineering equipment is 15-27 years old.

"OUR STATE support per full-time student is 11.5 percent less than the average of similarly situated institutions," Jenkins said. "Our salaries are low and our tuition high relative to these institutions."

"To address these and other problems caused by this funding disparity, we request an increase greater than the statewide average," he said.

In a separate action, regents approved U-M-Dearborn's request for \$7.78 million in capital outlay expenditures.

The request includes \$478,000 in general fund money and \$4 million in building funds for the campus' \$11.6 million renovation project, and \$3.31 million in general fund money for the plant operations building.

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NEW B&B DIRECTORY

A greatly expanded "Bed and Breakfast North America," published by Betsy Ross Publications and written by Norma Stephens Buzan, is available by contacting the publishing house at 3057 Betsy Ross Drive, Bloomfield Hills 48303. The book sells for \$13.95, including postage and handling. Michigan residents should add 4 percent sales tax.

The directory, in its fourth edition, has been expanded to include a comprehensive listing of small inns, guesthouses and reservation services with access to more than 10,000 accommodations in the U.S., Canada, U.S. Virgin Islands and Jamaica.

Highlighting the listings are warm, conversational and informative descriptions written by Buzan, who has personally visited or contacted each B&B inn and reservation included in her guidebook.

One of the sections most helpful to B&B travelers is titled "There's Been There and They Say," which features comments from people who have stayed at specific inns. Often mentioned are the special touches and extra touches provided by the hosts.

THINK SPRING

Makelski Berry Farms and Nursery announce the release of its Spring 1987 small fruit plant catalog. The 24-page catalog features such specialties as Chester Thornless blackberry and cherry red currant, both ideal for home gardeners as well as commercial growers. A free catalog may be obtained by calling 572-0060 or writing: Makelski Berry Farms and Nursery, 7130 PR Platt Road, Ypsilanti 48197.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

Anne Jane Harrison of Westland has been elected the first president of the P. Buckley Moss Society. The society has been formed to foster awareness and enjoyment of the art of P. Buckley Moss and to support her artistic endeavors.

Moss uses her unique and appealing style of painting to depict scenes of the Amish and Mennonite peoples. For more information on the national society, call Harrison at 721-9198.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan has elected 11 new members of the board of directors. Included are Louis Redstone of Livonia and Mariowe Belanger of Southfield.

ROWENS' COLLECTIONS

Fans of Marilyn Rowens will be happy to learn that the Livonia residents has published her fourth cartoon collection, titled "Beyond the Middle Years." For the last years, Rowens has worked as a volunteer with the elderly in the metropolitan area. Some of her experiences with the elderly are reflected in her philosophic captions and delightful stick figures.

The cartoon book is available at Borders Book Store and Pages and Pages in Tally Hall. It can be ordered by mail from Mini-Lectures Press, 28650 Fargo, Livonia 48152.

HISTORIC HOME TOUR

On Sunday, Dec. 21, the 12th Annual Historic Boston-Edison Holiday Home Tour will be held. Tours will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with shuttle bus departures from Sacred Heart Seminary, at Chicago Boulevard and Linwood Avenue every 30 minutes.

The combination walking and bus tour will take participants back to the turn of the century to view the fine exterior and interior residential architecture of the early 1900s. Resident tour guides will accompany groups throughout, providing interesting histories of the five houses included on the tour. Tickets are \$6 by advance sale only. Mail checks to Historic Boston-Edison Holiday Home Tour, P.O. Box 06666, Detroit 48206. For more information, call 358-4590.

OCC CHORALE

The Oakland Community College Chorale, under the direction of Larry Simmons, will perform a variety of holiday selections at



Northern Ballet's artistic director Michelle Wolfe helps Jill Knapp and Karen Broge in their roles as Clara.

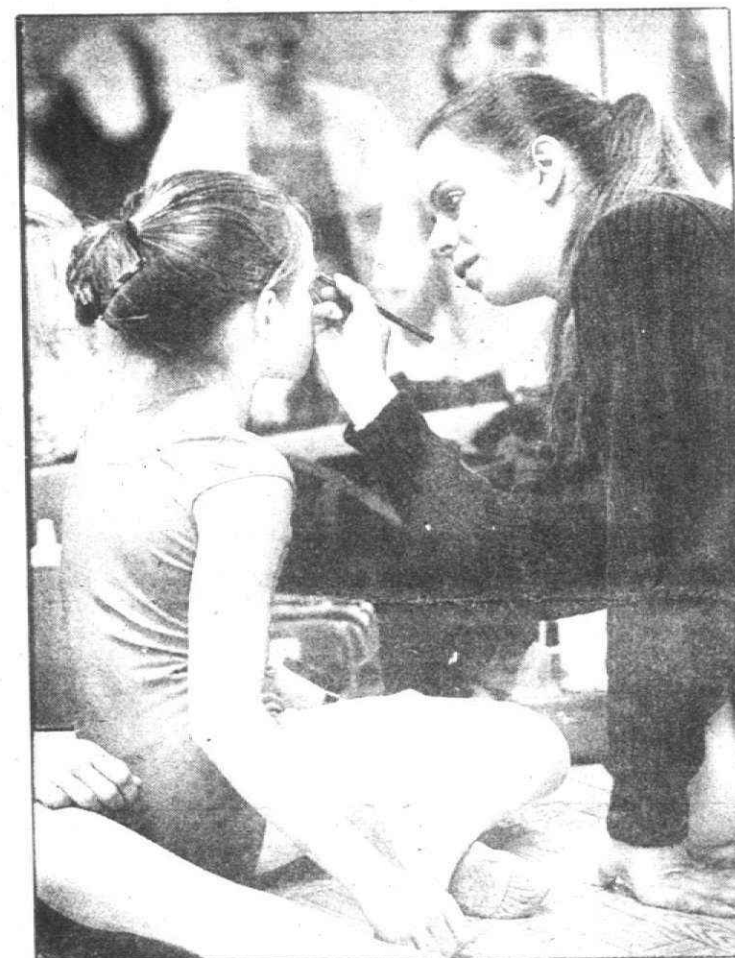
This 'Nutcracker' has a sweeter-than-ever finale

THERE'S A SWEETER-than-ever ending planned to immediately follow the final performance by the Northern Ballet Theater of the holiday classic, Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet this weekend in Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

In its 10th year and under the artistic direction of Michelle Wolfe, the ballet company will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. They will be accompanied by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Following the Sunday performance, the theater will host a Land of the Sweets reception. Admission is \$5 and includes meeting the cast, autographs, Christmas sing-along, chatting with Santa, refreshments and gifts. The reception will be held in the ballet company's studios at 331 N. Main, Plymouth. For further information on either the performances or the reception, call 455-7970.

Tickets for the ballet alone are \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Group discounts are available. All seating is reserved. The cast of 67 dancers includes participants from Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw counties. Plymouth Salem High School is at 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road in Plymouth.



Jill Knapp has her makeup applied by Heather Stants at dress rehearsal.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Christmas memories on display

The Canton Historical Society is hosting its annual Christmas Open House at 7:30 tonight in the museum. The festivities kick off an exhibit open to the public for the remainder of the holiday season that features a teddy bear display, an antique cranberry glass display (some items shown at the right) and antique toys. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays, and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 397-0088 during regular museum hours.



Heather Stants is the Sugar Plum Fairy and Jim Duncan is the Cavalier in the Northern Ballet Theater's performances of the Nutcracker Ballet this weekend.

Staff photos
by Bill Bresler

Good things can come in small packages

SINCE THIS is the time of year that we all start thinking about presents and packages, I would like to talk about packages too — small packages. The first thing that comes to mind is the TV remote channel selector. We live in Livonia and enjoy the many channels available on cable TV. That remote selector is what I call a "too-small package."

Now, I am sure that many dollars worth of technology were spent in making that selector as compact as it is. But I wish it was about six inches square, weighed two pounds and was painted fluorescent orange. Why? Because as soon as we all nestle down to watch TV, someone will say "Where's the changer?" prompting us to jump in unison and start pulling cushions off the furniture looking for the "too-small changer."

FOR MOST OF 1986, that little changer has been lost inside our furniture, under throw pillows, once in a tennis shoe, five times on top of the refrigerator and three times in the family car, once in someone's robe pocket.



artifacts
David Messing

et, in with Lego blocks, under a box of Pac-Man cereal — and I could go on and on.

Upshot of all this is that as long as there are families like mine, there will always be a need for a two-pound changer.

But there are some great new little packages this year that make great gifts for artist.

There's the Rainbow Color Mixing Guide, for instance. It's a little color wheel easily recognizable by a little elf as its logo. At \$7.50, it seems to be overpriced. But upon using it and reading its information, I found that it can produce 40,000 different colors. It even tells you what percentages of each primary are used to produce the color you select. For example, "three parts white, seven parts color — 70 percent yellow, 20 percent blue and 10 percent black."

Next on the small package list is Derwent Pencil Tins. Derwent graphite pencils come in small flat little tins arranged in three sets according to hardness: "Draughtsman Set" 9H-B, "Designer Set" 6B-4H and the "Sketching Set" 9B-H. The pencils are painted matte black and do not slip in your sweaty little artist fingers. Priced at \$6.50 for a 12-pencil set, you can't beat them.

PENTALICS NEW "Paper Pens" is a small pad of unbelievably smooth pure white paper made expressly for pens, tech pens and felt-pen pens priced around \$4.50 per 9-by-12-inch pad. It is a treat for an artist's quick line drawing.

Standards has a new little easel that is so strong you park a car on it — granted maybe a small car. This mighty little model is about three feet tall, is a great table easel and a nice carrier holder for wet oils. It's called the "180" and it sells for \$25. The ultimate perfect gift for an

artist is the smallest of the small packages I have mentioned here. It guarantees the giver that their artist loved one is getting exactly what they want. And that is, of course, the ever-famous gift certificate.

Christmas time is also the best time to indulge in a box of overpriced chocolates, too expensive knickknacks or showy little sundries that you would never buy any other time of the year.

For me, that kind of item is a three-inch badger fan blender. I said, "I will probably never use it (although I do) but it looks so arty in there with my other brushes" — and it does. So I spent \$16 for purely reasons of artistic vanity — my deal. It's Christmas time isn't it?

David Messing has been an art teacher for 10 years. He is the owner of Art Store and More in Livonia and Plymouth. He welcomes comments and questions from readers. These can be directed to him in care of this newspaper, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Lighthouse calendar is now available

"Lights of the Great Lakes" is the theme of the 1987 calendar of the Historical Society of Michigan. Featuring pen and ink drawings by artist Leo Kuschel of Taylor, the calendar draws attention to the colorful maritime history of the Great Lakes and the lonely sentinels that have marked the routes for sailors since the early 18th century.

This is the society's fourth lighthouse calendar. The calendar is the society's major yearly fund-raiser and the society is particularly pleased to feature Kuschel, according to executive director Tom Jones, because Kuschel's own family heritage includes ancestors who sailed



Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. Madonna is at 1-96 and Levan, Livonia.

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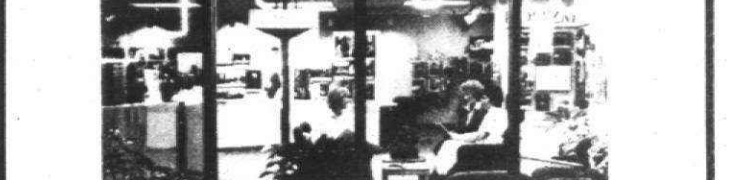
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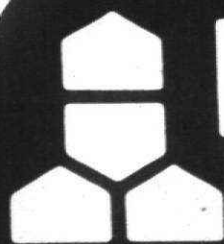


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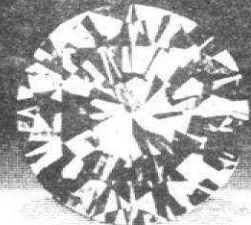
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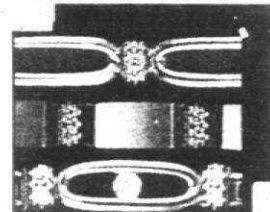
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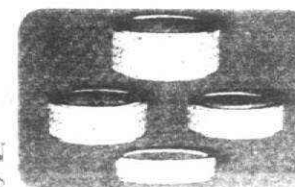
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Hanukkah

Jewish observance begins Dec. 26

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IT HAPPENED more than 2,000 years ago, but Jews around the world still celebrate the event every year, usually some time in December.

This year, Hanukkah begins the night of Dec. 26. It was in the year 165 B.C. that Judah Macabee and his followers defeated three Syrian generals and recaptured and rededicated the temple at Jerusalem.

The Jews had been ruled by Syrian invaders under King Antiochus IV, who commanded them to worship "foreign" gods and burn a sacrifice to Zeus on a Jewish altar in Jerusalem.

Instead, Mattathias Macabee, a Jewish priest, fled to the mountains with his five sons and led a three-year rebellion that eventually overthrew the Syrians. The Macabees ruled until 37 B.C.

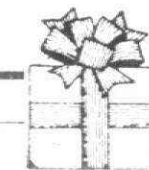
SYMBOL OF THE holiday, known as the Feast of Lights or Feast of Dedication, is the menorah, a candelabrum with branches for nine candles, lighted in increasing numbers during the eight days of Hanukkah.

The menorah symbolizes the story, as related in the Apocrypha, that after cleaning the temple of Syrian idols, the Jews found only one small cruse of oil with which to light their holy lamps. But somehow, the cruse provided oil for eight days.

The holiday is also marked by frying food in oil, with the "latke," a pancake made with grated potatoes and onions, a popular delicacy.

It is also traditional for the children to receive little gifts each day of the holiday and for contributions to be made to the poor.

Children spin dreidels, four-sided tops that contain the acronym for the Hebrew words for "a great miracle happened here."



On the fun side . . .

A MAGNIFICENT Christmas feast, floral guided tours, breakfast with Santa, music of the Michigan Bach choir, Santa's workshop, yuletide cheer, Christmas gifts and post holiday tours highlight the varied Christmas celebrations planned this year at the Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane.

Now is the perfect time to make plans to spend a part of the holiday season at the estate, located on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Traditional Christmas Dinner, beginning with mulled cider in the gathering room, includes music throughout the evening and a memento for each guest. Three dinners, beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 12, 13 and 14, are being offered. A charge of \$30 per person includes tax and gratuity, and reservations are necessary.

TEN AREA FLORISTS worked and decorated the entire estate,

each room with the personal touch of an individual floral artist. Guided tours showcase these creations from 1-4:30 p.m. on Sundays in December and 10:30-11 a.m., 2-3:30 and 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Dec. 8-23. Tours, at \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children, begin in the Visitor Center.

A Henry Ford family tradition is recreated with a hike down a lantern-lit trail to Santa's workshop. For \$3, each child receives a visit with Santa, a warm snack and souvenir. Open to the public December 12-13 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from Dec. 15-23, by group reservation only.

THE FAIR LANE Gift Shop is filled with a fine array of traditional Christmas delights, including old fashioned toys and gifts. The shop on the lower level is open Monday through Saturday, Dec. 8-23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays in December from 2-5 p.m.

Throughout the holiday season, Fair Lane offers group breakfasts, lunches and dinners, accommodations for group parties and regular Pool Restaurant luncheons amid the Christmas decorations. Additionally, post-Christmas tours of the historic buildings and grounds run from 1-4:30 p.m. Dec. 28 through Jan. 4, 1987 except for New Year's Day.

The dinners, concerts, workshops and breakfast with Santa are always popular and require advance reservations. For the other activities, visitors may just plan on arriving at the scheduled times. Further details and reservation forms are available from Fair Lane, at 593-5590.

The Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is located on Evergreen Road, across from the Fairlane Town Center, in Dearborn.

MEANWHILE, ACROSS town, "Christmas Past" is being observed

in Greenfield Village where traditional customs and trimmings of yesteryear are brought into the present as visitors stroll the holiday-dressed streets of the village.

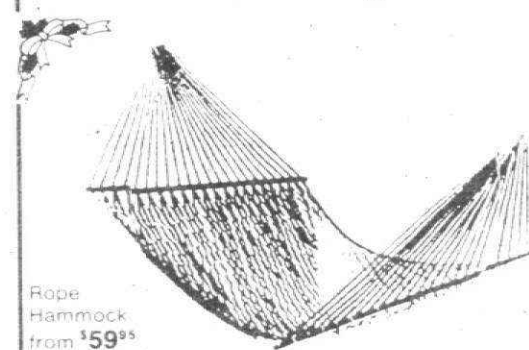
Inside nearly two dozen historic sites, visitors can see handmade decorations and gifts, enjoy traditional holiday music, or savor the aroma of delectable meals and confections prepared over open hearths and cookstoves.

There is no additional charge beyond regular admission.

Another special holiday feature at Greenfield Village are American Cafe Yuletide Evenings.

In the museum's American Cafe, candlelit dinners and entertainment are followed by horse-drawn sleigh or carriage rides through the village. A lantern-lighted walking tour through four village buildings takes visitors back to Christmas past. Price is \$26 per person, tax and gratuities included. For more information/reservations, call 271-1620.

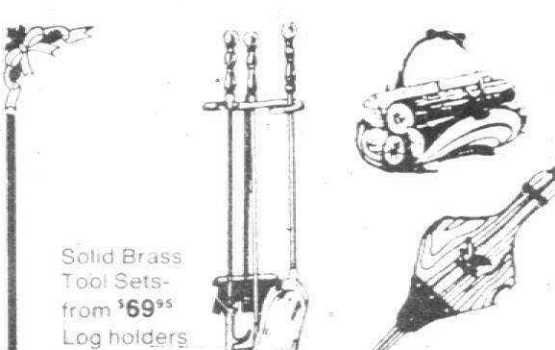
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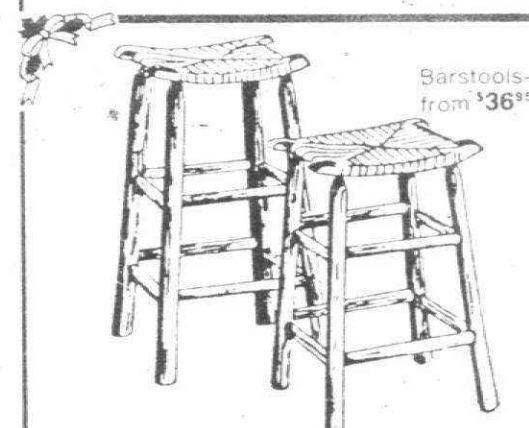
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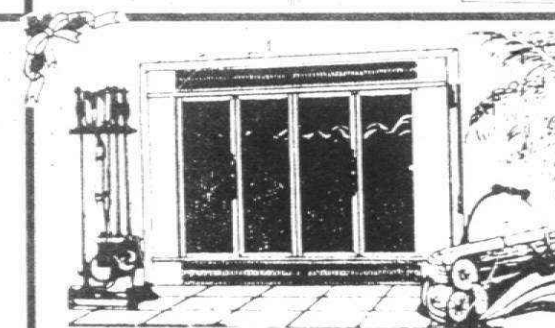
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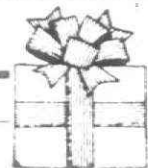
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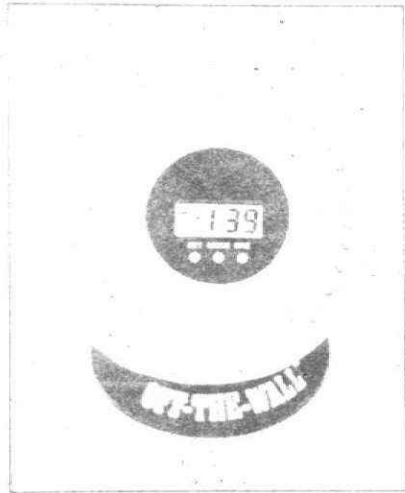
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• A holiday gift idea that involves the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, is called "America's Family Album," a project created by Eastman Kodak Co. to help support the restoration of the national landmarks.

For \$10 each, your photo selection will be assigned an individual access number and permanently recorded in the "album." When visiting the statue, you can call up the photo by name or access number on a video display screen.

• For those dreaming of a white Christmas, the gift shop at the American Museum of Natural History

offers some reminders of a previous chilly season — the Ice Age.

The New York based museum has come up with a selection of gift items representing the beginnings of modern human culture in late Ice Age Europe. Among the museum's offerings are reproductions of artifacts, including tools, animals and Venus figurines as well as prints and posters of the famous cave paintings at Lascaux and Altamira.

• For those seeking a different way to celebrate New Year's Eve aboard, what is described as the world's most exalted train, a nine-day package is offered by Venice Simplon Orient-Express.

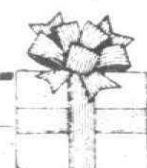
Participants travel to London Dec. 28 for the opening of the traditional Harrods' sales and a London show. The New Year's Eve celebration begins with the boarding of the Orient Express for the 1,065-mile, 32-hour journey to Venice.

Included are roundtrip economy airfare from the U.S., one-way airfare between Milan and London, hotel accommodations, transfers, portage,

For those dreaming of a white Christmas, the gift shop at the American Museum of Natural History offers some reminders of a previous chilly season — the Ice Age.

meals, tax and service charges.

• Billed as the smallest piece of furniture ever devised, the Foot Couch is designed to allow people to put their feet up on desk tops or coffee tables in comfort and without damaging the furniture. It comes in two models, including one that vibrates to relax foot muscles.



Hello, dolly

High-tech offers line of communication

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HIGH-TECH HAS infiltrated infant infatuations. Dolls are now not only hugged and squeezed, but programmed.

The new ones being promoted for the holiday season talk and walk with microcomputer-based "artificial intelligence." Interactive is the operative word.

Take "Baby Talk" from Lewis Galoob Toys, for example. The 18-inch doll is voice-activated, with varied vocal responses in addition to animated facial expressions. She asks to be picked up, lets you know when she wants to eat, then says "more, Mommy" if she doesn't get enough. She says, "I'm sleepy" and automatically shuts herself off if left alone for a short time.

A COMPANION IS "Smarty Bear," who answers with "Positively." "You're the greatest," "For sure," and "Hey, turn me over" when held upside down, among its 16 programmed responses. He giggles, too, when "activated" in a ticklish spot, like real people.

Not all is high tech, however. Old-fashioned batteries, of course, are necessary — four C batteries and four AA batteries. A panda named "Sing Sing," from Audac Corp., recognizes predetermined questions and answers on the basis of its electronic random access memory. "Oh, yes; let's have fun" is its response to "Do you want to play?" for example.

In addition, say its creators, a specific request, "Tell me a story," automates a built-in cassette player with a story, song or recorded lesson.

The high-tech doll market this year also offers "Teddy Ruxpin" and "AG Bear" from World of Wonder. They mouth in sync with audio cassettes.

DOLLS OF A different sort

"Hal's Pals" are specially designed for disabled children. Mattel, Inc., has formed a not-for-profit corporation

called For Challenged Kids by Mattel, Inc. to produce and market "Hal's Pals," five 19-inch, soft-sculptured dolls, each with a different disability.

"Hal," for instance, is a ski instructor with one leg. One of his pals is a dancer who wears a hearing aid; another wears leg braces and walks with canes.

All anticipated profits from sales of the dolls will be distributed to organizations for children with disabilities, says Arthur S. Spear, chairman of the chief executive, Mattel Inc.

The first character-licensed learn-and-play dolls from the Muppets are "Baby Kermit" and "Baby Miss Piggy." They can be zipped, snapped, tied, buttoned and buckled.

THE "VEGGIES" are soft-sculpture dolls in the shape of fruits and vegetables. Graphics designer Kim Foster says she created the prototypes out of actual produce.

They include Cornelia Husk, resembling an ear of corn, ballerina Zucchini (zucchini), Sheriff Damon Onion, and Tony Scallione (scallion).

"Fluppy Dogs" and "Fluppy Puppies" are shaggy dog dolls created by Kenner-Parker Toys in conjunction with Walt Disney Productions.

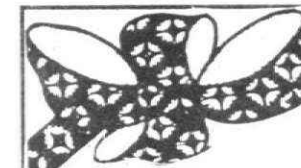
Kenner is also introducing "Shimmers" fantasy dolls. And their "Care Bears" are back.

"JEM" is a new rock 'n' roll fashion doll from Hasbro. She and her musical group, "The Holograms," have their own songs on an audio tape cassette that comes with the dolls.

SMOKEY the Bear, the watchbear of forest fires, is now 42 years old. He's available as a soft, child-safe teddy bear, a stuffed replica in three sizes.

A percentage of the sale of the bears goes to the U.S. Forest Service to help the agency develop educational materials and school aids to further Smokey's cause.

Smokey replicas can be found in specialty gift shops, at national parks and museums.

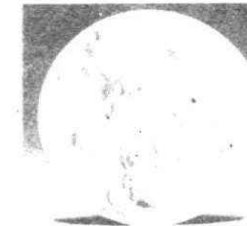


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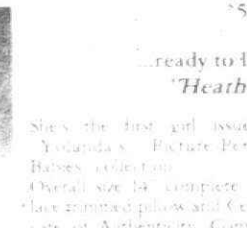
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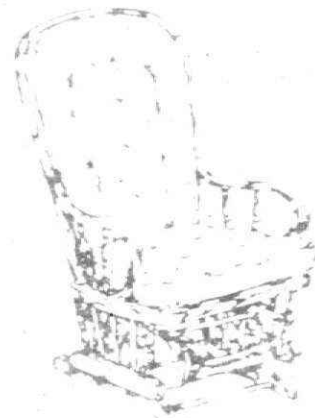
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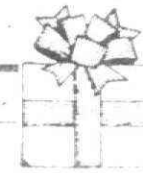
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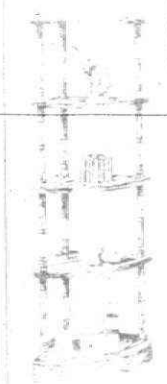
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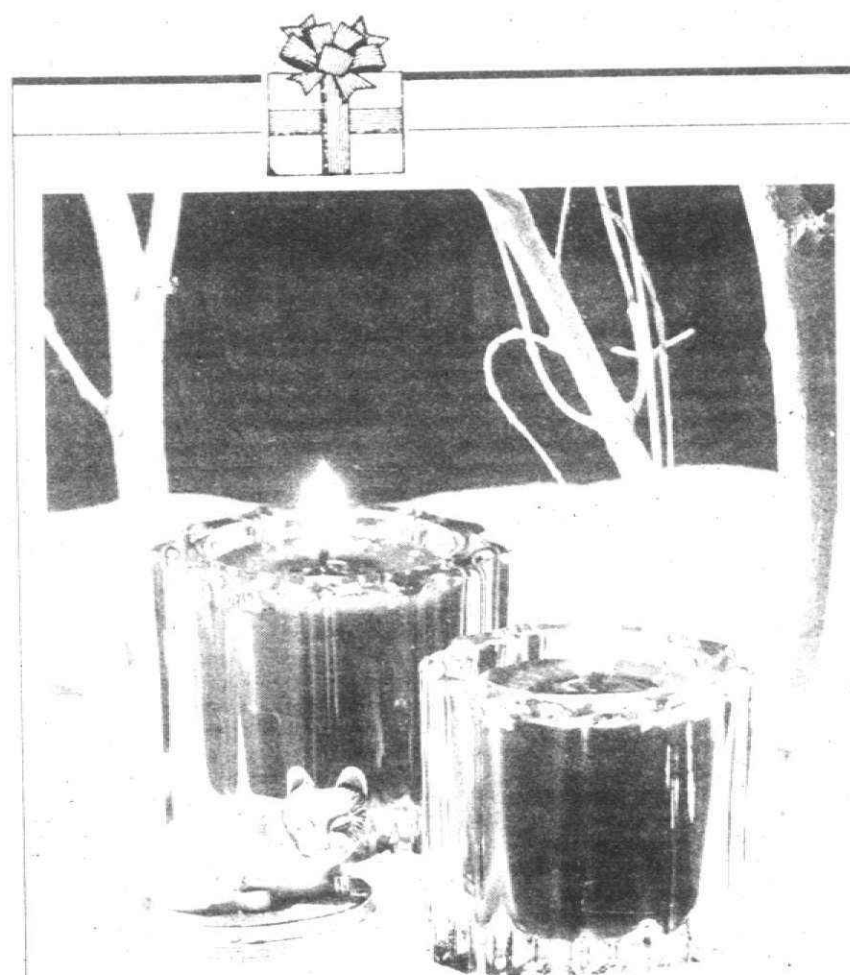
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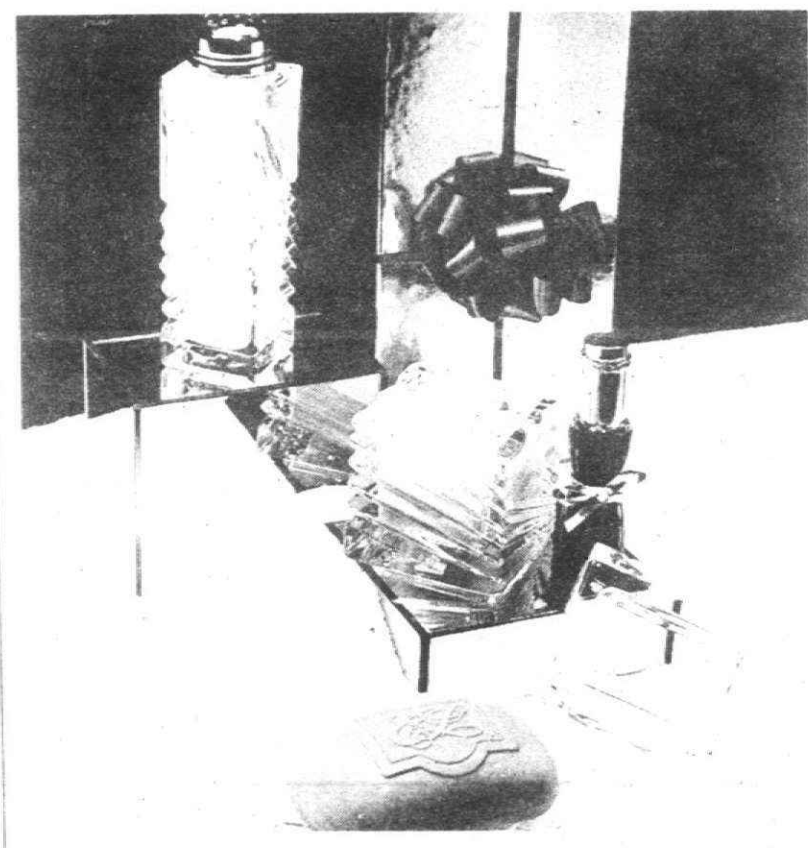
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