

**County executive** talks about future, 5A

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# **Hit-and-run** victim's family grieves loss

Pen pals have plenty

to write about, 1B

#### **By Diane Gale** staff writer

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

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

THAT NIGHT they were sitting in Johnson's restaurant and their daughters ran across the street to Richardson's to buy folders for school.

An eyeblink later Melissa was dead.

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

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

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

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

"We won't give up no matter how long this takes," said Debbie Chisholm. Her eyes welled with tears and her voice cracked. "It

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

won't bring her back, but it will put one part of this to rest."

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

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

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

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

"We're not going to give up," Debbie Chisholm said. "They might as well come forward. Some way: Some how. I want them to know that no matter what I have to do I will keep it going and if nothing more they will be haunted by it.

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

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

# Timely escape

Boy, 8, rousts residents of burning home

**By Diane Gale** staff writer

A quick-thinking neighbor and an 8-year-old boy saved seven people who escaped their Canton house that was engulfed in flames, less than 12 hours after seven members of the Dell'Orco family died in another Canton fire.

Frank Suhy, his wife Teresa and five of their seven children were in their Cather Drive house in the Holiday Park subdivision near Joy Road and I-275 when Nicholas, 8, smelled smoke from the laundry room about 8 a.m. Dec. 23.

Nicholas awakened his father and mother, who roused Michael, 16, Andrew, 13, Christopher, 12, and Annemarie, 5

No one was reported injured. The couple's 19-year-old son, Frank, was at his brother Tony's house.

EVERYONE WENT outside while Teresa called 9-1-1. The Canton dispatcher said it was a dangerous

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### Resident named to post Poling takes Mack's place By Wayne Peal staff writer

Canton resident Shirley Poling is the new 11th district Wayne County

Debbie Dell'Orco has said she would like to live in Canton so that her three surviving chil-

Bill I BRESI EB/staff photon

# Family hit by fire still dreams of new home

**By Diane Gale** staff writer

The fire, sparked by a light bulb on a dry Christmas tree, killed Martin Dell'Orco, 38, a self-employed carpenter: Bonnie, 11, a fifth

Adam doesn'

about 11 p.m. on Dec. 22. Adam, a 6-year-old Hoben student, escaped from the fire. what hann rstand

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

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

grader at Hoben Elementary School; Sara, 9, a third grader at Hoben; Megan and Michael, 5year-old twin kindergarteners at Mildred Field Elementary School and Robert, 4, who was in nursery school at the Burger Center in Garden City.

The couple's two oldest children, Kelly, 14, and Jimmy, 16, attend Canton High School, and were visiting friends when the fire spread through the family's Proctor Road house at the night of the fire.

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

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

ing.

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

'There's enough food and clothing to fill a warehouse," said Tom Keilman, police chaplain. He and police chaplain Wayne Byrum are volunteering time with the Dell'Orco family

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Commissioner, filling the balance of Milton Mack's term. But a number of Democratic and

Republican challengers are lining up for the seat in time for next year's election. A February primary is expected, with the final election race tentatively set six weeks after that.

MACK, NOW A COUNTY probate judge, resigned from the seat this month. Poling will fill the balance of his current term, ending this year. Next year's election would cover the two-year term Mack won in November

Despite the relatively brief term, Poling said she'd work hard to become a full time commissioner for the district, which includes Canton, Romulus and other southwestern Wayne communities

We are a unique district," Poling said. "Over the next 12 days I'll be striving to read all kinds of documents to bring myself up to speed."

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Iragedy driving drunk

See related stories, 3A

#### By Joe Bauman staff writer

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

As the grief counselor for MADD's Wayne County chapter, the Livonia

resident has dealt with more than 60 families who have lost a person to what she calls "the most senseless tragedy.

'Losing someone to a drunk driver is especially difficult to accept because it didn't have to happen. Adding to the tragedy is that most people killed by drinking drivers are young, the loss is a complete shock and the court system often turns the

families into victims."

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

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

devastation the loss has on the survivors, and feit the group could benefit from a trained grief counselor.

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

Her goal, she said, is to get the survivors of the victim to cope with

the loss so they will be able to con tinue with their own lives.

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

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## ver celebrates 25th anniversary

See the historic front page on page 11A

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

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

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

'It's a developing community and it's a challenge to record those changes."

> — Julie Brown suburban life editor Canton Observer

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

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

to neighborhood goings on," he wrote.

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

was completed in 1971

The company merged with the Birmingham-based Eccentric Newspapers chain in 1973, The new, 11paper Observer & Eccentric chain included the Birmingham Eccentric, begun in 1878, as well as companion editions begun in Troy, 1968, Southfield and West Bloomfield, both 1970, and Rochester, 1972. The two Southfield papers joined forces with the merger

The year was, 1979. It was a watershed one for the residents of Canton. Development was the word. And the Observer Newspapers took note of the subdivisions that were under construction. The collection of subdivisons needed an identity. And

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organizations in the community newspaper field. I am proud to be working with the entire staff at The Canton Observer. And especially I am grateful to the thousands of readers whose loyalty has enabled The Observer to serve Canton for many years.

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Canton is still evolving, from township to town.

"That's the story we chronicle," said Diane Gale, the paper's Canton reporter since 1984. "It's a changing community. The farms are disappearing from the landscape, being replaced with homes and stores." Said Julie Brown, suburban life

editor for the paper: "It's a developing community and it's a challenge to record those changes."

But the Canton paper wasn't the last to be added. In 1989 the West Bloomfield Lakes edition was added. By the 1990s both the company and the communities it serves had undergone dramatic change. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers had

become part of Suburban Communi cations Corp., a parent company headed by Power. At the same time, many western Wayne and Oakland county communities experienced a new burst of residential and com

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

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

# Canton woman to finish Mack's term

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Poling is an employee of General Motors Hydra-matic, Ypsilanti, and a regional UAW coordinator. Among other area commissi

both Kay Beard, D-Inkster, and Kevin Kelley, D-Redford, voted in favor of Poling. Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, abstained from voting on the appointment. Heintz had considered nominating

GOP candidate Victor Gustafson, but was barred from doing so under a county charter provision that mandated Mack be replaced by someone from his own party

At least two other Democrats remain interested in the seat. Assistant county executive Bryan Amann withdrew his name from consideration for the commission ap-

pointment, but said he would run for

the seat next year.

Robert Beeny, a Wayne city councilman, also said he would run for the seat. "I kind of knew the appointn would go to someone else, but I'm

theirs," said Amann.

interested in running," Beeny said. On the Republican side, Canton planning commisisoner Gustafson said he was definitely running again.

"The commission has made its

choice, but the people will make

"I'm looking forward to running," said Gustafson, who narrowly lost to Mack last fall

At the same time, former Canton supervisor James Poole said he was considering whether to throw his trademark cowboy hat in the ring. "I'm thinkng about it," Poole said

"My blood pressure's down, so are my golf scores, but I do have 12 years in government work."

## Victim's family grieves, seeks hit-and-run driver

Her family is here and they're hurt. friends kept up a vigil of placing

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

After leaving the scene the car drove east on Ford Road, police said. "One of the hardest thing a person can do is find out a relative or friend is involved in something like this and they don't want to turn them in,"

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

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

"Melissa will still be dead." Sidor said. "I can't change that. But there's more than Melissa hurt here.

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# Drunk driver shatters family's dreams, life

#### By Marie Chestney staff writer

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

Before the phone call, the family of Darlene and Robert Hodges was like the "Brady Bunch" - two children from one family living with two children from another family, all unler the same roof. It was a good, solid second mar-

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

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

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

Graduation was three months away and he had just been offered a it. The four people you see here tofour-year football scholarship to Hillsdale College.

phone call at 3 a.m. on the Friday go on. before Easter.

Craig and his friend, Franklin senior John Shea, 17, had just been struck by a car and killed while

crossing a street in Orlando. Like a never-ending nightmare. the facts of the two deaths emerged

slowly throughout the Easter week-The car was traveling nearly 70

mph when it struck both teens, tossing them in the air The driver did not stop. He was ar-

by hotel. Police found blood and human tissue on his car, as well as on his shirt.

cohol level to be 0.21 percent, more and driving, even before their son's than twice Michigan's legal limit. A police check of the driver

showed that, five years before, he death - the three D's," said Robert had ran a stop sign in New York Hodges. "They all go together, hand City, crashed into a car and killed in hand. It's not just a night in jail. It

In October 1984, a mere two

months after a drunk driver killed

her husband, Michele Kubicz of Red-

ford Township reached a turning

point in the numbing grief caused by

his sudden and premature death at

"I was interviewed by The Observ-

er. I hardly remember it. But reading the story afterwards opened up a

door of emotions. It was like there

was a little light in the window,"

said Kubicz, now 35 and a single par

ent the past six years to Nick and

Jennifer, both pre-schoolers when

SINCE THAT fateful August day

when Steven Kubicz was hit head-on

way home from work on a motorcy-

cle. Michele Kubicz has traveled a

personal path of deepening aware-

ess and expanded understanding.

else and not show remorse? I decid-

band who had been her high school

sweetheart at Bishop Borgess High

Redford, Kubicz turned to the

Wayne County Chapter of Mothers

"MADD is a safe place to vent

ed, I've got to learn about this.'

Against Drunk Drivers.

Michele Kubicz

shown here with

lennifer, 10, and

son Nick, 8, has

turned her life

around since

October 1984

her husband.

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of Redford

daughter

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"How could someone kill someone

In anguish over the loss of a hus-

with a blanket over my head."

By Janice Brunson

staff writer

age 29.

their father died.

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

For those two deaths in New York, he had been sentenced to 3-to-9years in prison. In 1987, he had been aroled after serving 21/2 years:

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

"Our lives will never be the same again," said Dawn Hodges, Craig's sister. "There's a cloud over everything. You might see us laughing but our heart has been ripped out. Craig was the center of all of us, and we can't get away from what happened someone gets involved with this family, they see the cloud over day are not the same people who were here two years ago. Part of our Then, from Florida, came the family is destroyed but we have to

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

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

While not drinkers themselves, the Hodges' family was not anti-drink-Tests showed the driver's blood al- ing. But they were against drinking death.

"Drinking and driving brings brings death."

Awareness, understanding

the shock of his sudden, unexpected, violent death still is so fresh in their night. And we're angry at a system lene Hodges said. "The only thing we member who's been killed by a minds that each day, when they get up, they remember Craig and rebury drive.

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

family simmers with anger. Perhaps they're most angry that a human being could drunkenly kill two people in New York and thenturn around two years later and drunkenly kill two more people in another state. They might have been

less angry if it hadn't happened twice to the same driver "We got angrier as time went on and we found out he had done this before, that he had no license and no insurance, that he violated his parole, and that he had been found leeping in bed with my son's flesh and blood on him," said Robert Hod-

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

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

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

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

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

TWENTY-ONE MONTHS have deaths," said Dawn Hodges. "We passed since Craig was killed. Yet couldn't even say 'thank-you' to those people who helped him that him now are grave blankets," Dar- ven't looked at pictures of a family which allows this type of person to can do for him now is tie red ribbons drunk driver," Dawn said. The family is angry that their

son's death was so violent, their two impact that it was impossible at first to tell who was whom. "A death by a drunken driver is a MADD. violent, senseless death," said Dar-

lene Hodges. The family is angry because their

son was robbed of his future. "The only presents we can bring ten the telephone call, or they ha on cars."

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FOR THE HODGES, fighting bodies so mutilated from the car's drunken driving has become a family affair. Darlene, Dawn and Craig's ounger brother, Ryan, all belong to Often, they encounter people who

don't believe in the organization's mission.

Darlene Hodge's biggest hope 'is that some day there won't be the need for an organization such as

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

"One night of partying is worth a life.'



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

#### KUBICZ'S EFFORTS, and those .....Stitch Floral Frames Craft of others involved in the ongoing campaign against drinking and driving are realizing success, based on figures maintained by Michigan State Police. Sentencing, the fines, restricted licenses and jail time for impaired and drunk driving, is steadily in creasing statewide. In addition, the ncidence of drunk driving is down. Legislation pending before the state Senate would eliminate plea bargaining C "Last year, we saved 50 to 75 people (based on numbers who died in previous years). That's wonderful. Personal awareness is up. Drunk driving is less socially accepted. edi **nt** People are being more careful There are designated drivers "Public awareness is also growing: That's good because drunk driv-50% ing is a crime that doesn't need to All Christmas Candles . "Maybe if someone had been able 50 % to extend a more loving hand to my All Christmas defendant," the woman who killed Wrapping Paper . . Kubicz's husband, he might be alive 50 % And what of repeat offenders, like Classic Train Set . . . . the young woman who killed Steven All Baxed 50 % Kubicz, who repeatedly drinks and drives? Christmas Cards "I don't know the total answer But to turn things around, we have to All Christmas Light Sets 50 Off groups sponsored by such facilities keep plugging away at the problem. It takes a conscious personal respon-All Christmas Ready -. 50 % Michele Kubicz's final thought this Made Ornaments ....

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follow anguish over death Kubicz, a teacher at St. Agatha Child Development Center in Redford, served as president of the Wayne County group in 1985-86. She also attended meetings for

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

IN TIME, she came to understand the lack of remorse by the young woman who drove a car across the center line of a two-lane road and smashed into Steven Kubicz. "There is no remorse because she

does not remember the accident.' "I decided this is not going to have She did not forget the incident. She me. I'm not going to sit in a cornor simply has no recall. An alcoholic, she was driving while mentally blacked out, according to Kubicz.

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

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

In recent years, Kubicz has addressed many substance abuse

"I used my heartache to help othgrief and get information. They put ers. One thing that happens is it goes their arms around me mentally and away. So many victims get caught in

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staff writer

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#### MENS RACQUETBALL-

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

Agawa Canyon, \$245. Jan. 9, 1991, 8 p.m. - The Kiwanis Clubs of Plymouth will Call 397-5444 to register.

TRIPS

Plymouth Parks and Recreation Aug. 4-17 — Scandinavia Trip, Department will sponsor the follow- \$2,499. ing trips:

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Friday, Feb. 8, 3 days - Snow Train Trip, two nights in Sault Ste. Marie, \$245. Monday, March 11 - Franken-

Tuesday, March 19, 6 nights

April 25-May 10 - Australia, \$3,299. May 20, 4 days - Dubuque Casino

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a pump if their basements never flooded and, therefore, there's no need to have a pump. Machnik said. The answer, he said, is that Canton. residents are connected to the same sewer and what one person does down stream, said Aaron Machnik, director of municipal services.

might affect someone else. On the other hand, most residents who bail out their basements every 300 feet at the end of the line there's time there's a heavy rainstorm were a lot of water," Machnik said. eager to have the township install "We're trying to turn the water off the free pumps, Machnik said.

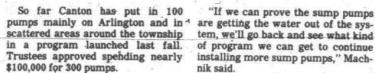
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tem, we'll go back and see what kind of program we can get to continue Trustees approved spehding nearly installing more sump pumps," Mach-

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Canton employees have been con-

tacting residents in specific areas,

like Brandywyne Street, trying to

convince them to let Canton install a

sump pump, free of charge to the

resident. Fifty-five percent of home-

owners living on Brandywyne declin-

They questioned why they needed

muth, \$42. Palm Springs, \$949.

Free sump pumps offered to residents

## Ed McNamara talks about the county and his future

#### Is he or isn't he? That's the question buzzing around

McNamara these days. be a 1994 candidate for governor or ' thing about General Assitance.

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

"There's so much ahead of us that our feeling is - if you can do some- the working poor. Isn't this too big a thing about crime and do something about education - why do you need to be governor anyway?" said McNamara, who will be sworn in for a second four-year term as county executive Jan. 1.

While rumors persist as to his future ambition, McNamara seems can see the benefits. We see the signs firmly focused on county issues as his new term begins.

And there are plenty of issues to keep him busy. With the largest number of unemployed - and un- provide health insurance. What agenda for 1992 and beyond? deremployed - people of any county in Michigan, Wayne County is bracing for cuts in the state social to train them, why risk losing them through. There's the UAW which, in service budget. But there's also an over health insurance. We have the my opinion is not a very democratic airport to expand, roads to repair and a ball club to keep.

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

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

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

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

What follows are highlights of that conversation:

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

McNamara: The strong feeling with the state is that nobody can do t better than they can. At the same time, you've got some people saying abolish it altogether. Our interest is

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County, there are a lot of unem-Wayne County Executive Edward ployed and underemployed people, a we feel there's a lot that's being eatlot more indigents. Our feeling is the en up in administrative costs. Is the Livonia Democrat going to state should not arbitrarily do any-

> expand the county care health program (designed for unemployed, indigent county residents) to include burden for the county?

McNamara: It's our feeling the purpose of county government is to ing import, there's the free trade provide services people can't pro- agreement with Canada and, just to vide for themselves. Plus, this isn't a begin that, we need a new bridge to billion dollar project. Employees in the windows of places like run for governor - or if you are we're saying is, if you're going to McNamara: The way the system hire this person and if you're going is, there's a lot you have to go providers now, hospitals that have institution. It seems they don't want empty beds.

up in the air. It's run by a 12-person out there in front and waiting for the board, six from Detroit and six from party to catch up. the county. What we're-looking for is a change to allow nine from the governor it wouldn't necessarily

cludes treatment of violence treating violent behavior similar to saying I'd do that, either. the way they treat alcoholism. We

We're not looking at new money,

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

> McNamara: There's so much to be done in the county that being governor is not a factor. We want to see the Tigers-build a new stadium in it, there's the issue of developbring the people over here.

Observer: If you're not going to McDonald's all the time - they're can we expect to see you take a leadnow hiring people at more than min- ership role in Democratic party poliimum wage. But they often don't tics, maybe helping shape a party

to hear new ideas. I know there's the At the same time, mental health is Jim Blanchard example - of being

Incidentally, if I decided to run for have to be as a Democrat. I'd never We're also looking at care that in- run as a Republican, but why not as an independent? Of course, I'm not

Observer: It seems as if your rela-

with the Kay Beard race. (Veteran dar? commissioner Beard D-Inkster was the winner in a Democratic primary seen by insiders as a showdown between the union and McNamara.)

why. Maybe it's because I don't call them every time I make a decision. But I've always returned their calls.

has become a concern with this Tigers are not going to stay at the especially with regard to ground ra-

part of next year. Personally, I'm have made a difference.

McNamara: I'm absolutely convinced Tiger management is going

to have to have some kind of subsidy

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Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, one of Michigan's most-watched politicians in relaxing in his Livonia home, could become the coming year. time last year. Is this an outgrowth of the situation with the UAW? McNamara: I suppose it's true. I know they began to feel their oats

We get along with everybody but the UAW and I'm not really sure

What's being done to boost safety,

track for the airport for the latter not convinced ground radar would Observer: What about Tiger Stadium?

month's crash of two departing jets. stadium they have now. Our position is, keep it in Detroit. We think we can do it. Back in '71 there was a stadium law that allows the county McNamara: It's (ground radar) on to levy a hotel and motel tax of five percent and we could use that. It's pre-Headlee and you could do without a vote of the people.

Our position is if you want 300 acres, why not go for 600? Let's develop business and single family

housing around the stadium. We want to play a role. We want to keep the Tigers in Wayne County with the

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# Survivors of family fire still hope to build new home

#### **Continued from Page 1**

They also field calls from people wanting to donate money and gifts at the Canton police station.

Debbie Dell'Orco.said what they're not able to use they will donate to charity, Keilman said. A condominium was donated by a man moving out of Michigan. He invited the family to use it until it sells. Developers also have made offers for houses. As of sday morning, specific offers were sketchy, Keil-

man said. The Salvation Army has promised to furnish

the home. And more than \$50,000 has been donated to

the Canton Township-Dell'Orco family fund. Police and

firefighters have volunteered to be pallbearers. Meanwhile, family members have come to Debbie Dell'Orco's aid, Keilman said. "They've set up a fortress around her." Debbie Dell'Orco and her children have been staying with family members. "We would like to thank everyone for all the love and

generosity they have given," said John Martin Dell'Orco, Martin Dell'Orco's brother. "It's very comforting in a time like this to know there are people out there who really care. "My brother was a devoted father. He loved his chil-

dren very much," said John Dell'Orco. "Obviously, he gave his life for them. He was always very happy, always smiling. He was a good craftsman. He just got

done building a 1,800 foot addition my house." Debbie Dell'Orco has concerns about information that the couple's youngest son caused the fire by knocking over the family's Christmas tree, said John Dell'Orco, a

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

Recently the couple bought new light bulbs, the oldfashioned type that are an inch long and screw into sockets John Dell'Orco said

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

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

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

# Woman helps people cope with 'senseless tragedy'

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

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

McDONALD SAID the grief experienced from the loss of a child, especially when it is sudden and unexpected, can be totally devastating to those left behind. "I know this sounds harsh, but in a

way the person who is killed has it much easier than the people left behind," she said. "The families and friends have to deal with the loss, take the car that night, or why they which can take five, 10 or more vears in some cases.

"There is a triple loss when a young person dies. There is the loss of the person itself, the parents' lost hopes and dreams for that person, and the loss of part of yourself that made the child what he or she was.

"A parent never gets over the loss of a child because children are not supposed to die before their parents. The parent eventually may make nse out of the loss, but ac-

ceptance of the fact is never there." - for instance," the loss may be compliaspect of her job is learning what the part of the parent." type of relationship existed between the victim and his or her family.

"NOT EVERY family has perfect successfully overcome such a tragerelationships, and the type of rela- dy. tionship often reflects on the kind of grief a person is going through," she for years after the loss of a loved said. "If there was not a close rela-tionship between parent and child, ly. Some people take six months to

On the other hand, the biggest reward of her difficult task. McDonald said, is seeing families

"I have dealt with some families

come to grips with the loss, while an McDonald said the most difficult cated by a profound sense of guilt on other person may take six years. To see a person turn the corner and feel good about themselves is all the pay ment I need.'

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

# aser show will light up ice fest

#### **By Kevin Brown** staff writer

With just three weeks to go until the ice festival, organizers say plans are right on track.

laser show two times each night, we're quite enthusiastic about that," said festival organizer Pam Kosteva.

The laser show is one of several melt-proof events scheduled this year, the festival's ninth, to better deal with the semiannual festival melt-down.

This year, the festival has been re-christened the "Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacu-

"We've finished our arrangements for the Japanese and Soviets," Kosteva said. Four Japanese sculptors, including the winning ing portion of the festival include a team of the Winter World Champi- contest in which local TV and radio onship in Asahikawa, Japan and personalities will try their hand at the ice-carving singles champ of Sapporo, Japan, are scheduled to carve in Plymouth.

scheduled to attend. Kosteva said

vited to the Moscow International Ice Festival on Feb. 4-11. "It's quite an honor, and quite a

compliment to the Plymouth community," Kosteva said. 'There's a lot of enthusiasm "We have just finalized having a among the carvers because of the opportunity of working with the

> Japanese and Soviets," she said. Meanwhile, Kosteva reported that two of the 11 men participating in the Old Man Winter Look-Afike (beard- growing) Contest "have fallen by the wayside and surrendered to the perils of the ra-

> Also scheduled for this year's festival, Jan. 16-21, is a hockey game between a group of Detroit Red Wings old timers and a Plymouth team at the cultural center.

Some new ideas for the ice-carv-

Also this year, a free trip to the Three Soviet carvers are also Carribean will be raffled. Festival organizers agreed t three professional U.S. carvers who scale down the festival this year, so participate in Plymouth will be in- that it runs on just one weekend.

the laundry room. The dispatcher told her to get everyone out of the house immediately. A quick-thinking neighbor, John Harris, thought about that too and said it will be between four and six food for the Suhy family. By Wednesimmediately shut off the gas lines months to redo the house and the "just before the window and flames majority of things inside are lost,"

the gas meter," said another neigh-That saved the house from exploding and probably saved the house staying at Tony Suhy's Canton home.

"My insurance claims adjuster

The most valuable possessions that were lost, he said, are pictures said. "One of the girls in the subdivi

Christmas and gave it to my girl.'

For information about the fund raising for the family, call Ann Blivens at 453-1941.

"It chokes you up to see what peo

ple will do for you," Frank Suhy

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Parents, children escape house blaze

Continued from Page 1 fire, because the gas lines were in bor, Ann Blivens.

next door, Frank Suhy said.

day evening, she collected more than

of the children. The Suhy family is sion got one of her wrapped gifts for MEANWHILE, BLIVENS has been collecting money, clothes and

# **Red Cross in search of** holiday blood donations

#### By Alice Collins staff writer

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

hope it will help somebody Nineteen employees of Paging Network of Michigan in the Raleigh Office Center signed up to donate during the morning session conduct.

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

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

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

"We need to collect at least 850 pints a day to meet the needs of the patients in the hospitals we serve." One recent change in the eligibili ty rules for potential donors in Michigan is the elimination of the maximum age limit. That occurred earlier this year, according to Morrow. The limit used to be 65.

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

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

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

Generally, giving blood takes about an hour The drawing time is mush less.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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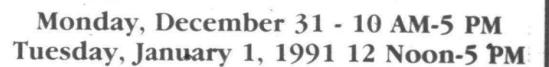
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### Canton Observer-

Jpinion

744 Wing/Plymouth, MI 48170

O&E Thursday, December 27, 1990

# **Our beliefs** Speaking out on 1990 issues

T WAS supposed to be the year of the envi- tles over abortion rights, taxes and school fironment - and it was - but 1990 was a year of many, varied issues. Nationally, it was a year of unprecedented attacks on free speech and battles over the limits of police power. On the state level, the year brought bat-

nancing. A host of regional issues, from controlling urban sprawl to picking the site for a new Tiger Stadium, also surfaced. Here's where the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers stood on the major issues of 1990:

forfeiture of drug dealer assets - nonethele

needs tightening. We argued police departments

should work more closely to assure each partici-

pating department received an equitable share of

the confiscated assets. At the same time, we ar-

gued that proper care should be taken-to assure

assets of non-related parties - including rela-

tives of the accused - were included in the haul

against restoring the death penalty in Michigan

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ing off in the coming year.

ing unwanted pregnancies.

We used our Easter Week editorial to argue

the timing was not lost on perceptive readers

Health Issues

Abortion, the most controversial health issue

Michigan's new parental consent law drew

remained hot in 1990 and shows no signs of cool-

our editorial fire. Even though 330,000 Michgian

residents signed petitions making parental con-

sent law, we believe that merely represents a

small, narrow, viewpoint. Despite presence of a

new, pro-life governor, we continue to urge pro-

choice legislators to roll back abortion restric-

tions. At the same time, we also support increas-

ing sex education programs as a method of curb-

More education was also our strong recom-

mendation on smoking, another major health

care issue. Looking at the Michigan Tobacco Re-

ducation Task Force's recent report, we conclud-

ed our schools should do more to educate young-

sters on the dangers of smoking. At least one lo-

cal community, however, took a more radical

task force recommendation to heart. Rochester

Hills is, at this moment, trying to ban cigarette

vending machines in areas frequented by minors.

Jeff Counts editor / 459-2700



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

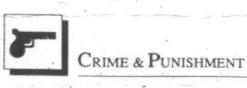


The 20th anniversary of Earth Day this spring provided the rallying cry for environmentalists throughout the nation and region. We're happy to report the Earth Day spirit carried well into the

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

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

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



The war on drugs brought a slew of proposals to increase police powers, most of them illadvised. While we stood solidly behind such antisubstance abuse groups as Mothers Against Drunk Drving, we also stood up for civil liberties.

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

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

• One aspect of the drug war we support --



# Community still is main focus of this newspaper

**EXACTLY 25 years ago this week** I bought the six Observer Newspa pers.

A lot has happened since then: · The company has grown considerably. It now publishes 53 community newspapers, including this

• Our company name is now Suburban Communications Corp., reflecting our interest in providing news and information of all sorts to

a wide variety of markets. Our technology — modern, computerized data bases and laser typesetters — is light years away from the clanking Linotype machine

on which I used to set this column. But looking back over 25 years in the newspaper business, what strikes me is how closely we have clung to

our fundamental focus of publishing community newspapers. THE FIRST front page editorial I

wrote as publisher tried to set out what we were about. Among other things, it said: "We will try to bring to these newspapers an informed and probing

curiosity about everything of local interest, from sewage to high school football, from racial discrimination to good recipes, from local politics to neighborhood goings on. "To those who write them (and,

hopefully, to some of those who read them), newspapers are alive,

### from our readers

Hold schools accountable on MEAP drop

#### To the editor:

Seven out of nine MEAP indicators dropped in this year's Plym-

and the superintendent calls this "relatively steady" while the curriculum coordinator is not overly concerned and says, "We know they're not going to do well and hope people understand." Well, if my son brought homegrades that reflected 7 of 9 lower

outh-Canton results (O&E, Dec. 10)

than last marking period, I would be quite concerned. I suggest that these results are not

that the customers of this school system should understand. Let's stop making excuses. Instead let's hear something about a plan to achieve higher scores not lower.

learning.

increase when 7 of 9 profit indicators are worse than last year. Never-

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers -----

Steve Barnaby managing editor Susan Rosiek assistant managing editor Dick Isham general manager Mark Lewis director of advertising Fred Wright director of circulation

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

motivated by a spirit and a commit ment, a posture in the world and an ethic. Without these, a newspaper is just another dead piece of paper with print on it. "It is only in this spirit which per-

other.

mits a newspaper to play its true role: A public conscience.'

LAST YEAR, after numerous false starts, I succeeded in getting our company philosophy down on paper for all our staffers to read: "All journalists share the same ob-

ligation to truth, accuracy and fairness. But because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competition.

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

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

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

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

#### **Plymouth Township**

#### **Opinions** are to be shared

Opinions and ideas are best when shared with others. That's why the Plymouth

and Canton Observer newspapers encourage their readers to share their views with others by makir.g use of the From Our Readers column.

While the papers express their opinions on the editorial

Philip Power

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

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

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

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

pages, we always leave space open for our readers to ex-Submitting a letter to the ed-

itor for publication is easy. Letters should be typewritten or printed legibly and kept to 300 words. Letters must be signed and include the address of the

Names will be withheld only for the best of reasons and the decision to do so will be made by the editor

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, Plymouth/Canton Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170.

### know your government

Looking for information about state government? The League of Women Voters has a toll-free telephone service (1-800-292-5823) that may be helpful.

The league's Citizen Information Center in Lansing offers to help people find out about such things as pending legislation, the state constitution, election laws, voting regulations or tax informa-The telephone is answered

from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

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Richard Aginian president

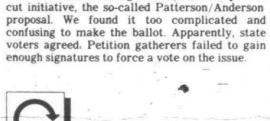
Philip Power chairman of the board

'relatively steady" and I don't think Some would say that the school

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

If we were to suppose that the Plymouth/Canton school system was a profit making organization, then could we justify an employee salary

theless, we have rewarded this level of performance with a 20 percent in-



Development, whether of a new Tiger Stadium or a suburban "megamall," was still a hot issue this year. Whether it will remain so depends on

whether we have a recession - as predicted -• As Cecil Fielder was just embarking on his

um to be built near the old. While Allen Park has emerged as a leading contender, with Plymouth Township a viable alternative, we continue to call for a centrally located ballpark, built with private - not public - money.

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

TAX & SPENDING ISSUES Several tax-and-spend issues came our way in 1990. Some looked ineffectual, others too confusing. New Gov. John Engler is promising substan-

· On school aid, we sharply criticized the rob-from-the-rich-give-to-the-poor approach, calling for more school spending all around. We blasted Goy. Blanchard's plan to take categorica state aid from wealthier districts and give them to poorer districts (and look what happened to him). By year's end, however, Lansing's Robin Hoods were floating a new proposal, one that

calls for a "sharing" of district tax bases. Again, we say down with it. We weren't too big on the state's major tax cut initiative, the so-called Patterson/Anderson proposal. We found it too complicated and confusing to make the ballot. Apparently, state

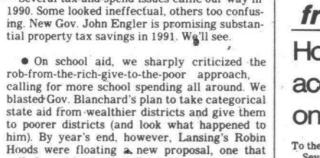
AROUND OUR REGION

and how long it lasts. As for this year:

home run binge, we called for a new Tiger Stadi-

· With development sprawling throughout

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



# Canton Observer

### The Canton Connection Officials ponder Haggerty paving

Volume 7 Number 16

TODDLER STORYTIME comes back to the Canton Library Oct 12 The four week program introduce - 2 year-old and an accompanying adult to both the library and the world of children a

Attendance for the program is innited. Registration begins at 10 a m. next Monday in person at the library or by phone only for those who have not extended on the those who have not participated in any

prior storytime program Sensions will start at 10 30 a m or 1 30 p.m Monday. Oct 12 The child must be 3-years-old by registration date and may not turn 3 during the running of the program. The Canton Library is on the third floor of Township Hall. on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill Call 197-0999 for more information.

CANTON'S CHAMBER . ommerce will hold its membership-dinner meeting Sept. 28 at the Roman Foruga restaurant on Ford east of Lilley Cocktails ar at 6 p.m. followed by a buffet inner at 7 p.m.

Supervisor James Poole will be the guest speaker. He will speak on he sign ordinance. The price is \$7.58 per person. For enervations, call the chamber office at 453-4040.

MARIA FALKIEWICZ. township treasurer, is attending a 10-day seminar in Lansing, sponsored by the Michigan chapter of the Municipal Treasurers Association. The educational forum cludes speakers from all over the nited States

SHARON BILL and Kelly Jedn Hubert, both of Canton, were among 15 students recently home with acheiarships from the H T Entaild Poundation.

Ewald Poundation. Ms. Bill, a graduate of Ptymouth Canton, actionals Eastern Michigan University. Ms. Bubert, a Plymouth Saleto graduate, attenda Miarus (Ohio) University. The Ewald Foundation was

established in 1929 to help develop promising students through highe

THE KRAZEL triplets of Canton, members of Boy Scout Troop 898, have been busy this summer with Scott Fossitt, mowin lawm and trumming bushes for Canton senior citizens. The Krazei triplets are Brian, Jim and Robert Barry and Dawn Fossitt are the roup leaders

THERESA DEL MOTTE of Canton recently was promoted Eastern Michigan University Ms. Delmotte now is the sensor ecretary to administrative secretary in the Associate Vice President for Administration

THE TOWNSHIP Board a regular meeting takes place at 7 pm tamerrow night at Township Hall Canton's Board of Trustees meets on the first, second and four Turadays of each month Continued discussion on the possibility of hiring an industrial coordinator a part of a Township Hali reorganization plan highlights this week's agenda

LARRY STEWART .. Canton police lieutenant, has been, accepted for a prestigious course at the Pederal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantics, Va Stewart – the first Canton officer to be selected for the course will be in Quantico from Jan 14 to March 26 His studies will include management, communications and behavioral sciences [It's pretty bendy said Stewart

who has applied about once a year for the past 10 years. There are 24 to 250 in each class from all over the monid The federal government will pay or Stewart + training and lodging The township has allocated scones

for plane fare so he can make rao trips have to visit his family Angenes intercented in extensions intermetation story content to washing for the

GROW FURNER THINK . HEREINE should send his sterming editor families in more dell's Mare Physical dell's della this post type or prest the solution protume and phone another in ter have any questions it committees the second sec 10 days before public ation dist. The column runs overy Minis is

Issue: Investing versus

### spending y Dennis O'Cenno

tall writer Spending vs. investing — those were the alternatives discussed for more than two hours Tuesday night at a Canton board of trustees special meeting alled to discuss whether or not to pave

Ragerty Road. The original question centered on the cost of paving Raggerty, between Joy and Pord, to help attract industry to the area. Township officials decided to further investigate the cost of paving two different acements on Raggerty. two different segments on Haggerty -Warren to Ford, and Koppernick t

The subject will be brought before the board at a later date. The decision to further investigate these two possibilities was passed 5-1 with Truste Two other paving proposals were sim discussed. The Joy-to-Ford propo-al did not receive support because the

board felt it was too expensive Joy-to-Watten paving proposal, the cheapest of the projects, only rectived support from Mrs. Badesmiller. Other

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Or are officials going to have one up with another plan for

Ripoff

baffles

police

rould be called a "small crume wave in Canton stores. Canton police believe a Ypsilant: couple are sending their 5-year-old son

into a store to shoplift video equip-ment. The plan calls for the parents who wait in the parking lot to go

hack tills the store and try to obtain .

reland for the stoke stern. The binarre plan was thwarted at Meijer Thrifty Acres and at Kniart

THE MONT BRICENT incident

curred at Meijer said Stewart Ford Road store employees spotted a small

boy trying to walk out of the store with

They look the console from the boy About 35 minutes later the youth was

seen again with video equipment. ac

cording to police. The child told store

security persons and police that his

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a video-game console worth \$154

and Lt Larry Stemart Unnu aftempts were reported at the stores on Sept. 13 and 15

By Arlone Punke

This photo shows an unpaved and paved portion of Haggerty, looking

Township officials are expected

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Fancy woodcarver

Melvin Osborne of Canton tashsons wood carvings from tree trucks Osborne a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy, never had formal training in this hobby, but loves to experiment. For Osborne a story turn to Page 3A of today s Canton Observer

of Burne Lours Area Agenci for same the organization that allocates of a side of muno-spationes

Voters face farmland question again Preserving farmland

asked to authorize a bond proposal - township

to acquire development rights on agricultural land. In this article, an On Nov 3 voters will be asked to decide once and for all if they re Observer reporter outlines the histo-ry of farmland preservation Fuwilling to pay for development rights for 5 900 acres A ballot question will ask voters to wre articles in the series will form

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### The Observer Newspapers

Suburban Life Julie Brown editor/459-2700

#### Thursday, December 27, 1990 O&E

# Friendship: It's the best gift of all

Pen pals

### By Julie Brown staff writer

It's possible that Julie Jun and

It's possible that Julie Jun and Marilyn Pilotto may remain friends for 20 or 30 years or longer. Both girls are 11 and live in Can-ton. Julie's a sixth grader at West Middle School and Marilyn's a sixth grader at Pioneer Middle School. They're among anne 250 students They're among some 250 students from the two Plymouth schools

who've become pen pals in recent

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

We didn't know each other before that," Marilyn said. "We didn't know each other and then we got to know each other." The girls have exchanged letters throughout the fall and winter, writing about their schools, fami-lies and activities.

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

PEN PALS Bill Bowman and Kevin Guse, both 11, met for the first time last week at Pioneer. "I think it's pretty cool because

Thanksgiving and Christmas plans and other topics. Kevin liked visiting another middle school. die school. "I think the library is pretty cool and the gym's pretty big," he said. Nine teachers, four from Pioneer and tive from West, are involved in the project. Pen pals have been matched with a student of the same gender at the other school, and let-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Staff photos by Bill Bresler



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



'It's really nice because they get to know people outside the walls of their own building. It's been a real good experience.' -Carole Brooks Pioneer teacher

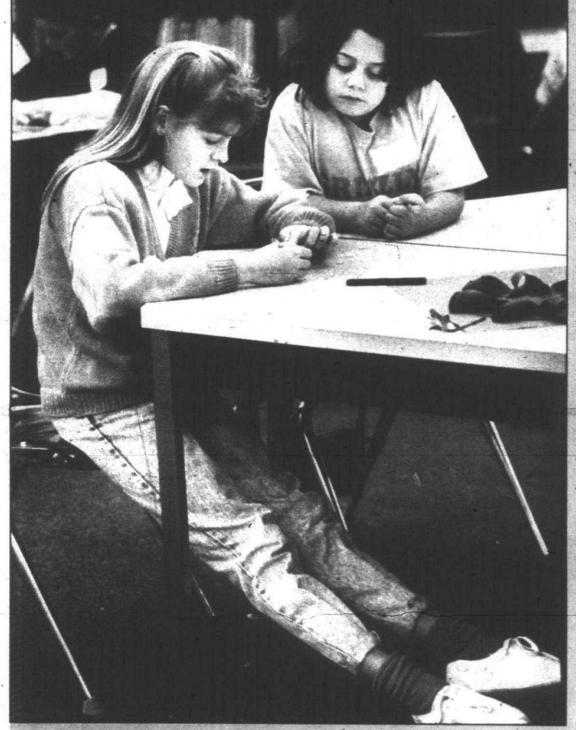
"I think No. 1, it's the ability to relate to someone they've not met before," he said. The project helps make students aware of the world beyond their own school.

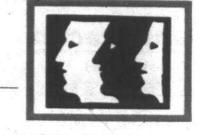
WEST TEACHERS involved in the project are Donna Sarrach, Lynn Opatrny, Jan Woodford, Fred McMaster and Jodi Ring. Teachers from Pioneer are Taffy Farrand, Ron Hembree, Candi Reece and Carole Broöks:

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

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

Students from both schools were





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Pen pals Mandy Schwartz of Rionser (left) and Verona Periongo of West play a word

game during the get-together at Pioneer.

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

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

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

# Songs bring tidings of joy

#### **By Julie Brown** staff writer

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



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

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

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

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

photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer Musicians sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" during the candlelight procession at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

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

### clubs in action

#### . VOYAGERS SINGLES Voyagers Singles will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at St. Paul's Mile, Livonia. The group is for singles age 45 and older. A-"white elephant" card party will be held. Those attending should bring a "white elephant" gift in an unsealed brown paper bag. The public may at-tend. Refreshments will be served.

#### WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). There will be snacks and a budget bar. For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

#### TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

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

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night Singles will hold a 'Pre-New Year's Warm-Up Dance" Saturday, Dec. 29, at Roma's of Garden City, on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. The dance is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the not line, 277-4242.

#### NEW YEAR'S PARTY

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

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

#### NEW YEAR'S DANCE

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

#### SENIOR TOUR CLUB

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

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#### ATTENTION DEFICIT

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

#### WOMAN'S CLUB

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

#### **TRAIL WALK**

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

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

#### NOVI PLAYERS

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

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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

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

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

#### CLUB DONATION

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

#### CIVITAN CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is a community service organization for men and women. It meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month for a business meeting at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Italian Cucina, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, for a dinner meeting and program. For more information, call, 981-2411 or 981-7259.

#### MORNING PLAY GROUPS The Canton Newcomers Club

ponsors morning play groups. Groups meet 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday and Friday. For more in formation, call 981-9197.

#### DUNGEONS AND

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

#### JAYCEES

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

#### TOASTMASTERS

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

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Livonia. For more information, call 591-1350. LAMAZE EDUCATION

#### The Lamaze Childbirth Education

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

#### MUSEUM FUN

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

#### NEW BEGINNINGS

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

#### BRIDGE GROUP

othy Shaffer, 459-2206.

The "Party Bridge Group" meets 1-4 p.m. every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525

Farmer. Singles and couples who enjoy playing bridge may attend. For more information, call Boyd or Dor-

#### SYMPHONY COOKBOOK

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

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#### Couple marks 50th anniversary

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

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

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

The Kimbles met while in high school and married shortly thereaft Ray Kimble's retirement activi- er. They lived in Linden, Mich., for ties have included work with the their first 24 years of marriage, Plymouth Council on Aging and moving to Plymouth in 1964. They remained in Plymouth until 1987.

### engagements

#### Krohn-Quinn

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

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

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

A late June wedding is planned in Elkton

### new voices

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

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# Decorations Vietnam veterans take top honors for their efforts



#### By Julie Brown staff writer

A patriotic theme was favored when local Vietnam veterans decorated their group's Christmas tree. The tree in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park is decorated with

small American flags and with red, white and blue ribbons and orna ments. Members of the Plymouth-Canton Chapter No. 528 of Vietnam Veterans of America took firstplace honors for their efforts. "I'm really pleased. It's great for

the chapter," said Greg Huddas, president of the group. "They were oping for that

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ter. We're trying to get involved in the community as much as possi Chapter members served as tell-

ringers for the Salvation Army's red kettle campaign this holiday season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

-Greg Huddas Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans

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current situation in the Middle Eas and hope another war doesn't start. but don't take to the streets to pro

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

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

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

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

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

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# Musicians bring a message of peace

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"People love to look at harps." said Johns, an associate professor of music at the University of Michigan. THIS IS the fifth year the concert has taken place at Our Lady of Good Counsel

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

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

Rehearsal for the concert began in trouble getting into the Christmas Carols." spirit during Halloween.

"No, they love to start. That's the big draw, to start singing Christmas **REPRESENTATIVES FROM dif-**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

thing. "The live music is unusual in this day and age." Each year's concert includes a

number of carols for everyone to sing. The sing-along portion of the program is popular with concertgoers. A good singing voice isn't required to participate.

"The Lord says Make Moyful noise That doesn't necessarily have to be music, she said.

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# **Building bridges**

# He works to increase understanding of other faiths

#### By Loraine McClish staff writer

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

standing. Sometimes he calls bringing the Christian, the Jew, the Muslim and, most recently, the black together as

"my calling," Sometimes he calls it "building bridges." The Farmington Hills resident inherited that calling of building bridges when his grandfather, a Jew from Russia, was befriended and learned the ways of America from a Dutch Christian in Indiana. Not too long after that, the Dutchman accepted Michlin's grand uncle into his home and did the same thing for him. 84

But when it was time for his grandmother to come to the United States she balked at having anything to do have 250,000 Arabs here, one of the largest communities with a Christian.

"She was afraid the family's religion would be diluted, or the entire family was going to fall apart, or they would all be converted to Christianity," Michlin said. "It was a very real fear for her. She believed all Christians weather, anything but religion. Here (at the round table) were bad and nothing good could come out of that situa- we do talk about religion and what we accomplish is

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

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

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

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

"It was right that we be the first to do this because we in the U.S.," he said. "And a Muslim is now the head of our interfaith round table. I consider that great progress. "So many times if a Christian and Jew and Muslim did

get together they would talk about baseball, politics, the exposing each other's prejudices."

years. He is an ardent worker on the Detroit Action Com- something that had to be done and the time was right, mittee for Soviet Jews. He was the first to arrange for a visiting archbishop to

be welcomed by the Jewish community here. And he arranged for the first Christian to ever speak from a Jewish pulpit - at least in the northwest sub-

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

group he initiated called American Arabic and Jewish "We make no attempts to solve the problems in the

Mideast," he said. "There are enough problems right here to be solved."

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

"About two years ago I started the Black-Jewish Dialogues. I was hesitant about this because I was afraid I local. You do whatever you can do right where you are."

He has been a member of B'nai B'rith for more than 40 was going to be spreading myself too thin. But it was he said. ~ The next on his things-to-be-done list is a class for

Jews who will be taught about Christianity by rabbis. "The Christians are way ahead on this one," he said. "The Christians have attended model Seders and have been learning about our Festival of Lights for at least

the past 30 years. "The new classes (to be given in Midrisha, a branch of United Hebrew School) will be sponsored by B'nai B'rith But what he is most proud of now is the success of a and are the first of their kind in Detroit."

> MICHLIN IS one of a kind. For all the work, he's done in the area of ecumenism if he has a counterpart in the world - one who gives as much time and energy to the subject as he does - he is not aware of it. When The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian

> Studies opened in Southfield about eight years ago, it was almost a given that Michlin would become involved. Of that he said "I know (the Rev.) Jim Lyons doesn't have a counterpart. He is utterly unique. He is the only

> full-time minister in the country that heads up an ecumenical institute "He is known internationally, but our work is very

of God Church. The group includes Brian

Wieneke, Joyce Halbert, Paul and Ann

north of Michigan Avenue in Canton.

The reality of combat is anything but a game

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

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

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

AS TIME goes by, this fact is more evident. War must be turned into a political process and a peaceful solution must be found. Old problems must be addressed. How differ-

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

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world will be forced to turn against America, Europe and Israel. What would a war in this area do

getting smaller. A newly dawning that wars never end? Who will talk desire for religious understanding will be set back 100 years. Indeed, a war in the Middle East will become a holy war. Holy wars

prevent peace on earth. Such is the truth. To liken war to a football game is a moral obscenity. It is a little like saying that rape is a game. Unfortunately, the war is a game image

was hallowed by people in the past. The Kennedys projected this image of the world. Is America convinced that sports prepares men to win in business and in war. Sports is considered clean, American male play. The image of the Kennedys was that of the weekend football player.

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

game will not die. It is obviously a Church in Detroit.

part of the military mind witnessed by Calvin Walker's statement. Who will stand up and say that to religious tolerance? The world is war is immoral? Who will point out

to us in terms of human lives and dreams rather than oil, military bases, paving the enemy back? Who will say that God does not want us to kill? Who will tell us what it costs to turn our young men into killers?

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

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

FOR TOO MANY the image con- The Rev. David T. Strong is pasfusion of war and a clean, sports tor of Central United Methodist



### Watch Night

The Downings, recording artists from Nashville, Tenn., will perform during a "Watch Night Service" beginning 9 p.m. New Year's Downing. The church is at 2100 Hannan, Eve. Monday, Dec. 31, at Tri-City Assembly

### church bulletin

every Thursday in The Observer. he Livonia office by noon the Monday prior to publication. Early deadlines will apply for holiday editions. Material for the

Thursday, Jan. 3. edition must be received by noon Friday, Dec. 28. CARING EVANGELISM

St. Matthew. United Methodist

10:00 a.m.

The church bulletin is published Church in Livonia will offer a Community Chorus performed recourse, "Caring Evangelism: How to cently at Our Lady of Sorrows oformation must be received in Live and Share Christ's Love." The Church in Farmington Hills. The course helps Christians grow in their show featured guest soloist Bettye faith and confidently share Christ in Stines, a contraito. Stines, an accomresponse to the requests and needs of others

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

#### SINGING EVANGELIST

gelist," will be in concert 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Bethel Baptist Church, 29474 W. Six Mile, Livonia A nursery and toddler service will be provided. Ballach was severely injured

were riding was hit by a car in 1975. After 14 operations, his leg eventual ly had to be amputated in 1980. Since the accident, Ballach has earned a degree in theology at Baptist Bible Baptist Church in Detroit.

#### MORNING OUT

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

#### • TELECONFERENCE

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

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#### Rick Ballach, "The Singing Evan- • WARD CHURCH

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

#### NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Sacred Heart Activities Center 29125 W. Six Mile, one block east of College East. He was ordained into Middlebelt, Livonia, will have a New the preaching ministry at Temple Year's Eve party Monday, Dec. 31. Cocktails will be served 7 p.m., dianer § p.m. Live entertainment will include The Together Band. Price is First United Methodist Church, \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit the building fund. For information, call 261-8560

#### KEN LEE

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

#### BUDDHISM

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

#### WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word, a women's Bible study group, Will meet 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays at Detroit First Church of the Nazareńe, 21260 Haggerty, off I-275 and north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills.

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# Living history

# Bringing historic events into area classrooms

#### By Jay M. Grossman staff writer

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At the age of 8 he was sold to a plantation in Mississippi, where he was forced to work the cotton fields 14 hours a day. He was without an education, and

his family was left behind in Virginia. His possessions included a carpet bag, a Bible and a tag around his neck stamped with his owner's name His name was Simon Turner and

he was a slave. The year was 1858, and across the

country an angry debate was stirring over the idea of one person owning It was a debate the country would

eventually decide in one of the bloodiest conflicts known to man - the American Civil War. And trapped in the middle were thousands of blacks, most of whom were born into slav- there the two travel to Detroit to set erv and had no idea what the concept up an underground railroad. of freedom truly meant.

Welcome to Living History It's a program produced by His-

toric Fort Wayne designed to teach been playing the character of Simon children — and adults — about the Turner since 1988. brutality of slavery and the daring escapes many blacks made to the north during the slavery years.

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday

January 7, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, to consider a request for the following special land

use as provided for in Section 27.03 C. of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance

The request is to permit the location of an auto restoration refinishing and

detailing shop in the Damavoletes Office/Warehouse Complex on Koppernick Road. (Parcel No. 008-99-0001-021).

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ry of the property being considered for special use.

Road. A Public Hearing on the special land use may be requested by any proper-

ty owner or the occupant of any structure located within 300 feet of the bounda

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

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

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

teach people major events in history by literally bringing those events into the classroom.

Canada, where he meets the famous abolitionist Josiah Henson, From

'I think we've all been in a history to sleep," said McDaniels, who's

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

Living History, he said, is a way to

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Planning Commission Chairman

presentation include a wooden broom that was used during traditional slave marriages, and a cat-onine tails which the overseers - or "straw bosses" - used to punish runaway slaves. "We show them the good - and

**PROPS USED** during McDaniel's

we show them the bad," said McDaniels. "In one part of my program we have this festive marriage ceremony that has a couple from the audience umping over the broom and into the land of matrimony. "And then we jump to another

part where a different member from audience is a captured slave who has the fun of getting whipped 100 times with a cat-o-nine tails. Following the 45-minute program,

McDaniels holds a guestion-and-answer period with the audience. At a recent performance in Rochester Hills, a group of children at the Ro-

as told by a Union soldier, and one person's battle in the early 1900s to gain equal rights for women. "We're actors and historians, said McDaniels. "We're there to en-

tertain, but we're also trying to stay as close to history as possible."

chester Historical Museum wanted

to know what happened to Simon

Turner - and whether it was true

"The students have a very vivid

imagination," said McDaniels. "Most

of the time they want to know i

Simon Turner gets whipped, or in

people are still out there looking for

if slavery still exists," he said with a

nause. "That was a fun one to an-

Other programs produced by Liv-

ing History include a segment on the

first Detroit settlers, the Civil War

"One student, I remember, asked

that slaves were treated so badly.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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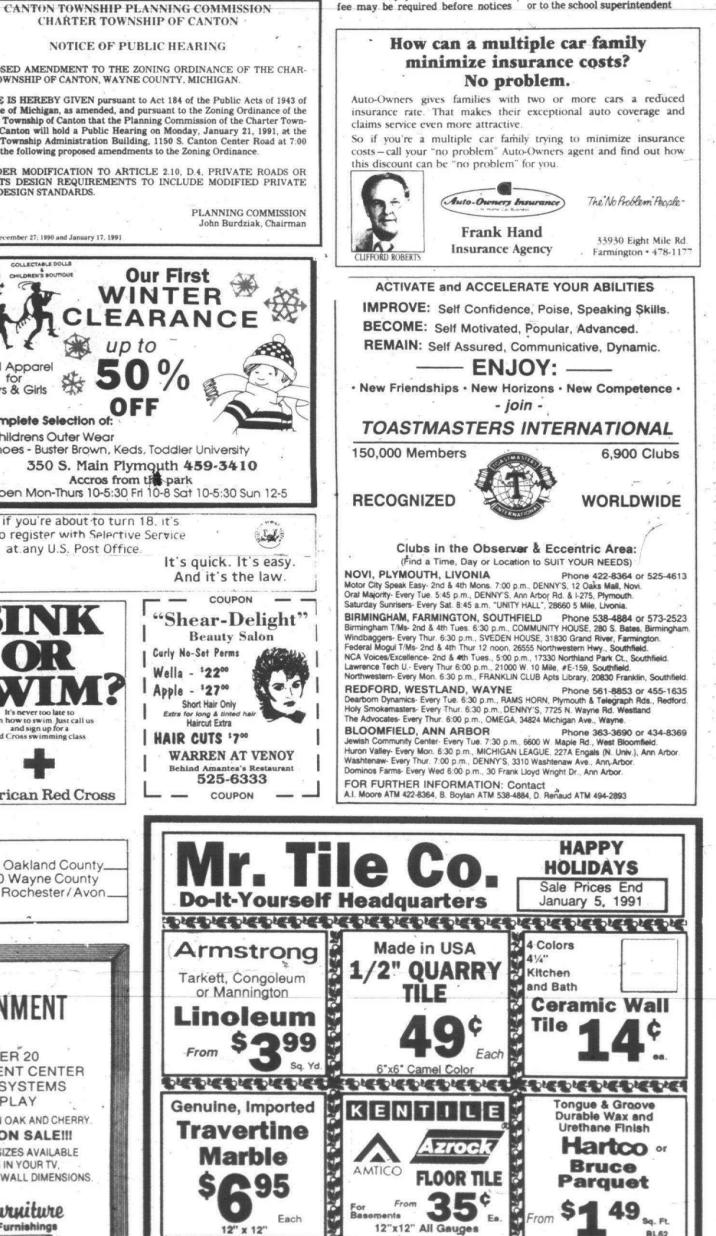
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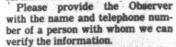
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Astronomers seek Star of Bethlehem

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

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

the Christmas Star, we must look back in time. Of all the astronomical objects that were visible to the wise men, what did they actually see? Looking into the past gives rise to another question: How far into the past do we look? When was the time of the wise men and the birth of Jesus? That's very difficult to determine. Back in antiquity, birth records for only the most important people were made, so we can't simply look up a record of birth. Besides, the calendar in use at the time was very different from the one we use today. It was based on the legendary founding of the city of Rome. In our attempt to calculate a date for the birth, we must take clues from early historical records. The first clue is a direct statement from the Bible: "Now when Jesus was born in the Bethlehem in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to



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

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

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

ber Herod died around 4 B.C.), we are left with the decree of 8 B.C.

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

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

In order to avoid Roman persecution, early Christians had to practice their religion in secret. The best time to have a Christian celebration was when the Romans were having a pagan festival. The Roman Saturnalia was held around the end of December, so if the Christians chose to celebrate an event, such as the birth of Jesus, during the same time, they would not be noticed. It wasn't until over 400 years later that Dec. 25 was may have been chosen only because. after 400 years, it would have become a major tradition. So let us consider the spring of 7 B.C. and see if anything spectacular was occurring in the sky that might have been interpreted as the star.

Thursday, December

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

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

within four verses in Matthew Chapter 2, and never with any explana-

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"For we have seen his star in the east, . . . "(Matthew 2:2) "Then Herod, when he had privately called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star had appeared." (Matthew 2:7)

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

joiced with exceeding great joy. (Matthew 2:10) To the early skywatcher, the plan-

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

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

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



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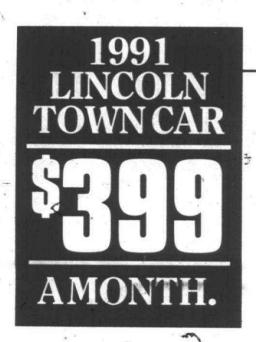


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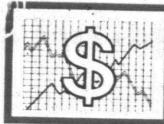
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# Auto show spawns more than vehicle sales

# Related services pay off

#### By Doug Funke staff writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Work is fun but tough

#### By Doug Funke staff writer

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

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

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

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

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

"I STUDY on the road constantly," she said. "It's been diffi-Please turn to Page 2

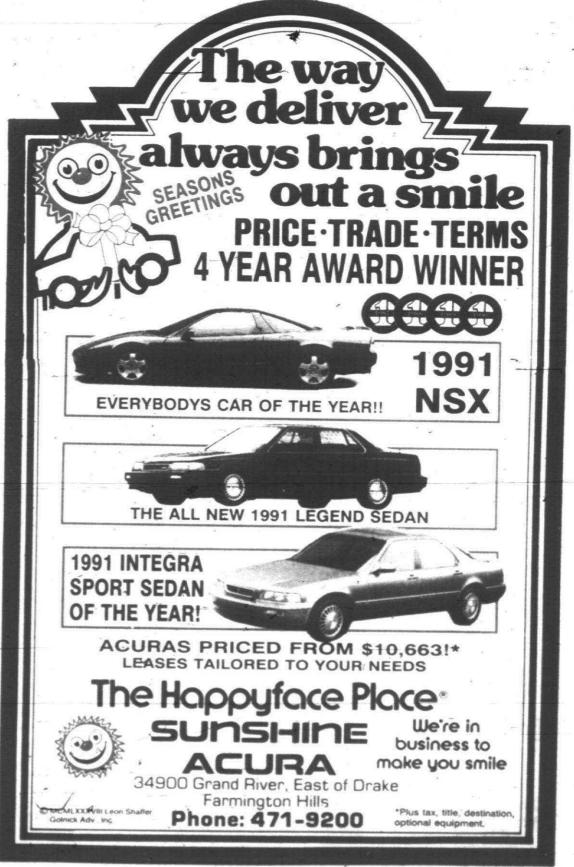
# Thrift bucks S&L mess with charter conversion

#### By Gerald Frawley staff writer

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

Even in Michigan, where the industry is relatively healthy, having the word thrift associated with a financial institution is like leprosy. It's bad for business, it's bad for public relations and

it's bad for business, it's bad for public relations and it's bad for morale. Which is why Franklin Savings Bank, a savings and Franklin Savings is the first thrift in the Midwest and only the second in the nation to receive conversion approval.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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must agree to a conversion.

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

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

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# Change seen benefiting all

#### By Geraid Frawley staff writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **Detroit auto show spawns related business** 1990: It was a very odd year for auto makers

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

Narrators can earn from \$135 to \$650 per day depending on experi-ence, credentials and what they're asked to do. Rice said. But because Detroit is still consid-

ered the Vatican of the auto busiess, Rice said, most narrators are hired here in April to work the exhibition circuit through the following March

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

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

THE FLOOR specialists will earn upwards of \$200-300 daily, narrators \$160-250, she said.

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

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

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#### - GMC Truck manager Jim Wagner

tasks relating to the show. "They will do credentialing. Many

buyers.'

women will greet dignitaries from Paris, Tokyo; many women will sell tickets," she said. Those jobs, which pay \$7-10 per

hour, often are used as stepping stones to narrator and product specialist jobs, Guenther said. Guenther also placed about 20 in

exhibits with Buick, Hyundai, Ford and Pon THEN THERE are opportunities for local talent with ambitions other

than mouthpieces for manufactur-"We're doing all the domestic manufacturers parties, 15, easy," Rice said. Most will be afterglows

following the charity preview Jan. 11, and the fare varies. "One party has a 22-piece big

band, another a trio," he said. A" large orchestra could command

about \$3,000 for three hours work; a piano player \$135-250, Rice said. Chrysler will feature a five-piece jazz band for its party, said Peter Brown, shows and exhibit specialist for Chrysler. "I told the agency in this particular case what I wanted

- a nice piano, bass, drums playing mellow, light music for the 45-65year-old group," he said. Entertainment Connection of Southfield has booked a trio for a

dealership party and Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band for a breakfast, said Karen Hall, a sales agent.

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

ment to supplement the narrators.

"The difference between state and

federally chartered banks isn't very cy."

Savings has done, Moran said.

"We've got eight dancers for Chevrolet, the Chevy Thunder Danc-ers, and eight dancers for Toyota, Team Toyota Dancers," Rice said. Troy. Her agency will supply 70 nar-They can expect to make \$150-250 rators and floor people for the Deper day and hit the road for other big troit show and another 60 for four. domestic shows.

"It's pretty tough to get a job," Rice said of the dancers. "We looked at 160, the client looked at 80." National talent sometimes supple ments local entertainers.

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

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

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

"We feel to a certain extent it gets people more hands on, involved in

Comptroller of Currency just be-

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products," said Donald Schmid, display and exhibits manager for Chrysler. "They get into vehicles." Thrift plans change to avoid S&L mess

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"The industry has become much more technical," said Barbara McIntosh, owner of Affiliated Models of

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other auto shows around the country at the same time. "Schtick has gone to a technical level." McIntosh said. "It's more to inform the public than just enter-

# Auto show work is fun but tough

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cult, but I've been doing it. There's also time for fun. "We're out every morning sightseeing. At night, we go out on the town," she

Kulczycki, who expects to graduate from Eastern Michigan University next year, suspects this will be her last time around the circuit.

"We're usually ready to come home when a show is over. But we're ready to go, too," she said.

Kolodziej, 20, of Westland is in her second year narrating for Hyundai "It's a stepping stone, starting off with what I want to do," she said.

The public contact work also comelements schooling at Henry Ford Community College in preparing for an eventual career in broadcasting. "It's exciting. I'm traveling all over the U.S. It is very good money.

You cash your check and say, 'Isn't this great?' "Kolodziej saidings and loans will convert to state- much," he said. "It may be easier to chartered banks, rather than feder- deal with the state financial institu-

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

"The girls I work with, you get to be close friends," she said. "You live cause the public demands it."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Savings and loan risk and core capital requirements were much more lenient before FIRREA. Franklin plans to meet its risk and

core capital requirements by selling off some loans and raising capital through the sale of preferred and common stock. Christian said.

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

Moran said there is some question as to whether savings and loans as and there stocks will not increase in an industry can even survive the new regulations. "People in the industry seem to be coming to the consensus there is no future for the thrift indus-

"Broadly speaking, FIRREA created a new standard for thrifts for 1990 and beyond," Moran said. "It brings into question whether the savings and loan industry can even sur- being a pioneer demands. Basically, the regulations do two

things, he said. First, it stipulates a thrift must have 70 percent of its loan portfolio in residential mort-

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

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

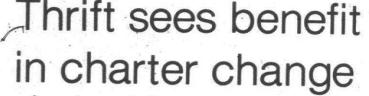
"The problem is that while residential mortgages are low risk, they don't generate much of a profit," he said. "If they must keep the same capital, they will never make enough money to have a rate of return that will keep the stockholders happy, Stockholder dividends will level off value, he said.

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

Smaller thrifts will have difficulty raising enough capital to convert or will not have the wherewithal to convert, Moran said It's more likely that existing sav-



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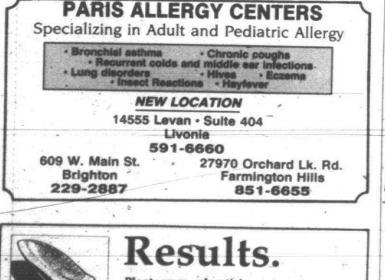
Christian said Borrowers, Christian continued, will benefit because they will have a wider pool of competing institutions offering loans - especially when one of those competitors in an aggressive financial institution like Franklin Savings that has its eyes lin Savings has been waiting for the set on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

"We have the capital to compete with larger banks, but are small knowing the fate of that decision,' enough to offer small bank ser- she said, "has affected employee vices," she said. Institutions with reserved growth strategies would be hard pressed to build assets of more whether Franklin Savings would surthan \$400 million in the seven years vive or not - even as a thrift, the Franklin has been in existence,

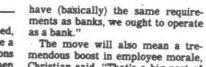
Christian said And finally, employees benefit by having the burden of extensive re- knowing whether the application for porting and regulations removed.

sion to approve the conversion. "Not morale. Christian said the question wasn't

conversion would be approved or not "As we saw it, if we were going to was constantly on people's minds.



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Christian said. "That's a big part of it, too." For more than a year now, Frank-

Office of the Comptroller of Currenof and the Office of Thrift Supervi-

savings and loan could have been profitable - but once the company set the course to follow, simply not

There's no question been an odd year for the auto industry, what with 1990 taking stabs at time or another at emulating 1929, 1932, 1936, 1942, and even 1893, the memorable year the Baring Brothers Merchant Bank failed in London, which created a financial panic and a run on gold that nearly ruined John Quincy Adams II, bringing home the point that even the Republicans get a little crazy at times. . Actually, 1990 was shaping up to be something of a showdown in the showrooms when it got started, what with the incredible flood of new models coming from the Japanese and even a new car from Volkswagen, of all things.

Then, things began getting a little soft economically, and we decided to face off with Iraq, and all bets were owned car plants. All in a single

auto talk Dan 1 GL McCosh

#### Not that the bets were covered to

begin with. Someone decided to make 1990 a fast-forward of the whole decade of the 1970s with a strange combination of government legislation, a reinvented environmentalist movement, a credit crunch and the establishment on U.S. soil of foreign-

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

That alone would have been

down about 10 percent or so - noth- profits. ng like the big dive in 1974.

tion nobody seems to ask - exactly slide in the U.S., anyway? Pretty much as you would expect - by buying out their U.S. investors, then cutting back on U.S. operations to salvage some profits. Forget any paternalism or lifetime employment. On the other hand. Honda distrib-

1990 is that with all the uted profit-sharing based on its shocks, any one of which would have worldwide operations, something no been sufficient to justify a serious U.S. company has seen fit to offer its sales collapse, the overall car mar- U.S. employees, which get their ket stayed remarkably strong, albeit share based only on North American

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On the hardware side, 1990 goes The big stuff did, however, tend to down as the year safety began to sell overshadow some fairly significant seriously, with the acceptance of anevents that otherwise might have tilock brakes and something akin to gained some attention. The troubles at Subaru, for example, which demonstrate something about the ques- Also left behind, Saturn gets the chance to seriously one-up the competition with what was otherwise an

> outstanding effort. Other odd things happened, includ

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

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

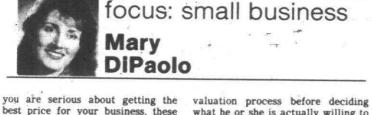
It was, of course, the swan son for Roger Smith, who managed dumb-dumb of the year award for end his reign at GM as the farthest how do the Japanese react to a bad ignoring the airbag, missing a thinking, and most shortsighted chairman in history, leaving history to decide what is most important. Meanwhile, after a taking a good

look at what is coming up in Janu ary, the auto business decided to do what we are all doing now. Hold its breath.

### In fact, the one amazing thing It takes a pro to estimate the value of a business

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

After all, it's one thing to state how much you believe your business is worth; it's quite another to get it is you are selling. It is common for not want to include these items in within a reasonable time frame. If



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reputable business valuation expert, an owner to go through the business the sale. Conveying a clear and

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mation and documentation from the owner, it takes approximately three

to four weeks to prepare the final report, which is usually 30-50 pages in For more information about business valuations, readers can call 540-6600

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# A thought for the new year

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

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

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

coming year. "I wish I were honest enough to stand admit all my shortcomings:

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human frailties; brilliant enough to accept flattery wise enough to recognize my mis-

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

# Errors could mean mortgage refunds

#### **By John Cunniff** staff writer

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

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

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

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

ulated incorrectly. rates at institutions around the country and calls itself the nation's largest publisher of mortgage information, says errors could involve wrong arithmetic.

Adjustable rate mortgages, or to the nearest one-eighth percent. found errors in a large percentage of ARMS, are changed on a regular basis by rises or declines in an independent index. Most ARMs, says HSH, add a mar- handy little booklet and worksheet.

adjustment, which might occur at ciates, 1200 Route 23, Butler, N.J. six months or a year

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

possibilities for error: -The servicer, or company to which a borrower sends Layments. HSH Associates, which tracks might select a monthly index value

instead of a weekly one. -It might use the wrong date, and thus the wrong index value.

-An incorrect margin might be dates, wrong indexes and just poor added to the index value. In some cases, the sum might not be rounded

But, say the folks at HSH, it can be done by the homeowner with access to a newspaper and, of course, their gin or mark-up to the index at each It is available for \$3 from HSH Asso-

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DIRECTORY at the Westin Hotel in Detroit. Speaker: Robin Sternbergh, vice president and area general manager for IBM Corp. Information: 963-5088.

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**Business offers sports cards for fans, collectors** 

#### By Linda Lee Sparkman pecial writer

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

wide Exchange and Collectibles, in card on through their current year Wayne, feels they are making wise card. Other collectors work on col-

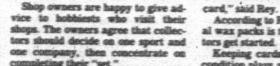
oday, Pashigian said.

In addition to possibly making a help in many areas of life.

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

get into trouble.

Stores provide collectors with a wide selection of sport cards includ-ing baseball, football, hockey, bas-little lottery tickets." Older wax variety of companies that produce ers and "for a \$75 pack of 1986-1987 and Upper Deck.



A set may be a team set, or a set Sam Pashigian, owner of World- of one player from their rookie year lecting a complete set of players the company that produced the set.

of Merriman.

But, if a collector buys individual wax packs, working toward a com- hobby. plete set, they have the opportunity to obtain duplicates of key players, that can be traded or sold for cards "These kids are well behaved," he says. So, there are pos-said. "You rarely see them steal, or sible advantages for the collector either way.

"It's always exciting to open a thall and others. There are also a packs are still available from dealthe cards like Score, Donruss, Topps, Fleer basketball cards, you still have a chance at a \$300 Michael Jordan

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

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

There are several ways to store The Wall Street Journal rated who played pro that year. Complete and protect cards and comies, from sports card collecting as one of the sets can be purchased from dealers cardboard boxes and backings, to incands.

Magazines and books are availercise memory techniques that can Richard Rey of A to Z, on Ford west giving collectors updated card and comic values and other helpful or entertaining information about their

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

Tourangeau, a full-time Ford Motor employee, enjoys the business and says he likes working with kids mation from the kids, as well as give tended card shows there. them information," he says.

For Tourangeau, the only real to their plan and "don't run after the drawback to the business is "sorting fads, like the error cards. They nevcommons," which is organizi er never get their money back," he cards that are worth only about said. "One hundred percent of the

three or four cents each. Sorting commons isn't as distasteful to Odetalla of Play Ball.

Odetalla, who recommends collec-

tors follow their sport closely and op five investments you can make for about \$20 to \$50 depending on dividual acrylic cases for special try to determine who may have a good year, found plenty of Cecil Fielder cards in the "common" files profit collectors enjoy a great way THIS IS the best way to insure you able at the shops for collectors to at a card show this spring in Atlantic to home organizational skills and ex-City. "Cards that were 10 to 15 cents less to spend on their hobby." a piece jumped to \$20 or \$30 this

summer," he said. Odetalla dropped out of law school pack at the store and get the card they've been looking for. "People in order to devote his time to what he really enjoyed - sport card and comic collecting. So far, he hasn't jump up and down like they won the lotto," he says.

been sorry. For a few years he worked card shows. "Twe been to shows all over the country," he said. brothers come from a collectors ODETALLA OPENED Play Ball comes from stamp collecting," says in August with Fred Farhat, a long-Richard.

time friend who became interested and because "its like you never have in collecting after Odetalla took him is in, but all collectibles are cyclic,"

to grow up. I also get a lot of infor- to New York for company as he at- ' he says. "They will slow down sooner Odetalla arges collectors to stick

time they go down in value. Usually

Odetalla says there are two type

of collectors, "investors and collec-

tors." Investors might buy up rookie

cards by the hundreds hoping to cash

Collectors, on the other hand are

more specialized and usually have

Odetalla enjoys working with col-

lectors, especially when they open a

Richard and Michael Rey are co-

owners of A to Z in Garden City. The

family. "My father's sole support

in on future stars, he explained.

in about a month."

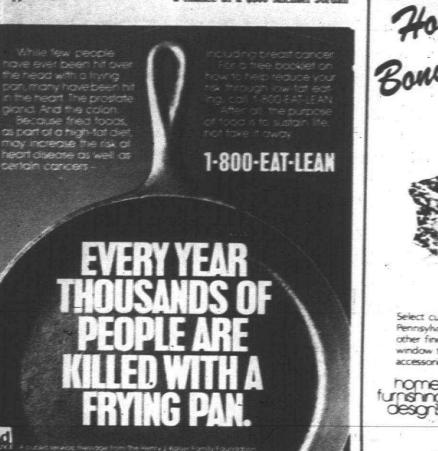
The brothers opened their Garden City store about five years ago. They were owners of a stamp and coin shop in Dearborn before that time. Richard feels fortunate to be able

to make a living doing something he really enjoys, although he admits he might make more money doing something else.

HE ADVISES collectors to keep their cards in good condition and to keep them organized, so they will be able to find what they're looking for. "Cards should be organized first by company, then by year and then by numerical order," he suggests.

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

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

#### By Dan Greenberg special writer

how you define "best." The hallmark of a

good film, at least to those who pay the enormous production costs, is what's lined up at the box office. "If a film sells tickets," many in the business claim, "it's a good

film." So look at the Top Ten box office receipts for your answer. Considering current expenses, that's an understandable position.

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

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

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

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

Their critical acclaim and sense of values are another type of "good." Not all films need to be rock-n-roll/ teenage/slasher fare or obscure, often boring, essays on art, philosophy, life and love. This country's pleasure orientation, however, tends toward for 1990. materialistic rewards and that satisfaction is costly

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Sometimes all those qualities come together. That certainly seems million) and, number six, "Die Hard to be the case with "Ghost," by far 2" (\$155.3 million). Both feature pop-7 HAT WERE 1990's best the top film of 1990. As of Dec. 13, it ular stars (Arnold Schwarzenegger films? It depends on had collected \$200.4 million at the and Bruce Willis) in exciting, shoot-U.S. box office with another \$144.5 · em-up adventure films. All that viomillion overseas. "GHOST," WHICH I called the

"sleeper of the summer," came out of nowhere and is characterized by an unusual concept as well as excel lent production values. Number two on the box office list, "Pretty Womap," which brought in \$178.1 million, adds a fresh touch to an old concept with widespread appeal. Both have something special going

because they deal with redemption something that attracts most of us. In "Pretty Woman," Julia Roberts is a prostitute and her special customer is a big shooter on Wall Street, Richard Gere. This unlikely couple save themselves through the love that evolves out of their initial business relationship. It's remarkable how much an excellent produc-

tion can do for a cliche story. The rich breath of romance makes "Pretty Woman" successful In "Ghost," Patrick Swayze hangs around after death to protect his lover, Demi Moore, and that dedication father III," "Bonfire of the Vanisaves her while liberating him. The serious thought behind that concept Witness "Cinema Paradiso" and and the top-notch production values. of course, are a big part of "Ghost's"

success. There's a big drop to the number three slot, in dollars as well as quality, with "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" drawing \$131 million of what might be characterized as junior, fad dollars. Number four at \$120.5 million, "The Hunt for Red October," has a ('89) ended.

major draw in Sean Connery, whose "Russia House" may do for the '91 box office what "Red October" did

In close contention for the number for number 10 at around \$80 million.

five spot are "Total Recall" (\$118.3 lence may not be good for us, but neither is chocolate

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

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

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

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

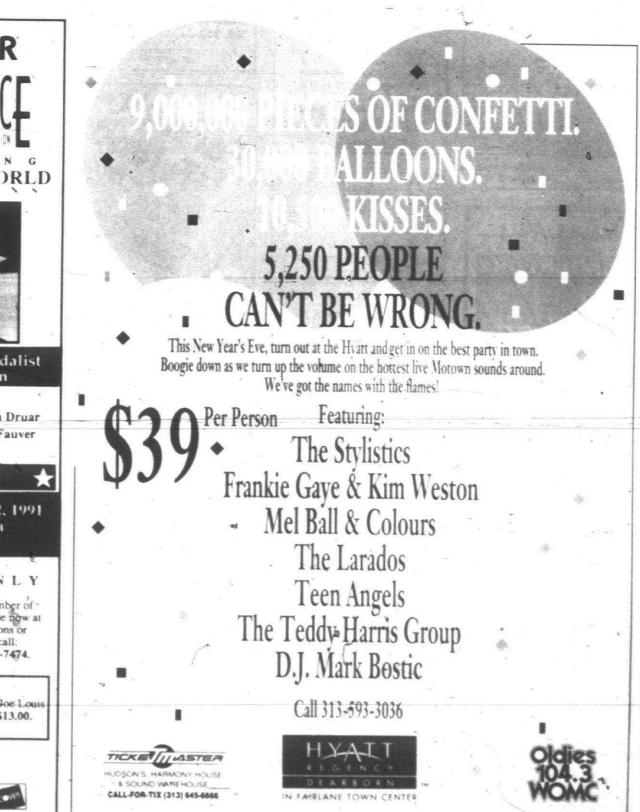
Number nine, "Presumed Innocent" (\$86.2 milion) is followed by "Another 48 Hours" and "Back to the Future, Part 3" both looking to tie



Demi Moore (left) and Patrick Gwayze star in "Ghost," a suspense-thriller. The love story is



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





the top box-office draw of 1990.

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#### things to do

MEADOW BROOK

"What I Did Last Summer, urtly autobiographical play by A. R. Gurney Jr.' begins a four-week run at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University near Rochester. As in Gurney's other plays ("The Dining Room," which was proters"), "What I Did Last Summer" social values of the American white middle class. Tickets for "What I Did Last Summer" may be arranged by calling (313) 377-3300. Group res- For further information, please call ing (313) 370-3316.

. CROSSING DELANCEY Ridgedale Players, in Troy, is the first Detroit-area theater to present Susan Sandler's delightful romantic comedy, "Crossing Delancey." Hailed as "the Jewish 'Moonstruck" by critics, the film version featured Amy Irving and Peter Reigert as a pair of unlikely lovers from opposite sides of the track. Dates and show imes are: Friday and Saturday, Jan. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 13, t 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18 and 19, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25 and 26, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 27, 3 4717. p.m. (matinee). Price of tickets are • NEW YEAR'S \$8, with a \$1 senior citizens discount

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Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma," hailed as one of the mile-The Incredible Acrobats of China stones of the American musical theater, has been booked for a threenight run at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. A cast of 40 singtakes place from 1:30-2:15 p.m. in ers, dancers and musicians of the touring New York-based Opera Northeast will present fully staged and costumed performances at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, nese magic and illusion such as chair Jan. 10-12, as part of Macomb Cénstacking and bench balancing. In ad- ter's current Broadway Series. Tickdition, a mini assortment of their ets are \$22 for adults and \$20 for popular acts will be included. For students and senior citizens. They may be obtained at the center's box office or reserved on credit card by

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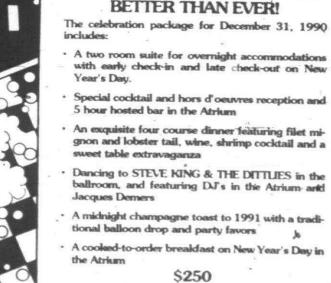
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vices as case management, counseling, social protection, homemaking, financial management, housing, meals and home help. Medical care and payment arrangements can also be provided.

In some instances protective ser-vices are requested for those who do not want the assistance. While the person's individual rights must be considered, if the Adult Protective Services worker finds that the individual is at risk of imminent serious harm, the worker may petition the court to make a determination as to the individual's capacity to make a decision. The court petition is filed only as a last resort in providing protective services.

It is the responsibility of the Adult Protective Services worker to investigate reports of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, endangerment and the vulnerability of older adults to protect themselves due to a mental or physical impairment or due to the frailties or dependencies brought about by advanced age.

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

Q. Do you have any helpful hints on what to bring for a short hospital stay. I have to go in for minor surgery for a few days and it would help if I know what I am supposed to bring. I'm 72 years old and this is the first time I have to be in the hospital

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

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

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

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

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

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

Renèe Mahler is a gerontologist and the Director of Communications and Admissions at a Rochester Hills nursing facility. Send your questions to her at Observer & Eccentric, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.



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# **Hockey haven** Area players back for GLI tourney

#### By C.J. Risak staff writer

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

The Spartans are just returning from the deep freeze a victory at the Great Western Freeze-Out Tourna-

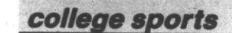
ment, in Los Angeles - and they are red-hot. Michigan Tech was struggling, but the Huskies have shown signs of life lately. They come to Detroit after a Western Collegiate Hockey Association road win at Denver Saturday.

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

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

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

Walt Bartels



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patrick Neaton of Redford is one of the University of Michigan's top defensemen, but he won't be playing this weekend in the Great



BOB KALMBACH Lakes Invitational Hockey Tournament. Neaton was selected for the U.S. team currently playing in Canada.

### Juggling lineups not enoug o lift

By Brad Emons staff writer

**Rob Tustian** 

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

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

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

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

6-foot-5 junior Bob Kummer, has been playing the lead guard role all season with mixed reviews. "Bobby's done it so far, but it pulls him away from the basket and that can be a drawback for him," said the CC coach. "And you know what he can do when he posts up inside."

Kummer had 15 points in a losing cause,

basketball

while the Shamrocks' other big gun, 6-4 Steve Whitlow, contributed 12. Ypsilanti, behind Shannon Williams' 15

first-half points, took a 33-25 lead at intermission.

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

"We started out OK, hung in there for awhile being down by only five or six, but eventually we got caught," Holowicki said Then we played hard again in the fourth quarter.

Williams the led winners with 18 points, while Wendell Rodgers and Wayne Minor contributed 17 and 10, respectively.

"Ypsi is so quick and the big kid (Williams) hurt us big-time," Holowicki said. He (Williams) is a big-time player, a major college player.'

CC returns to action Friday at home (7:30 p.m.) in a non-league encounter against St.

Clair Shores Lake Shore

The Shamrocks then open their Catholic League Central Division schedule Friday, Nov. 4 at home against Redford Bishop Bor-Pess

ST. AGATHA 61, MT. CARMEL 45: On Friday, Redford St. Agatha won its Catholic League C-D Division opener, snapping a threegame losing skid with a victory over visiting Wyandotte Mount Carmel.

The Aggies are 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the divi-sion, while the Comets slipped to 2-3 and 0-1.

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# Salem battles injuries

#### By C.J. Risal staff writer

To say the future of Plymouth Salem wrestling was on display Saturday might be taking the recent rash of Rock injuries a bit too far.

But you'd be half right.

Six of 13 starters were missing when Salem tangled with five other teams in a round-robin dual meet

tournament at Salem. Considering the competition, it isn't too surprising the Rocks won just one of its five duals

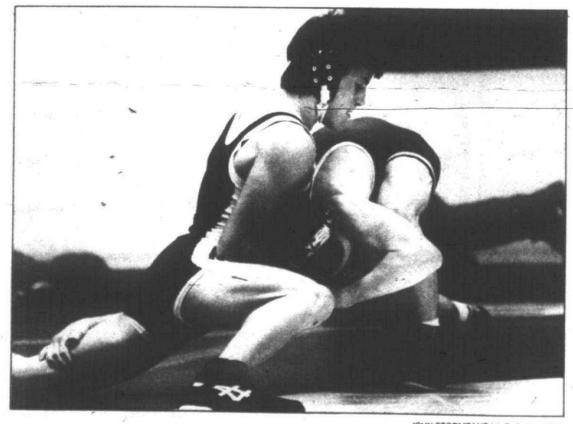
Holt was the champion of the day, winning all five of its duals. Belleville was next at 4-1, followed by Flint Kearsley (3-2), Adrian (2-3), Salem and Davison (0-5).

The Rocks beat Davison, which was also missing several starters,

60-18. They lost to Holt 52-21; Belle-ville 42-32; Kearsley 39-32; and Adrian 50-21.

Those out of the lineup were mostly from the upper weight classes; two of them, heavyweight Ken Coker and 160-pounder Tom Baker, could be lost for considerably more time. Coker is troubled by a bad back, and Baker has an injured knee.

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JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Chad Wilson of Salem was too much for Adrian's Jason Richardson in Saturday's five-team

dual. Indeed, Wilson was better than most he finished 4-1 on the day.



#### MEN'S RACQUETBALL

#### A men's racquetball league will begin play Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Rose Shores of Canton. Court times are 7:30 and 8 p.m. The fee for the 16-week season is \$100 and includes

all court time and prizes. Players can register in person or by mail at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., 48188. Call 397-5110 for infor mation.

#### HOLIDAY HOURS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Office will be closed until Wednesday, Jan. 2. The Plymouth Cultural Center will remain open during this time. However, the building will close at 2:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

#### OPEN SKATING

The Plymouth Cultural Center will have open skating through Sunday, Jan. 6, with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day and Saturdays, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5.

The fee is \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children. The skate rental fee is \$1. For daily times and other information call the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at 455-6620.

#### SKILESSONS

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Riverview Highlands, is offering a learn-to-ski program. The cost is \$46 for the four-lesson, two-week program.

Each week the participant will be given two, 45-minute ski lessons, two rental equipment sets and two lift tickets. Participants must be 8 years old. Junior lessons start at 5 p.m., adult lessons at 7 p.m.

There will be three sessions: the weeks of Jan. 7 and 14, Jan. 21/28 and Feb. 4/11. For information call the rec department at 455-6620.

#### SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for the Plymouth Soccer Club's spring season will take place during the month of January at the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. Registration begins Wednesday, Jan. 2, and ends Thursday, Jan. 31. Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligi-

The cost is \$34, and all new participants must bring a birth certificate when they register. The rec department will be open until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, for anyone unable to register during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). For infor-

group lessons will be Thursday, Jan.

District residents are \$23, Northville and Novi residents \$25 and non-residents of those communities \$27. Class sessions are once a week for

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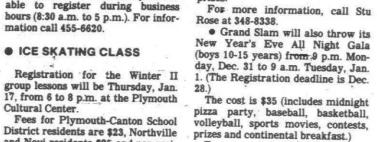
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. (The Registration deadline is Dec. The cost is \$35 (includes midnight pizza party, baseball, basketball, volleyball, sports movies, contests, prizes and continental breakfast )

prizes.

For more information, call Bob Shoemaker at 348-8338. A combination baseball/basketball camp (ages 6-14) will be

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begin the week of Jan. 21. For infor- Dec. 26 through Saturday, Dec. 29 at mation call the Plymouth Parks and Grand Slam. The cost is \$125 per person (full

day program) or \$65 (half-day ses-For more information, call 348-AAU girls basketball team, will have 8338.

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Recreation Department at 455-6620.

The Western Wayne Wildcats, an

registration and tryouts for 14- to

18-year-old players at 1 p.m. Sunday,

Jan. 6, at Northville High School.

Registration for 11- to 13-year-olds

will be at 3:30 p.m. the same day.

For information call Fred Thomann

at 459-7315 or 451-6600, extension

Canton Parks and Recreation Ser-

vices is offering the first of its teen

ski trips to Alpine Valley Ski Area on

Friday, Jan. 4. Teens without their

own equipment are welcome since

Alpine Valley has rentals available.

The fee is \$14 with equipment and

\$20 without. Call 397-5110 for de-

The Westland Federation Baseball -

Club is sponsoring a series of free

baseball clinics on hitting, fielding

and pitching mechanics for players

The first set of clinics will be from

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sun-

day, Dec. 29-30 at the Bailey Recre-

ation Center, 36651 Ford Road,

The second set of clinics will be

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11

and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday,

Jan. 12 at Marshall Junior High,

Players may attend any or all four

days. Each participant must bring

their own glove and gym shoes. Reg-

istration will begin 15 minutes prior

For more information, call Al

Fernandez (287-4055) or Joe Vondra-

A pitchers evaluation clinic.

featuring Steve Avery of the Atlanta

Braves, will be from 10 a.m. until

12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 at

Grand Slam U.S.A., 42930 W. Ten

The cost is \$25 per player and \$10

Among the other features: pitch-

ing mechanics presentation; instruc-

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The Canton Soccerdome is accepting registrations for its second season, which begins Thursday, Jan. 3, for PeeWee (under-5, 6 and 7) and adult teams. The eight-game season costs \$625 per team for adults, \$400 for PeeWee. There will be a Christmas tournament Thursday, Dec. 27. and Friday; Dec. 28. For information call 483-5624, extension 102.-

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE RUN

The New Year's Even Family Fun Run/Walk will be Monday, Dec. 31 at the Marine Corps Reserve Center (Brodhead Armory), 7600 E. Jefferson, Detroit (across from Belle Isle). (T-shirts guaranteed to the first 2,000 entries.)

The children's (12 and under) onemile run/walk, open one-mile run/ walk, four-mile competitive fourmile walk and four-mile fitness walk all begin at 4 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to all children's participants and ribbons to all one-mile run/walk participants. Awards will also be given for the first 25 competitive walkers.

The four-mile run starts at 4.30 p.m. with awards going to the first 500 finishers.

Registration and T-shirt pickup will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday Dec. 29 at the Marine Corps Armory. Race day registration will also be at the armory Registration fees are \$15 (adults) and \$12 (children).

For more information, call 224-1184 (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.).

# Harrison coach fired

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WHAT THEN

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competitive now than they were then.

But that had little to do with the decision, apparent-

(Neve) got there. There's no question they're more.

Said Graham: "Take a look at the team before

'I would certainly not want to criticize him for not

Added Holland: "He was a hard worker. He put a lot

of time into it. If it was just wins and losses (that con-

cerned us), we probably would have gotten rid of him

Neve agreed he did not get along with all those con-

nected with his program - notably some parents of

players. That tenuous relationship apparently played a

not going to get into that. I'm not ashamed of what I

did there. I enjoyed the relationship I had with the five

According to Neve, he had talked to both Graham.

and Holland in the weeks following the season and was

told they wanted him to return. His team's banquet

Neve added: "The whole thing is sad. The parents

Apparently, he just wasn't good enough - for what-

"I'm not the best (coach), but I'm not the worst."

was in mid-December, and again, he had no idea what

"No coach is loved by everybody," said Neve, "I'm

#### By C.J. Risak staff writer

Ernie Harwell wasn't the only one to get a Christmas urprise A week before Christmas, Harwell - the longtime

Detroit Tigers' announcer - was sacked. The public outrage that followed has been unprecedented. Jim Neve certainly doesn't expect anything to match that, but he feels equally victimized.

Neve, the varsity girls' basketball coach at Farmington Harrison for the past five seasons, was dumped a week ago. And like Harwell, he isn't sure why. "It was a unilateral decision," said Ron Holland, the

Farmington schools athletic director. "There were three of us involved.' And the reason? "There were a lot of things that

can't be said," replied Holland. Clay Graham, Harrison's principal and one of the three in on the decision (the third was Harrison AD Norm Dickson), also would not supply specifics. "There were some things we don't want to talk about publicly," said Graham. "Things we were looking for that needed to be done, of a personal nature."

ALL OF which has left Neve as puzzled as anyone. "I never had the foggiest idea I was going to get terminated," said Neve. "I'm baffled by it. I got screwed. I'd like to know what the problem was."

If records mean anything, then Neve would have his answer. He won just six games in his five seasons; his 3-18 mark this year was Harrison's best under his ten-

### WEEK OF DEC. 24-29 BOYS BASKETBALL

N. Farmington vs. Troy High, 8 p.m. (Woodhaven Tournament) Bishop Borgess vs. Riverview, 6 p.m. Riv. Gab. Richard vs. Woodhaven, 7:30 p.m. (Oakland Catholic Tourna

Det. Holy Redeemer vs. Clawson, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28 S.C.S Lake Shore at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. (Troy High Tournament) Consolation and finals, 6 and 8 p.m. (Woodhaven Tournamer Consolation and finals, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Oakland Catholic Tournament) olation and finals, 6 and 7:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday-Friday, Dec. 28-29

PREP HOCKEY Saturday, Dec. 29

Friday, Jan. 4 Bishop Borgess at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. Oak, Catholic at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at S'field Christian, 7:30 p.m. Woodhaven at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.



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# **Shorthanded Salem** continues to scrap

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OTHERS OUT with various ailments were Bob Hansen at 152, kids we had in there, I don't want to who's just returning from a bout of mononucleosis; Dan Bonnett at 119, and inexperienced, but they were who hurt his shoulder while winning scrapping." the Temperance-Bedford Tourna ment; Charlie Apigian at 171 (also a champ at Bedford), who had an operation to remove a swelling from his enough to handle Livonia Stevenson, neck; and Wade Langdon at 189, out with the flu.

Considering all those who were missing, Salem coach Ron Krueger was happy. "We had a lot of good things happen," he said. "We've got a ways to go, but we've got the kids to

The Belleville meet was particularly pleasing. A pin of Salem's Tim Galda at 189 allowed the Tigers second at the Class A meet last season - to escape with the win.

"I felt good about that," said Krueget of the outcome. "It gives us something to build on."

runner-up honors on the day, each posting a 4-1 match record. John Moran at 103, Chad Wilson at 119, Jeff Shumate at 135 and Josh Viau at 145 each finished second for the Rocks. Scott Martin was also 4-1, but placed third.

three of his starters back within the teams will take part

Santa showed up Saturday to pass

out medals durng the Garden City

Christmas Invtational Wrestling

And for Livona Franklin's ever-

improving mat team, all their wish-

es nearly came rue except for a

team championship, which was

The Cardinals, boasting three indi-

vidual winners, led a tight 16-team

field with 127 points only four ahead

of runner-up Franklin (123) and eight

in front of third-place Trenton (119).

Defending champion Westland John

Glenn was fourth with 1154 See

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"If we had wrestled our best, we

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er, and I'd still be happy.

By Brad Emots

staff writer

Tournament

next week or so.

"I'm hoping for anything back," he said, then added, "But these young sell them short. They're just young

LAST WEDNESDAY (Dec. 19), Salem's shuffled lineup was still good 45-27 at Stevenson.

The first nine matches were decided by pins, with Salem coming out on top in five of them. Moran started it for the Rocks at 103 by pinning Greg Kendall in 1:30. Scott Martin followed at 112 with a pin of Brian Tib-

Wilson also won on a fall at 125, beating Wayne Krause in 1:16. Shumate pinned John Marshall in 1:16 at 140, and Jeff Coleman pinned

Kirkland in 1:32, Galda defeated Salem had four wrestlers earn Chris Lehti 4-3 at 189, and Phil Haynes won on an injury default by Randy Micallef at 171 to round out the Rock winners.

Northville and Temperance-Bedford also on hand. On Jan. 5, the Rocks Krueger thinks he may get two or will host the Salem Invitational; 18

bals in 1:07.

Adam Carrier in 3:02 at 145. Heavyweight Coker topped Eric

Salem will be idle until a Jan. 3

opened the championship round with homa, outlasted Riverview's Tim ond place finishes including Tony an upset victory over Dearborn's gi- Phillips in a high-scoring match, 9-8. Holmes, who comes from a wrestling background (his father wrestled

class match Saturday.

"Eric stepped up 'big-time' with

THE ONLY OBSERVERLAND performer in the winner's circle was Glenn sophomore Mike Reeves, who captured the 152-pound class with a to wrestle with the kid instead of 9-2 decision over Livonia Steven-

The once-beaten Reeves, who was MVP of the Plymouth Canton Invitational a week earlier, once again looked impressive. "Reeves is excellent," said Steven-

son coach Don Berg. "I understand could have won it," Franklin coach Meet Tournament, but this time the he has quite a bit of freestyle experience and it shows. Carmack is not a bad wrestler himself. His only two losses are to him (Reeves)."

Horvath (119) and Ben Maton (171), both of Lutheran Westland. , Third place area finishers included Tom Pace (103) of Glenn; Gary

Salem's Scott Martin couldn't handle Adrian's Mike Dusseau, losing this 112-pound weight

Arai (119) of Redford Union; Clint Shepley (125) of Livonia Churchill; Rvan Carriere (130) of Stevenson Craig LeTourneau (135) of Redford Union; and Fred Vargas (145) of Franklin. Johnson drew consideration for

Most Valuable Wrestler honors, but the coaches voted for Trenton's Marc Famularo, who decisioned Northville's Brandon Mardossian for the 135-pound title. Famularo was one of three Trenton wrestlers to come away with titles.

"135 WAS THE toughest weight class," said Garden City coach Phil records.

and he was wrestling well." Freeman said that Johnson's win was significant.

"Anything can happen in the heavyweight division," said the GC coach. "For the Franklin kid to come right now," Freeman said. "They're back and beat him (Balestrieri) is a

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great chore. It was a good win for him The Garden City coach also had praise for the Patriots overall. "They're the surprise in the area

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Agatha jumped out to a 14-5 first-quarter advantage and Mount Carmel wa never able to get any closer than 10 points the rest of the way. Jerrod Kresnak, Derwin Henderson and Jeremy MacNicol pumped in 14 points apiece for the winners. Joe Boards

dded nine John Borovich and Keith Krossan tallied 12 and 10, respectively, for the Cornets.

**ROBICHAUD 71, GARDEN** CITY 49: On Friday, host Dearborn Heights Robichaud overpowered th Cougars (1-4) behind a game-high 19 points from Ernie Baskin. The Bulldogs led 37-27 at halftime and

then blew it wide open with a 22-7 scorng spurt in the third quarter. Robert McClain and William Flemming contributed 14 and 10 points, respec-tively, for the winners. All-State football

player Tyrone Wheatley chipped in with Adam Marano and Jeff Williams tai lied 10 and nine, respectively, for the

Cougars. "They're so physically big," said GC coach Mark Cramton of the Bulldogs "They've got Tyrone Wheatley and they just physically dominated us.

"We didn't shoot very well and we nev er got any second chances either. They're just monsters. We were no match for them physically.

quad meet at Garden City, with

Franklin comes up short in bid for GC tourney title ant Andy Balestrieri.

JOHNSON trailed 5-2, but pulled at Michigan State), is now 14-1 overeven at 5-5 and then stunned the all. state's fourth-ranked heavyweight with a pin in 5:15 in what turned out time running out," Meinschein said. to be one of the most exciting matches of the day.

"He was pinned by him (Balestrieri) in no time at all last year," said-Meinschein. "This time we told him doing it all in the first period. By son's Doug Carmack. going all three periods, good things will happen and let's see if we're in better condition."

Balestrieri defeated Johnson earlier in the month at the Trenton Dual Ken Meinschein said. "We could Franklin wrestler wore down his ophave finished as low as fifth, howev- ponent.

"It was a huge win for Bobby" "Overall I thought all the kids said the Franklin coach. "He beat a wrestled hard. We could have done tough kid." Another Franklin standout was

140-pounder Eric Holmes, nick-Meinschein was certainly pleased named "Okie" by his teammates. Holmes, who transferred to

a 7-1 victory last week over Birmingham Country Day. The game was played at Livonia's Edgar Are-

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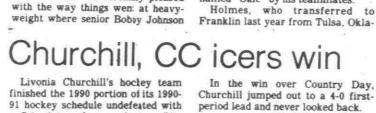
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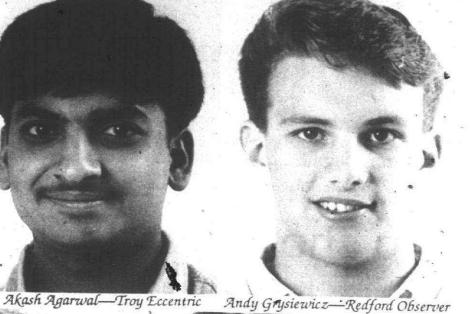


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They know how to party

# Mummers Parade attracts all kinds in Philadelphia

By Nicki and Harold Chodnoff special writers

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It's a 12-hour party on Broad Street in Philadelphia; princes, clowns, devils and angels, in sequins, satins and feathers, all marching to the sound of music, the strains of banjos and glockenspiels

It's New Year's Day in Philadelphia and time for the annual Mummers Parade, which has the madness of Mardi Gras mixed with melting-pot immigrant customs.

The parade's history goes back to 1876 when mummers marched to Independence Hall accompanied by New Year's Shooters, comic masqueraders who rode the streets shouting, firing guns and occasionally killing fellow merrymakers. City officials tried to contain the rowdiness when they took the parade over n 1901.

Today, the city distributes more than \$280,000 in prize money among the four parade divisions and 25,000 participants who march 2½ miles up Broad Street every New Year's Day with spectators lining the route and a million more from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware watching ontelevisio

Leading the parade at 7:45 a.m. is the Comic Division with prancing, dancing, colorful clowns wielding parasols as they strut to the Mummers theme, "Oh, Dem Golden Slippers," composed by Philadelphian James Bland in 1879. Floats and presentations comically satirize current events and everyday life.

Elaborately dressed marchers make up the Fancy Division, accompanied by brass bands, bigger-thanife floats and frame suits.

The String Band Division, the most popular unit, marches in mid afternoon. It's made up of plumed, bespangled musicians, at least 48 men per club. Banjos and glockenspiels mark time as ornately-garbed captains perform precision drills and dance routines.

T Fancy Brigade Division features embellished captain's floats and spectacularly costumed march-



Philadelphians get out their fancy clothes every New Year's Day and dance through town in the annual Mummers Parade that lasts 12 hours. Some of the costumes weigh more than 100

pounds. In keeping with tradition, fathers often march beside sons and it isn't unusual to see three generations of men from one family marching together.

ers moving in formation. Music from cost several thousand dollars each. strapped to each man by a harness, tion left intact since the parade's inbrass bands allow intricate dance Some of the finery, namely the often weigh as much as 125 pounds. ception. Men become involved with framed costumes, can weigh 300 Every club has its own admittance clubs through ethnic affiliation, fam-Costumes, particularly in the Fan-cy and String Band divisions, can String band attire, with back-pieces – all members are men – a tradi-bill costumes, particularly in the Fan-cy and String Band divisions, can String band attire, with back-pieces – all members are men – a tradi-

Philadelphia is a city of many dis-

inct ethnic neighborhoods, all o which maintain a small-town feel. Philadelphians root and cheer mightily for their favorite clubs from their grand parade entrance through performance stops along the parade route, to their final performance before the judges.

Judges are professionals, mainly from the performing arts and communication fields, who donate their time. All are well-known in their areas of expertise, but their names are not revealed to the public.

Many mummers begin learning the famed "Mummer's Strut," an off-shoot of the popular 19th century cakewalk dance, as two- or three vear-olds.

In the parade, fathers march beside sons, with three generations from one family strutting together a common sight. Family ties are strong and this spirit and sense of belonging is one of the parade's chief attractions

The 12-hour parade is the climax of a year of hard work, practice and reparation. The cycle starts anew each year as mummers create new themes for each parade.

New dance routines are devised Appropriate music is arranged. Local priests register each club's theme to ensure originality and honduplication. Work continues throughout the

year as dance routines or drills are earned and practiced, music is per fected and costumes made. Fundraising performances are scheduled throughout the year to defray enormous costume costs which are supplemented by parade prize money and personal contributions from nummers.

Experiencing the parade provide a feel for the real flavor and heart of Philadelphia, away from the usual historic sites and tourist spots Street-side viewing all along the pa ade route is free and has the added benefit of standing, elbow-to-elbow, with a cross section of Philadel phians.

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# City of big shoulders proves to be a bonanza for kids, too

By Irene McMahon special writer

There was a time when large hotels and resorts were perturbed by

juvenile visitors. Not any longer. Nearly 100 Hyatt hotels and resorts in the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean have initiated supervised weekend activities for children under 15 years of age. Their Camp Hyatt offers special room rates, children's menus, room service and a welcome check-in packet for the kids. My family and I spent such a weekend recently at the Chicago Hyatt Regency.

We started early Saturday morning at the Museum of Science and Injustry, a place that could have done us in for the weekend. To avoid this we limited our time to one exhibit per person. Jonathan, 8, chose the story of petroleum .with cavemen and wooly mammoths. Mac and I wanted to see the Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit. Meryl, 9, opted for the gift shop.

Before we all developed a bad case of museum feet we headed for the Billy Goat Tavern under Michigan Boulevard. (The children had pushed for McDonald's but we held firm.) Saturdays the long wooden bar is empty and tables at the Billy Goat are filled with families munching hamburgers and grilled cheese sandwighes. Over our heads hung portraits of great Chicago journalists, Maggie Daley, Irv Kupcinet, Bob Cromie and Mike Royko, among others. Our yourmets reluctantly admit-ted the hamburgers were at least as famburgers were at least as

good as those at McDonald's. at noon we checked into our hotel. The flashiness of the Hyatt is in itself an experience for a child from the", "burbs." At the desk they received their Camp Hyatt caps, as below in the great atrium dancers stepped lightly on the large keyboard of an oversized piano. It was all an exciting promise of things to come, and we registered the kids for that evening's session of Camp Hy-

Our 20th floor room provided a

panorama of the Chicago River, the hotel management and recreation. newly renovated 1905 warehouse. North Pier on the Ogden Slip with the locks and Lake Point Tower behind,

Soon we were down on the river for an hour-long excursion through the locks and out into the lake. We had missed a 10:15 a.m. Wacky Boat excursion piloted by pirates, but you can't get everything into one week-

Meryl observed every move as we passed through the locks. She learned that they were built a hundred years ago to reverse the flow of the Chicago River and carry our effluvia toward New Orleans.

The start of the Mackinac Race water. A red fireboat sent them off with a stream of colored water.

By five o'clock we were back in ner at the Scampi Restaurant. We watchtower for the bridgemen, and buildings and the city light up. Jonathan was bereft of a cassette was pleased with the candy on his trading post. pillow and the fact that he wouldn't have to make his bed.

Our table was near the waterfall the annual marathon along Michigan and there was a special menu for children: Alphabet soup, "big juicy burger" with fries, "hot dogger" and "gooey" chocolate cake. This was Injun Joe's cave in Hannibal, Mo., all perceived as an improvement over the Billy Goat

Camp Hyatt occupied an ordinary hotel meeting room but was supplied with copious slices of pizza and scoops of ice cream, costumes and games.

Apprehension permeated the air as we left behind two reluctant children, the Batman tape and our room number. Melynn Lacco and her helpers were in charge. It was reassuring to learn that Melynn holds degrees in

We returned to our room exp ing a knock on the door at any moment. Finally, at 9:30 we checked to see how it was going.

Jonathan stood before an easel displaying his drawing of Batman, telling the story of the movie to the entire group as his tape blasted off in the background.

Meryl had been on a scavenger hunt throughout the hotel and there were samples of cookies they had all made in the kitchen assisted by a pastry chef. Camp Hyatt was a big

That night we walked down to the was forming and hundreds of sails river where a steel band was playing seemed an imaginary island in deep in front of the Wrigley Building. From a hawker on the bridge we bought Batman and Joker T-shirts.

Early Sunday morning we stood our room for a wash-up before din- on the site of Fort Dearborn, now a watched the sunset reflect off the pointed to the Wrigley Building across the river where Jean Baptiste Point deSable, the city's first non-Inplayer for his Batman tape but he dian resident, established his 1772

> Tables were being assembled in front of the Equitable Building for Boulevard. We discovered stones from the Coliseum in Rome, the Pyramids in Egypt, Yale University and embedded in the walls of the Tribune Tower. In the quiet of Sunday morning one feels the city in a more personal way.

Meryl and Jonathan showed limited interest in the red hats of Chicago's former cardinals hanging from the ceiling of Holy Name Cathedral.

Brunch in the glass-walled Captain's Walk Restaurant of the Hyatt gave us a view of the last of the marathoners and brought our spectacular weekend to a spectacular finish



Small visitors to Walt Disney World in Orlando, ning smile. Also walking the Disney streets are Fla., might want to follow this little girl's exam- Mickey Mouse (Gooty's master), Donald Duck ple and get a feel for Goofy's big nose and win- and other cartoon stars.

# Disney World trip a success, despite doing everything wrong

By Kathleen Shipley special writer

cluding two boys ages 14 and 17,

We did nearly everything wrong. We waited until the kids were teenagers to go for the first time, went there in the hear of the summer with the weather at its hottest and the crowds at their largest - and loved it any way

The most interesting aspect irned out to be Epcot Center. It's loaded with fabulous exhibits and rides that both the teens and adults found enjoyable.



en on a journey through the vast geosphere that visually identifies Epcot Center. This journey through history from the days of Cro-Magnon man to the present was my younger son's favorite.

Another favorite was Kodak's Journey Into Imagination, an artistic exploration of how our imagina tion works. In another part of this pavilion the 3-D rock show "Captain EO," starring Michael Jackson, was enjoyed by all. So was the Image Works, a hands

to try a variety of imaginative ex hibits, such as the Lightwriter which draws geometric designs with laser beams.

Children should be at least 12 years old to get the most out of Ep

There is another section at Epcot called The World Showcase. Here we took a most interesting look at various countries of the world. Each country was represented by shops, restaurants and individual villages or pavilions showcasing a novie or exhibit.

Everything about The World Showcase was sensational. What interested the boys was the food. One day we had lunch at the beautiful Please turn to Page 7

How would a family of four, in-

fare at Walt Disney World? That was the question Tound an answer to this year.

# Disney trip a success, despite doing everything wrong

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San Angel Inn Restaurante in the Mexican pavilion. The menu offered authentic cuisine and the atmosphere was stunning as diners ate within a dark pyramid amid scenery of an erupting volcano.

One of the boys celebrated his birthday on our trip, so we had a special dinner at the three-star restau rant Chefs de France on the street corner of the cobblestone French promenade. The restaurant had an authentic French feeling.

Our waitress spoke heavily cented English, and one walter spontaneously started singing a French barroom song. Other members of the staff joined in and it became quite lively. Also, a group of waiters and waitresses came to our table to sing both the French and English versions of Happy Birthday.

Reservations are a must for both these and the other restaurants within Epcot. These are made on the day of the meal at the World Key Infor mation System screens in Earth Sta tion at Epcot Center. The most popular seating times (5:30-7:30 p.m.) are usually booked by 10 a.m. so get there early.

One experience that shouldn't be

missed at Epcot is the nightly show called IllumiNations. The show consists of fireworks, lasers, fountains, lights and music which, as the name implies, is keyed to the coun-tries in the World Showcase.

The place to best see it is on the bridge overlooking the lagoon that separates Future World from World Showcase. It was a spectacular show

boys were old enough to stay up and appreciate it. There were a couple of attractions within the Magic Kingdom that interested our teenagers. On the whole, though, this area for younger children.

for everyone and I was thankful th

First and foremost was Space Mountain. This is a roller-coaster ride in the dark within a futuristic looking white concrete and steel dome rising to a height of 180 feet. Needless to say, the boys rode this several times. Their mom and dad even rode it - once.

I think they also enjoyed Haunted Mansion, a special effects bonanza Also, the Disney-MGM Studios of (it wasn't very scary, but fun never- fered a lot for everyone. One of the theless) and Pirates of the Carib- things the kids really liked was the bean, a boat ride through a pirate Indiana Jones Stun Spectacular, but raid on a Caribbean town. I know there are many more things to see they also enjoyed the Diamond here too

Our waitress spoke heavily accented English, and one waiter spontaneously started singing a French barroom song. Other members of the staff joined in and it became quite lively.

Horseshoe Jamboree, a western dance hall saloon show for which reservations are required. To get them you must go to the Hospitality House on Main Street in the Magic Kingdom as it opens in the morning.

The attractions at Typhoon Lagoon, a spectacular water park of fering water slides, snorkeling, a scenic, lazy river ride and a wave pool, was yet another part of Disney World our teens enjoyed. It should be noted that Typhoon Lagoon is a sepa rate attraction with its own admis-

One important point: We got up at 7:30 a.m. every day so we could enter the parks in the opening hours. This was crucial, especially in the hot and crowded summer months. Knowing how teen-agers like to sleep, it was essential to have their

cooperation on this point. They were groggy as we started out in the morning but quickly got into the spirit of things. They were gratified later when they saw the ines outside exhibits we'd walked right through. Actually, everything at Disney World is so lovely it was impossible to stay sleepy for long.

A guidebook to Disney World, available at public libraries and book stores, is a good thing to have when planning a trip. There is so much to see and do that it was truly

elpful to be somewhat prepared and have useful information about making reservations and knowing all the events

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It's a good idea, too, to talk to a friend who has recently visited Disney World. Also, brochures are available at travel agencies or by writing Walt Disney World, P.O. Box 10000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830, 407-824-4321

After exploring all that Disney World had to offer, we journeyed east down Route 528 to the coastal town of Cocoa Beach. (Do bring lots of change for the tolls.)

We stayed at Sea Esta, a unique cluster of apartment suites directly across the street from the Atlantic Ocean. Our suite consisted of two bedrooms, a bath, a living room with sofa bed, television and a kitchen and dinette area.

A delicious home-made breakfast was served daily on the patio! Pancakes served with a tasty banana sauce and syrup, scrambled eggs, home-baked bread and muffins and an assortment of fresh fruits and beverages. A dessert was also presented every morning: Chocolate

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a hit in Philadelphia

cheesecake with cherry topping chocolate-chip cookies and fruit co

Additionally, Sea Esta provided bicycles, chairs for the beach, towels, boogie boards, and surfboards All were free of charge to guests.

One spot not to be missed if yo have teen-agers is Ron Jon's. This large store carries everything from '-shirts to surfboards. If it's for the beach, Ron Jon's will have it. Cocoa Beach is only a short dis

tance down the coast from Kennedy Space Center. We were told we'd be able to view launches right from the beach. We made plans to visit Spaceport USA/Kennedy Space Center but then decided to spend the da lounging around the pool and on the

We found Sea Esta to be a delight ful aftermath to four busy days and nights at Disney World. The unhurried pace, accessibility to the ocean and all the amenities made it perfect for us.

Our-accommodations at Sea Esta were \$125 per night for the four of us. For information and reservations, write Sea Esta, 686 S. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931-2540 or call 800-872-9444

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The mummer experience is still

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## 'Junk' fans Philly museum officials are home-grown

Elaine Wilner grew up in Franklin Village and spent her childhood exploring "the junk" at Henry Ford Museum, so it seems quite fitting that she should now be public relations director for the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia

Bill Booth graduated from Roeper City and Country School in Bloomfield Hills and discovered museum life while working as a volunteer at Cranbrook. He is now the vice president of exhibits at the Franklin Institute

Both of them are fans of the famed Philadelphia Mummers Parade and have the same advice: Be warmly dressed. "The parade goes on all day, from early morning to about nine at night, so people come and go," Booth said. "My favorite time to go is in the evening when the string bands are playing and the costumes get wild! How did two Oakland County

kids' grow up to be executives a the Franklin Institute? "My dad's idea of Sunday after

noon fun was to go to the silent

travel notes

Honeymooners sought



novies at Henry Ford Museum," Elaine said. "If the movies got boring, we'd say 'Dad can we go see the junk.' That's what we called all those cars and trains at the muse-

Whenever I walk into the train oom here at Franklin Institute and see our 101-foot-long Baldwin locomotive, I always think of those Sundays in Dearborn." Elaine's parents, Celia and Herman Chapin, still live in Franklin Village.

Elaine graduated from Groves High School in Birmingham and met her husband, Evan Wilner, at the University of Michigan. His

rents, I.A. and Sarah Wilner, live n Bloomfield Hills.

Evan is now the public advocate of Delaware, so Elaine lives in Wilmington and commutes to Philadelphia. She often talks about Michigan with Bill Booth, who graduated from the University of Michigan as a teacher but fell in love with museums when he ran day camps for fifth graders at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

He applied for an internship from the Associated Science Technology Centers, the trade association of science museums, and was accepted by Franklin Institute in Philadelphia

Franklin Institute is the oldest science museum in America, founded in 1824 by a group of men who admired Ben Franklin. Its original purpose was to convey science information to tradesmen.

"There were a number of institutes for the mechanical arts up and down the east cost in post-colonial times," Elaine said. "The Franklin Institute is the only one that survived. In 1933 we became a hands-on-science museum, the first of its kind in the country, although hands-on museums are very popular today.

1990 was the 200th anniversary of Ben Franklin's death, so there were lots of celebrations in Philadelphia. The Institute has the Ben Franklin National Memorial. huge rotunda attached to the sci ence museum. There is a big statue of Ben Franklin in the middle and exhibits around the periphery. new addition this year is the F ture Center, which has eight exhibits on science and technology.

The Institute is on the Ben Franklin Parkway, which runs from the art museum to the Institute to the historic district. Booth's advice to potential travelers is to walk the compact city and eat in the hundreds of ethnic restaurants.

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according to each client's wishes. The Caribe Hilton & Casino in San The 1991 schedule: Afternoon tea Juan, Puerto Rico is conducting a nationwide search for couples who spent their honeymoon at the hotel in If there are any couples in our reader area who fit that description and are still married, the hotel in-

the Memory" island return in June three nights in a beautiful oceanview room for the same price they paid in 1950, \$14 per room per night. They will also receive a complimentary bottle of wine and have their photograph taken as a keepsake of their second honeymoon anniversary stay at the Caribe Hilton.

Couples must be able to prove they honeymooned at the Caribe Hilton in 1950. The \$14 per night offer is subject to availability and certain restrictions apply For more information and reservations contact Maria Elena Perez at 809-721-0303. Irish clans

Dublin, Ireland, has opened an office ed with inventions like the sewing for The Clans of Ireland to assist those researching their roots, and to promote family reunions in Ireland.

A network of heritage research centers have been set up around the day through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 country to help visitors trace their \* p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. ancestry. Local records are compu- The museum is open every day of terized at each center and available the year except Christmas day and is for a fee. Future plans include a na- handicapped accessible. Admission tional network to cover all available is free

Fully operational centers are lo- Let's go skiing cated in Claire, Leitrim, Limerick and Sligo. Twenty-three other centers provide partial information. For the brochure "Tracing Your Ancestors" write: Irish Tourist Board, 757 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017. For information on clan gatherings in Ireland contact The Clans of Ireland, Genealogical Office, 2 Kildare St., Dublin 2, Ireland, r phone 01-761-8811 (ext. 410)

British home hosting Wessex Heritage, an English tour operator, now offers a home bosting service for groups or individuals traveling to Great Britain.

Home hosting gives tourists a taste of the British home life with funch, afternoon tea, or dinner provided in a hespitable British family home. Hosts are carefully selected and are known to have interests in overseas travelers. The program includes transportation to and from the hotel in pre-paid taxis and gifts for the host. This can be arranged

in Bath (Avon) with other meals available on request; lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in Inverness (Scotland); lunch and afternoon tea in London; lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in Winchester (Hampshire). Prices vary according to occasion vites you back to enjoy a "Recapture and special requests. For more information write Sally Inchbald, managing director, Wessex Heri-Each couple is invited to stay for tage, St. Peters, Cattistock, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 OJD, or call (0300)20671 or (0300)21082, fax (0300)21042 America creates

"America Creates: 200 Years of Patents and Copyrights" will be showcased through Feb. 19 at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. In the two centuries since the passage of the first American patent and copyright laws, some 28 million inventions, books, songs, maps, movies and other creative works have

been patented in the United States. This exhibit gives visitors a look at the complex process of innovation The Irish Genealogical Office in and at thousands of patents associatmachine, the sneaker and other products. The museum is located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-

During January's "Let's Go Skiing, Michigan" promotion, some 30 participating ski areas will offer free beginner lessons and beginner-area lift tickets to those who preregister for "Learn to Downhill Ski Free Day," Friday, Jan. 18. "Silver Streak Week," Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, offers individuals 55 years and older free downhill and cross-country skiing at 46 ski areas across Michigan, Free brochures listing the participating ski areas can be obtained by calling 800-5432-YES. Northwest Michigan

Winter vacationers who want in formation about lodging, skiing and driving conditions for the Petosky. Harbor Springs and Boyne City areas can call the Boyne Country Convention and Visitors Bureau toll free (800-845-2828) for up-to-date reports. The bureau can mail callers a number of free brochures regarding lodging, skiing and other seaso activities and attractions.

McMichigan winter fun McDonald's restaurants are giving away a free winter travel guide produced cooperatively with the Michi gan Travel Bureau. Michigan Winter Fun features 14 winter festivals and events and includes information about opportunities for free and discounted downhill and cross-country skiing statewide

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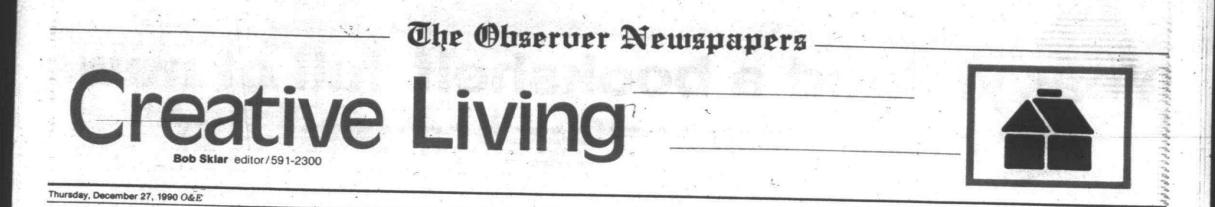
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# Glassblower practices an age-old craft

### By Keely Wygonik staff writer

N THE surface, glassblower Don Schneider seems all showman. A wizard of the elements who, by the light of a flickering flame, pulls, turns and twists glass to make it perform the way he wants.

It's more difficult than it looks, and Schneider, 41, who describes himself as a furnace working glassblower and lampworker, is more artist than showman.

Schneider learned his craft the old-fashioned way, at Greenfield Village. He started out as a rug hooker, but got hooked on glass blowing after he and the village glassblower became friends.

"He talked me into taking his class. I just got fascinated with it. After my third piece, he told me I'd be working at the village. And I did, two years later in 1976 during the bicentennial celebration."

A year later, Schneider left, but his village training gave him a solid foundation to build on. From reproductions of Early American tableware, he progressed to lampworked beads and one-of-a-kind furnace worked pieces of glass.

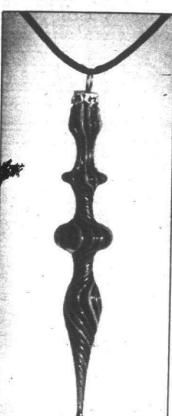
SCHNEIDER SPECIALIZES in two kinds of glass work: Lampwork, reheating glass rod and tubing in front of a flame to change its shape; and furnace work, pulling molten glass from a furnace and blowing it into shape. He divides his time between stu-

dios in Plymouth and the Fox Tower Glassworks in Beulah, Mich., behind the Brookside Inn. And some of his time is spent on the road, doing demonstrations at gift shops, art museums and the Detroit Science Center.

When people tell me it looks so easy, I know I'm having a good day. It's a lot harder than it looks," said Schneider, who doesn't mind answering questions from the half circle of people gathered around him.

IT WAS during one of these trips that he was introduced to ancient glass beads.

"I was at the Toledo Art Museum and they took me into the glass studies room and showed me glass beads that dated back to 4500 B.C. I was fascinated by how sophisticated they



Swirls of colored glass cover a spiral-shaped Christmas ornament designed by glassblower Don Schneider.

day. More valuable then gem stones."

Schneider calls his beads the expressive part of his lampwork. Three of them were featured in an article about American glass beadmakers in the fall issue of Ornament magazine.

THE WORK is labor intensive. Although it takes an average of 20 minutes to make a bead, Schneider might spend up to two days preparing the glass for beadmaking.

He starts out with clear core. which is formed into a bead by slowly rotating it in front of a flame.

To add color, he heats a colored rod and applies it to the clear tube by rotating it in front of the flame, allowing the color to preheat, soften



Plymouth glassblower Don Schneider rotates a piece of glass tubing over a flame to make a bead.

Sometimes, he decorates the bead, adding other colors to give it a zig-zag effect. Or, he adds milleflori made by fusing four to five glass rods together into layers.

The tip of the heated millefiori is placed against the bead to make the design that resembles a flower.

Millefiori translated means "a thousand flowers." No two are alike and Schneider often applies clear glass over the millefiori to magnify the design

Most of the glass he uses for his lampwork is of the Pyrex type, the same kind your kitchen casserole dishes are made of

THE FURNACE work is different because he makes his own glass.

"It's a very magical process. You process dry powders that look like cake mixes to make molten glass. Because I have complete control



works in Beulah, Mich., glassblower Don Schneider creates vases like these from molten glass. When thermally active glass is reheated, the metals surface, creating interesting colors and patterns.

Staff photos by **Bill Bresler** 

Left: At Fox Tower Glass-

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were. They were the high art of the and stick to the bead.

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# Career musician finds work invigorating

#### By Cathleen Collins Lee special writer

After 32 years with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, you might think Salvatore Rabbio, principal timpanist, would be counting the days until retirement.

But Rabbio, 56, doesn't feel he is at the end of anything. Rather, the Farmington Hills resident thinks he is on the threshold of a wonderful new stage in the life of the orchestra. For Rabbio, that new era is marked by the orchestra's music director, Neeme Jarvi, and its new home at Orchestra Hall.

"It is brand new and so exciting to be working with Jarvi," Rabbio said.

"He creates that excitement and that love for making great music. I've been there so many years that you have to be pretty darn good to make me feel that excitement. But it's like plugging a light into a sock-

Rabbio is also delighted with Orchestra Hall.

"Ford Auditorium was an absolute musical nightmare," he said. "When you're at Orchestra Hall, you know that this is a hall built strictly for making music. When you arrive, you feel that there couldn't be a better place to show off your craft. And it's absolutely beautiful; the more you look, the more you see.

**RABBIO WAS** interviewed at one

of his favorite places, the screenedin porch he built on the back of his home last summer. The simple porch, made of wood and decorated in yellow and white, looks out on an acre

There is plenty of room to garden, grow tomatoes and putter around, all activities that offer him a break from the intense concentration required by music.

Rabbio and his wife, Nina, share this home and its quiet, almost country setting. Inside, the many framed museum posters reflect their interest in art; they visit museums wherever the orchestra travels. A wind chime made of ceramic treble tlefs hangs opposite the front door. Their

two children, a daughter and son, are grown.

Pausing between an orchestra meeting and an evening performance, Rabbio is warm and relaxed. He explains that it is a mystery to him how he became involved in music. And it was just a lucky accident that led him to the drums.

**RABBIO'S PARENTS** immigrated from Italy at a young age. When they met and married, they worked hard to make a living. There wasn't any room for music

But when Rabbio was in junior high school, he had an opportunity to sign up for band.

Now my parents, being of Italian origin, said I should take up the ac-

cordion," he recalls with a smile. "One musician can be a whole orchestra!' they told me.

"So I reluctantly signed up for accordion, but all the accordion classes were filled up: I ran home pretty quick and said, 'How about drums?' I don't know how I knew to choose the drums. It's a gift from upstairs that I'll always be grateful for.

Rabbio played the jazz drums in the marching band through high school. But when he started at Boston University, he happened to hear a recording of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony on an old 78. He was never quite the same again.

Salvatore Rabbio principal timpanist

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Historic sites provide captivating peek into our past TRACKING HISTORIC footprints acre farm, Meadow Brook.

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It's steeped in history.

And I thoroughly enjoyed-my visit to the Hill House for the Livonia Historical Society's annual holiday party Dec. 9.

The Hill House, in Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village at Eight Mile and Newburgh, looked terrific in its patriotic holiday setting.

The Greek Revival-style house, a national historic site, dates back to 1841. That's when Livonia Township pioneer Joshua Simmons commissioned Farmington architect Sergius P. Lyon, husband of his niece Lucinda, to design and build it.

The landmark home was the Simmons' third residence on their 160-

The prosperous farm was a testimonial to the pioneering spirit of Simmons. He brought his new wife, Hannah Macomber, here from Bristol, N.Y., when he was just 25 and built a three-sided log shanty.

The farmsite, including a farmhands house built in the 1830s, stayed in the Simmons family until 1915

In 1920, Sherwin and Jean Hill acquired the farmsite to raise dairy cattle. They renamed it Greenmead, after her childhood home in Baltimore. They also hired noted architect Marcus Burrowes to remodel the main farmhouse.

A master builder, Simmons built a barn at Greenmead that's still standing. He built the first frame barn in



Plymouth in 1827 for Erastus Starkweather. And he hewed timber for the first mills in Plymouth and Farmington townships.

Simmons also built farmhouses for each of his three sons. The Lawrence Simmons House, built in 1861, still stands northwest of 12 Mile and Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills. It, too, was designed by Lyon.

"The handsome Victorian-style, stone house displays seven different gingerbread designs in the trim," the state historic marker on the front lawn tells us.

Lawrence lived there 12 years, including the period of the Civil War.

 It's called Sleepy Hollow. But the Farmington Hills crossroads was a bustling village by the 1830s. Over the next century, it was home to three mills, a cooper's shop, a soap factory, a shoemaker's shop, stores, a slaughterhouse, a tannery, churches, a school and a cemetery that's now a historic site.

The miller's cottage and the cooper's house still stand across Drake. The cottage was moved across the stream in 1988 to accommodate road paving.

First came a gristmill, the first in Farmington Township. In 1827, Ed-

ward Steele built the mill on the banks of the Rouge after journeying from East Bloomfield, N.Y

When J. T. Little bought the gristmill in the 1840s, he renamed it Pernambuco after a Brazilian port he'd visited as a sailor. The surrounding valley became known as Pernambuco Hollow. Pernambuco Flour was popular in Detroit.

Peter Hardenbergh bought the mill in 1868. His family made flour until 1886.

In the millpond, west of Drake, 'youngsters fished and swam in summer and skated in the winter. Floods in 1904 and 1908 broke the millpond dam, which was not repaired," a city historic marker at Drake and Howard roads tells us.

The Wadenstorers bought the mill

in 1902 and converted it to a cider flour and feed mill. They dismantled it in 1936 and Sleepy Hollow became a memory.

· Soon after Henry Ford I and Clara Bryant were married in 1888, he built their Honeymoon House in Dearborn. The two-story, one-bedroom house boasts timber cut and sawed at his sawmill.

Clara designed the specs for the kitchen, sitting room, parlor and bedroom.

Henry "added his workshop where he often experimented with gasoline engines," according to a state historic marker outside the house, moved to Beechwood Avenue in downtown Garden City in 1962.

Bob Sklar is assistant manage ing editor for special projects,





D.S. either gave or received books or Christmas 1989. The pull backed hat the holiday book business was risk, despite dire media predictions hat sales would slump. Sound famil

rt Hayden was celebrated at a fouray conference at the University of lichigan in Ann Arbor. The confer nce marked the 10th anniversary of he Detroit poet's death. It included chael Harper and Rita Dove. Considared one of America's finest moderhists, Hayden was elected a Fellow I the Academy of American Poets ring his lifetime. He also served as



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A: Your observations about how color can shift its appearance are not the product of your imagination. Some of the best color researchers have analyzed what happens to our rception of color under various ing conditions. They've concluded that color will maintain its origial appearance within a wide range of light levels

But as the level of light becomes much dimmer, as it would in candlelight or at a disco, the blue and blue-green shades actually increase their value, or intensity, while the warm colors, such as red, decrease their value. However, it akes almost total darkness for white not to be perceived as white. How you translate this phenome-





"I was hearing these wonderful sounds," he your skills, you can't do both (jazz and classical music."

ton Pops.

. And when he had a chance to join the DSO, which had an impressive national and international reputation, as principal timpanist, he jumped

hundreds of times since then, Rabbio's love for that enthusiasm and his many years of experience

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ten glass, which is gathered from the furnace, or glory hole, and blown into shape. What once oked like a pear, takes shape as a vase.

**RECENTLY**, HE has become interested in thermally active glass, which changes color when

such as a vase, to a rod, and puts it back into the furnace. Upon exposure, the metallic content of the applied glass surfaces to give the vessel a metallic effect

The vessel is then put into an annealing oven to cool slowly so it doesn't crack.

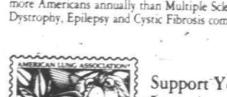
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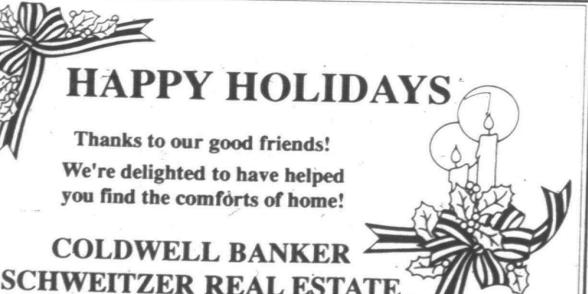
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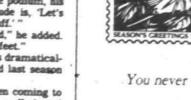
"I just want to keep making beautiful things that people will want to buy so I can continue

neider can often be reached at the sside Inn, 115 North Michigan, Beulah; 20617, (616) 882-9688. His work can be gham and during the holidays at the Detroit Artist's Market, in Harmony Park. Pric-

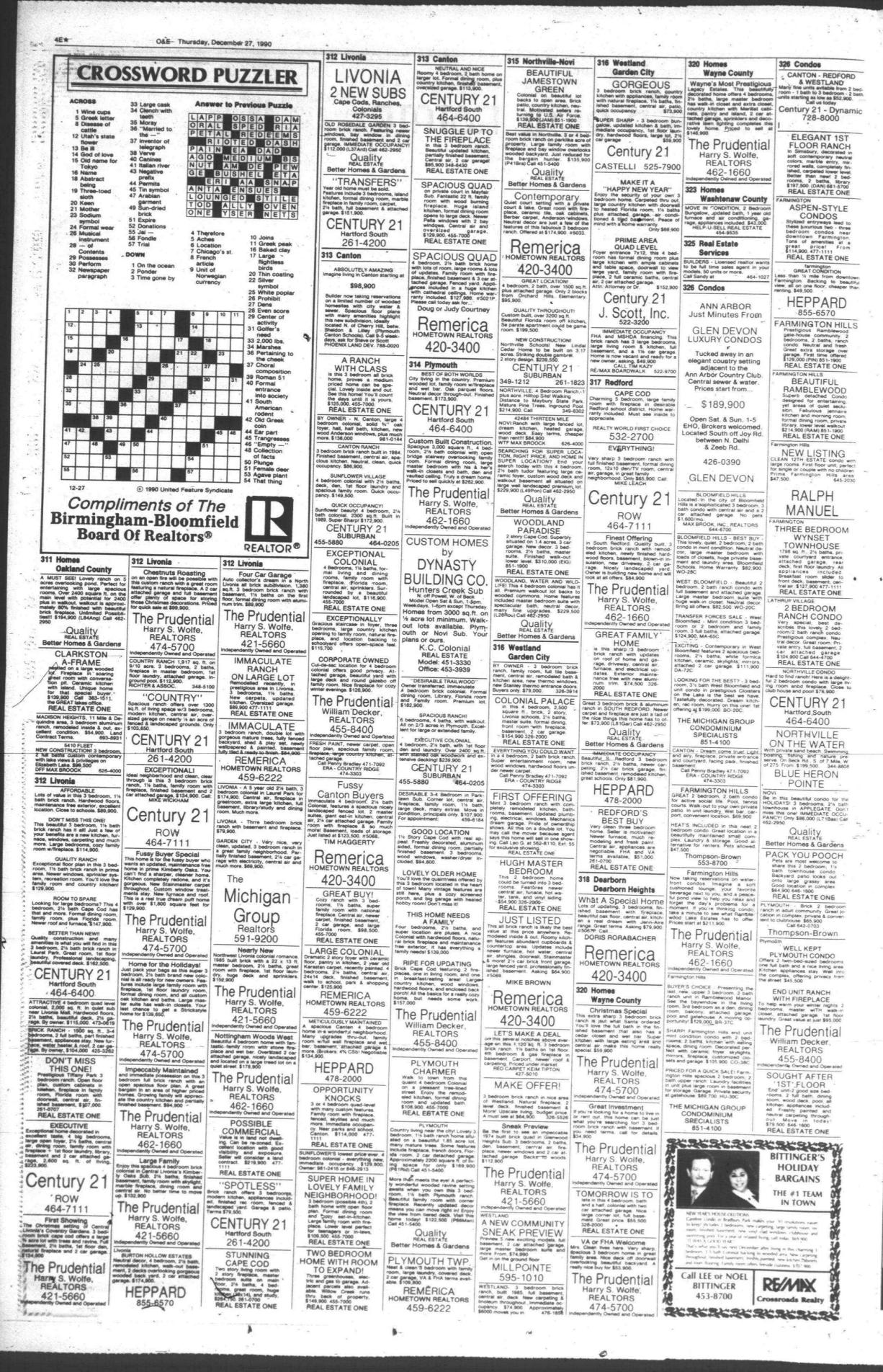








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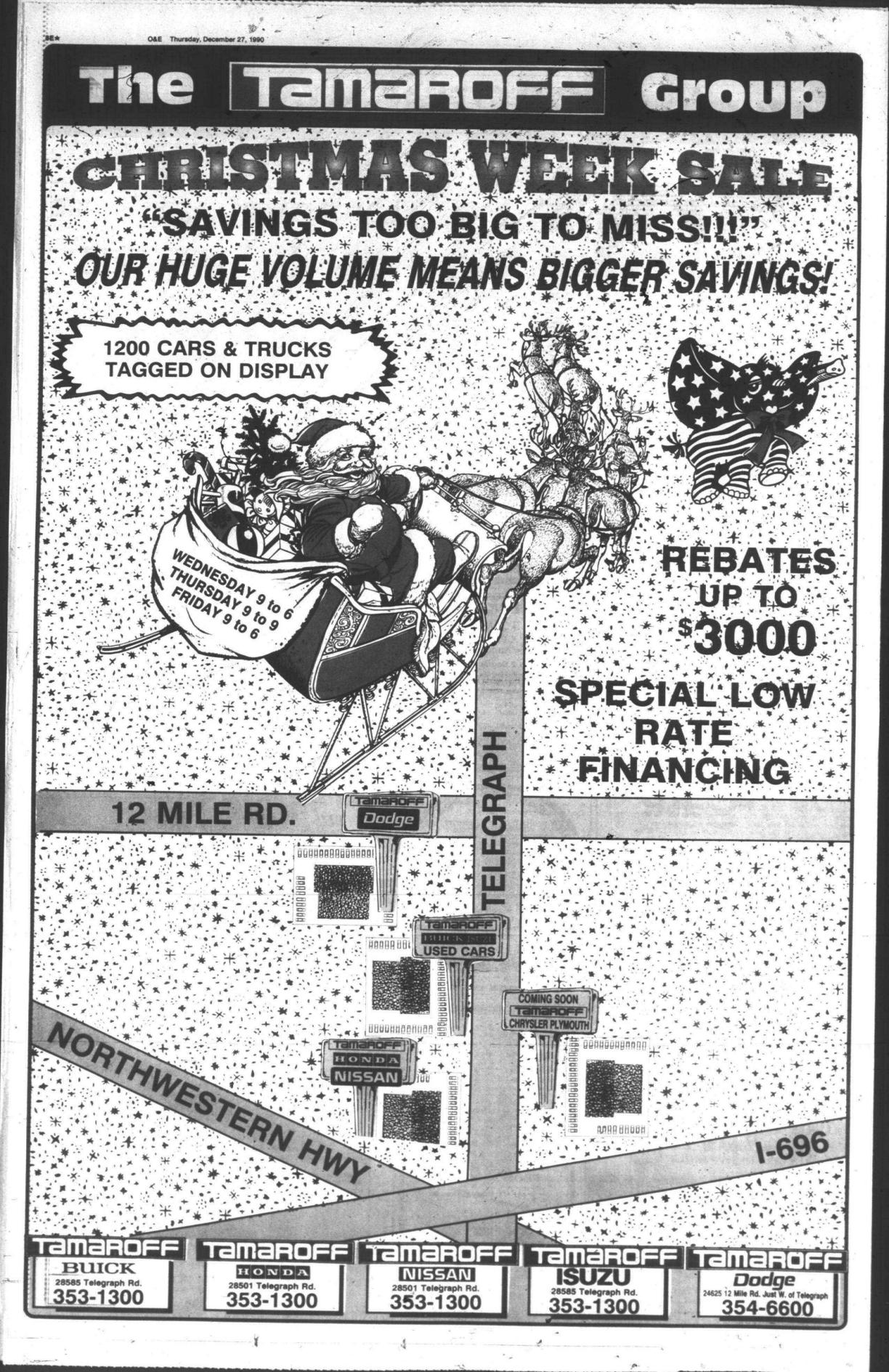
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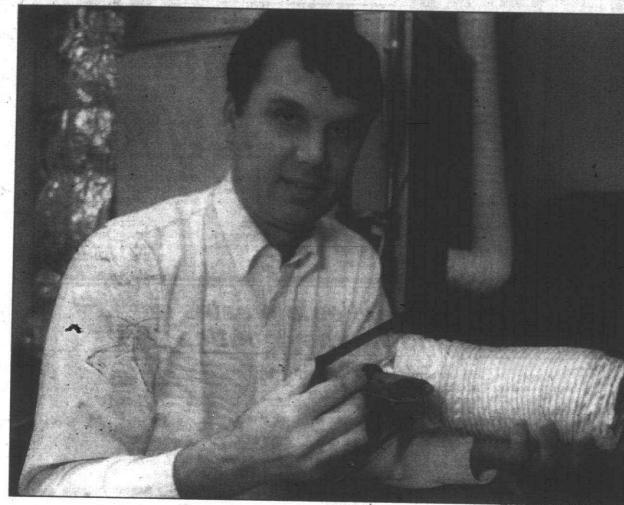




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Jimmy Kogut shows off his invention, the Equaliz-Air. One hose from an outside vent provides fresh air to the house through the cold air duct in the fur-

nace. The other hose places outside air near the furnace for the burning process.

# Antiques may be hazardous

(AP) — The idea these days is to use your decorative collectipad to keep them from sliding. Don't store foodstuffs in old medi-bles instead of just admiring them. Items like turn-of-the-century cine bottles, even if you wash them first, and flush down the teddy bears, celluloid trays, colorful dishware and funky old radios and lamps are fun to use.

But beware.

"Hazardous items show up more frequently than you might imagine," says Terry Kovel, an antiques commentator who tracks mishaps involving collectibles. An example is an early 20th century ceramic jug that contains radium. One manufacturer was Radium Ore Revigator Co.

"People were supposed to fill it with water and drink it for their health," Kovel says. "Now we know that radium is a carci-nogen and these crocks shouldn't be kept, but recently I visited a house and there were two right in the dining room.'

Old watches with luminous radium dials are safe so long as they are covered with a crystal, but the naked dials are being used in some modern costume jewelry and can pose a hazard if worn frequently.

OTHER COLLECTIBLES to beware of are china and glass dishes made before 1950. Many have lead-based glazes. Used for display, they are fine. But don't serve or store food in them, Kovel advises in her new book, "Antiques & Collectibles Price List" (Crown, \$11.95). The book, written with her husband, Ralph, has a section on hazards associated with collectibles.

Celluloid, an early form plastic with a shiny beige-yellow color that makes it look like yellowed ivory, was used in making everything from dolls to dresser trays. It is flammable when overheated and gives off a sour, vinegar-like odor when it starts to break

cine bottles, even if you wash them first, and flush down the 1986. toilet any medication found in them.

years old. Wiring could be frayed, they could be poorly grounded and inadequately shielded, and they might contain asbestos.

If you have antique firearms, be sure they are not loaded and never allow children to play with them. Items children might major retailers and heating contractors. play with or use are of greatest concern. Old toys with lead-based paint or sharp edges and stuffed toys with easily-removed glass eyes on metal pins which can be swallowed are hazards.

Old nursery furniture such as cribs also can pose hazards. They may have lead-based paint which can be poisonous if swallowed. Decorative cut-outs and slats can cause suffocation if they are spaced far enough apart so an infant can squeeze his head through. Make sure a mattress goes all the way to the edges of the crib, and don't allow active children to use old high chairs and cradles which are easily tipped, safety experts advise

Use the same caution for antiques and collectibles that you would use for new items, said Dan Rumelt, acting public affairs director of the Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington. While collectibles have the potential to hurt you, it's more like-

ly that you'll damage them through improper care, says Kovel. Some common errors include washing ivory to make it white. The characteristic yellow patina of age is preferred by collectors, and washing can reduce its value by half. Cleaning and polishing coins is also a mistake since it reduces their value. And

# **Inventor battles** building industry

### By Doug Funke staff writer

Jimmy Kogut of Livonia is a man with a vision impatiently waiting for the rest of the building industry to see the light.

Kogut has invented, patented and manufactured a product, Equaliz-Air, which he maintains will save heating dollars and efficiently introduce fresh

air into houses and condominiums. All at a cost of less than \$100 to the individual consumer.

millions and millions of dollars spent by window companies, insulation companies to seal up homes I tell them to put a hole in the wall."

Kogut's invention consists of an aluminum vent mounted on an exterior wall of the house or condo. One plastic pipe from the vent connects directly to the cold air return of the furnace. Another leads to the furnace but isn't necessarily hooked up.

to the house lost from kitchen or bathroom fans, dryers and fireplaces, Kogut said. The lagging pipe, or combustion pipe, affects the burning process.

"It (combustion pipe) reduces air changes," Kogut said. "It's not using air in the house. It goes right from the pipe to the burner." That, in turn, keeps the rest of the house warm, reduces the number of times the furnace kicks on and saves money.

There are screens on the vent to keep insects out the amendment. of the house and flappers controlled by pressure from the furnace blower, which open both pipes to allow outside air to enter only as needed.

EQUALIZ-AIR can be adapted to older houses or installed as houses are built.

Kogut, a buyer for Ford Motor Co., started experimenting in the late 1970s and early '80s when he got caught up in the energy crunch. He patented Equaliz-Air in 1984 and went into production in

The parts are made at a factory in Jackson and assembled in Kogut's basement. He figures he and DON'T USE SMALL electric appliances that are more than 30 his family sank some \$40,000 into the product be-

Kogut has tried without success to sell directly to

"They explained that people wouldn't understand

it . . . people aren't concerned about heating costs," Kogut said.

SOME BUILDERS agreed with the concept, but then added that it was up to heating contractors to do the job, Kogut said. Contractors said they didn't need it.

"I got a runaround," he said.

So now Kogut makes the circuit of radio talk shows and newspapers, trying to take his message directly to the people.

Kogut has his supporters, among them, Glenn "It's gone nowhere," Kogut said. "I'm battling Haege, a building expert who hosts a call-in advice show on WXYT Radio.

"His product was way ahead of its time," Haege said. "Anything new people can't touch, see or feel they're very apprehensive about."

Outside air combustion source is an option builders should offer customers, Haege said. "It cuts down on drafts, which cuts down on heating bills."

THE TREND is toward outside air sources for THE PIPE plugged into the furnace replaces air combustion, said Tennison Barry, assistant chief of the mechanical division, bureau of construction code, state labor department.

We're building houses tighter and tighter," he said. "No outside air is coming in."

A state amendment to the BOCA building code has mandated an outside combustion source on new. houses since September 1989, Barry said. But he suspects that most municipalities haven't adopted

"They have their own amendments, special needs," Barry said.

So why don't we see more fresh air pipes in new construction today?

"It's an old stopy with a lot of builders. They try to get as much profit out of a product as they can," said Mike Shorkey, president of Detroit Safety Furnace Pipe Co.

"With construction and tightening today . . . they should absolutely consider putting in a make-up air unit," he said.

Kogut doesn't know why furnace manufacturers don't adapt similar systems to their original equipment, but he offered a theory.

"It's really like an accessory, a humidifier or electric air cleaner. I don't think furnace manufapturers are interested in accessories.

But Kogut expects that the tide will turn, probably in the next few years.



rown away when this happens, she says, because there's no way to reverse the deterioration.

Collectibles were undoubtedly responsible for only a fraction beware of potential dangers.

Tack small rugs to the floor or place them over a foam rubber

be sure real gold leaf is used if chipped gold leaf frames or other objects are refinished.

Dishwashers are a modern convenience, but they don't do well of the 22,500 deaths and 3.4 million disabling injuries suffered in by some old dishware. Eventually, Kovel says, the gold designs home accidents in 1989, says Robert L. O'Brien, public relations on china and glass will fade if washed in the dishwasher. Don't director of the National Safety Council in Chicago. Still, it pays to put pottery or porcelain with thin black lines known as crazing in the dishwasher. The heat from drying can cause the remaining glaze to flake off.

### eryone's need: more storage

(AP) — Nearly all homeowners share one common problem — The exact shelf design you choose is determined by the weight lack of storage space. Regardless of the size of their house, it of the items being stored and the look you desire. But remember, seems there is never enough room to store everything.

dwellers. Somehow, the longer you live in the same place, the and possible collapse. worse the problem gets. Fortunately, easy-to-build shelving systems offer an effective, inexpensive remedy for the do-it-your- with the load and the material. As a general rule, 3/4-inch partiselfer.

centers. Shelves are most commonly made from particleboard, 32 inches for 3/4-inch plywood. If the shelf is reinforced with 2plywood or solid lumber and are either 3/4 or 11/2 inches thick.

They can conceal exposed plywood edges, add rigidity and in- can increase these spans by 50 percent. crease the shelf's load capacity, or simply create a decorative detail to dress up the room



No matter how big the house, additional storage space is always mentioned as a need

you might also want to store heavier items in the future, so it's

This is true especially for condominium owners and apartment always better to overbuild the shelves slightly to prevent sagging

The maximum span for each shelf between supports varies cleboard 10 inches wide can handle a load of 30 pounds per linear Shelving materials are available at lumber yards and home foot with supports 24 inches apart. You can stretch this span to wood or solid lumber and are either 3/4 or 1½ inches thick. inch-wide stiffener along the front edge and a 3/4- by 2- by 6-inch long support cleat under the rear of the shelf at the middle, you

> WHEN APPEARANCE is not the controlling factor - utility shelves in the basement, garage or workshop, for example - No. 2 common pine is quite suitable. This grade of pine has knots of various sizes, so be sure to handpick the boards carefully to avoid loose or oversized knots that would weaken the shelves. Note: if the pine is to be painted, first seal each knot with shellac to keep it from showing through.

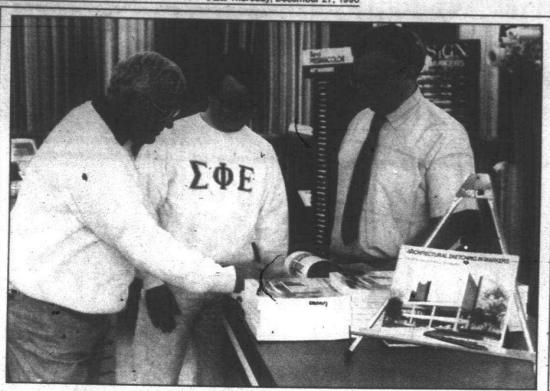
> Particleboard is the most economical shelving material and is often used under a plastic laminate. The disadvantage of particleboard is that it's heavy and tends to sag if it isn't supported properly

> When the look of fine hardwood shelves is desired, choose hardwood-veneer plywood. This cabinet-grade plywood is less expensive and lighter than solid hardwood and it's warp-free. Also, extra-wide plywood shelves are made easily without having to edge-join several boards together. Conceal the plywood's exposed edge with veneer tape, trim or a molding.

Shelves can be installed as permanent fixtures in the cabinet or as separate components that can be adjusted or removed, if necessary.

Large cabinets or cabinets without backs often have several adjustable shelyes and one fixed shelf. This fixed shelf adds rigidity and strength to the assembly. Fixed shelves for small, lightweight cabinets can be attached with simple butt joints using glue and screws.

However, for a much stronger assembly, you should use dado joints - slots in the end supports - to install permanent shelves.



### On the book circuit

Roy Strickfaden of Southfield (left), a lecturer in architecture at Lawrence Technological University and owner of a design rendering practice, autographs a copy of "Architectural Sketching in Markers" for Chris Garrison (center), an LTU student, during the book's debut at Millers Artist Supplies in Farmington Hills. Waiting his turn to sign is terior and industrial designers.

co-author Harold Linton, professor and director of freshmen studies at LTU's College of Architecture and Design. The book discusses how to analyze space, establish effective visual viewpoints, "tune in" color and use sketching to achieve results. It is aimed at architects, artists and graphic, in-

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### Maintain storm windows your storm doors and windows in top This is important not just for looks

Snug-fitting, well-maintained storm windows and doors can do much to reduce heating bills. The space between the storm and prime house doors, creates an insulating pocket of air that reduces heat loss to the outside.

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condition: • If your aluminum storm windows and doors are unpainted, brush ing and rotting. windows, or between the storm and the frames with fine steel wool to remove oxidation once a year. Then dow is out, before repainting, inspect apply a good automobile paste wax. it for damage.



**Smoke detector primer** News story after news story tells

of fire fatalities that might have been prevented if smoke detectors had been in use. Smoke detectors make a shrill warning sound when exposed to

smoke. Since they are relatively inexpensive and easy to install, there is no reason any home should be without them.

Here's some basic information on buying and using these life saving

• "Ionization" detectors contain a tiny amount of shielded radioactive material. This material break air down into charged atoms through which a small current can flow. Smoke interrupts the flow of current which sets off the alarm. An ionization detector responds more quickly to the fumes of a fast-burning fire.

· "Photoelectric" detectors use a small light beam which impinges on a light-sensitive photocell. The alarm sounds whenever smoke interrupts the light beam. The light bulb producing the beam lasts about three years; then it must be replaced. A photoelectric type of detector gives a faster response to smoke from a smoldering fire. It is also less prone to false alarms from innocuous kitchen fumes.

Never turn off a smoke detector because you are cooking something that will cause it to sound off. It's too easy

to forget to turn it on again.

EITHER TYPE of smoke detector may be nowered by a battery (usually 9-volt) or house current. For ef-

fective use: · Test your smoke detector about once a month to make sure it's operating properly.

To test, simply press the test button on the front of the unit. The alarm (a continuous blare) will sound as long as the test button is depressed. This test automatically checks the electronic circuit, horn and battery.

If the horn does not sound, replace the battery. If it still does not sound, have the detector repaired or replaced.

· When the smoke detector batwarning signal (usually intermittent its effectiveness.

beeps or chirps). Replace the battery immediately following the manufacturer's directions. · Clean your smoke detectors

yearly to remove dust, grease and other soil. WHERE TO locate:

 In halls leading to sleeping · At the heads of stairs leading to

living areas. . In your basement, but not too near the furnace.

In the bedroom of any smoke in your family. • On the same house level as

your kitches, but not too near your appliances since everyday cooking can easily set it off. Caution: Never turn off a smoke detector becaus you are cooking something that will cause it to sound off. It's too easy to

forget to turn it on again. Away from air currents (vents) or radiators, for example), dead air corners and ends of halls

• On the ceiling at least 20 inches from all corners or walls. On walls, at least 12 inches from the ceiling and the nearest cor-

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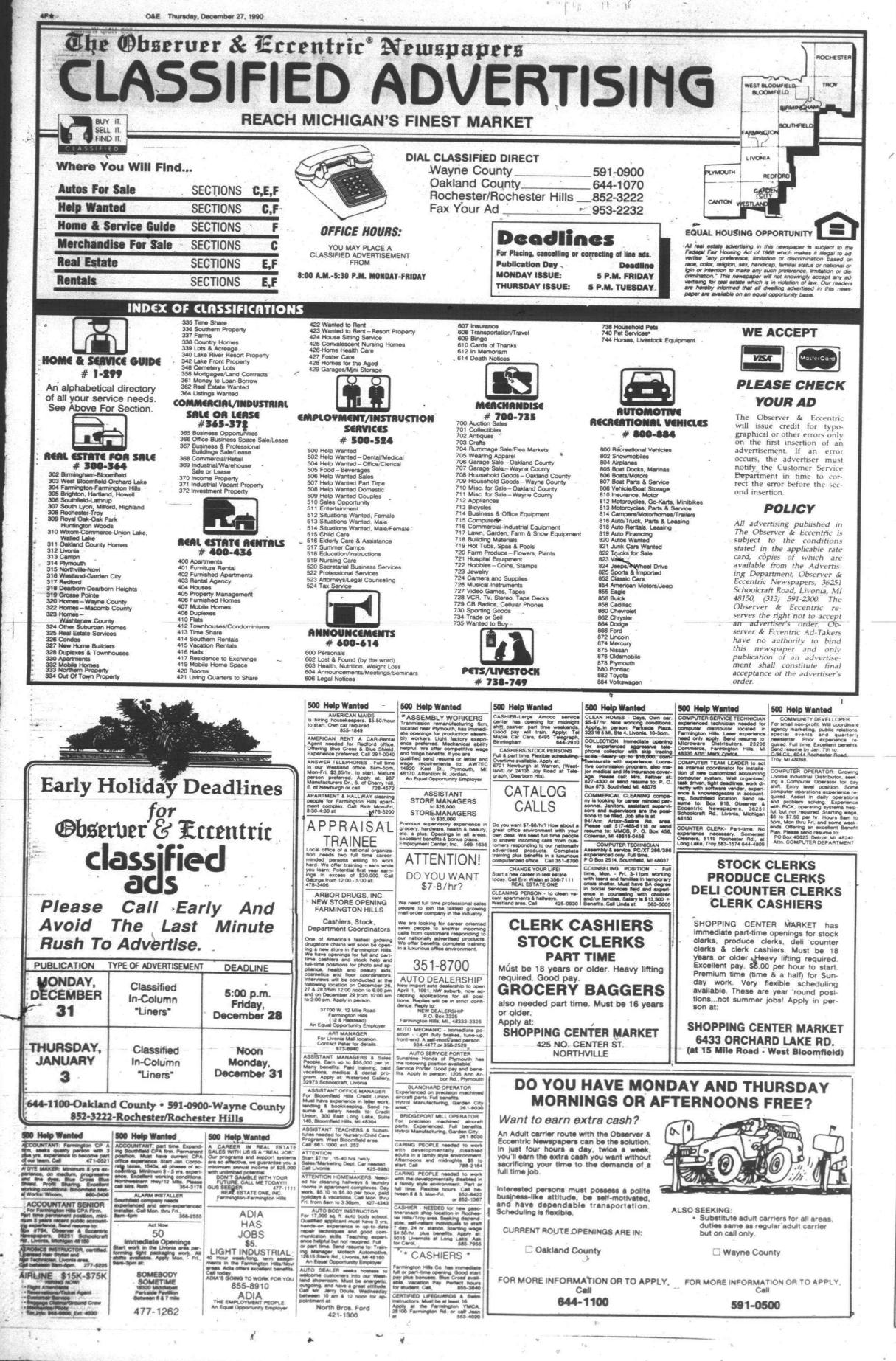
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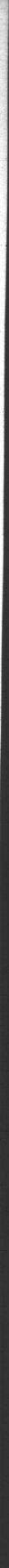
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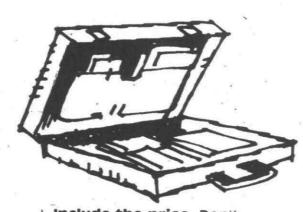






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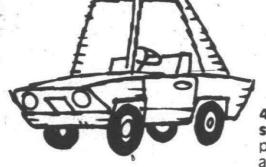
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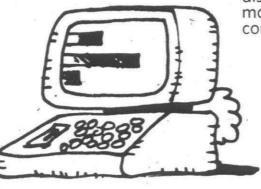
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