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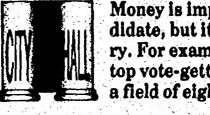
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Big bucks equal low vote count



Money is important in promoting a political candidate, but it doesn't always translate into victory. For example, City Councilman David Cox was top vote-getter Nov. 7, but finished sixth among a field of eight persons seeking four seats.

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Money obviously can't buy a political office in Westland. Two ousted Westland City Council incumbents ranked among the top three spenders in an eight-way race for four seats in the Nov. 7 election, campaign expense reports show.

Top spender David Cox shelled out \$21,427 for a council seat that pays \$10,051 a year, but he lost his bid for re-election by placing sixth among the eight candidates, according to expense reports filed at the City-County Building in Detroit.

Cox has said that about \$5,000 was used to pay off a debt for his winning 1993 campaign. Even so, he still outpaced second-place spender Justine Barns by \$8,373 in this year's race, the reports indicate.

Barns spent \$13,054 to reclaim a council seat that she left prior to her 12-year stint as a state representative. She garnered the most votes of any council candidate.

Defeated incumbent Thomas Brown ranked third in spending by

POLITICS

SEVENTY FIVE CENTS

plunking down \$10,833, expense reports showed. But he placed seventh among the eight candidates, ending a 34-year political career at age 78.

Barns and council newcomer Richard LeBlanc will replace Cox and Brown in January. Voters also returned incumbents Glenn Anderson and Charles Pickering to office.

Other than Cox and Brown, other candidates who had failing cam-

See SPENDING, 8A



City's finances are good

BY LEONARD POGER

The city of Westland's financial health is good, said the auditing firm which has reviewed its records annually for nearly 30 years.

While the city's uncommitted surplus is down slightly, it is still at \$1.7 million, or the recommended 5 percent of planned spending.

Plante & Moran, the city's auditing firm, reviewed the annual audit statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, and commented that nearly all city departments underspent their budget projections.

The fund surplus, the difference between spending and revenues, dronned to \$1.7 million as of last

COMMUNITY LIFE

On a roll: There's still plenty of things for family to do this holiday season, including ringing . . . make that rolling . . . in the New-Year. /**13A**

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theater: The holidays are taking backstage to local students performing with the cast of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." **/1B**

SPORTS

Looking back: Observer sports editors are reviewing the highlights of the past year in area high school athletics. /1C



The Lotto Jackpot was worth at least \$2.1 million. The Michigan Lottery numbers for Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1995 are:

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Reminiscing: Phil and Lorrie Niemann enjoy talking about their daughter, Becky, a warm, generous person who died last February at age 39. Hospice helped the couple through her illness and continues to help with their grief.

Couple cherishes memory of Becky

BY MARY RODRIQUE STAFF WRITER

When Phil and Lorrie Niemann start talking about their daughter, Becky, in a room surrounded by the music boxes she collected and the stray cats she loved, a vivid picture smerges.

Becky Niemann, animal lover, intellectual, hard worker and shopaholic, died of cancer last February. She was 39. "She lived with us for 37 of her 39 years," said Phil, who, with Lorrie, raised four children. The couple has lived in Garden City almost 20 years.

Every desk drawer, every crammed book shelf holds a memory of the daughter they treasured.

A decorated Christmas tree stands before a picture window. Phil, with a lap full of snapshots, laughs over a picture of Becky with her sister, Ruth, taken last Christmas. It shows the sisters holding a tacky air freshener, a traditional gag gift they exchanged each year with a different motif — once a cat, now an owl.

Over the next hour, Phil and Lorrie talk in detail about Becky's life before and during her short-term illness, about her death at home,

See MEMORY, 2A

Police: suspect has confessed

Westland police said a Belleville man, already charged in the armed robbery of a Livonia video store, has confessed to the same crime at a Westland 7-11 convenience store about 23 hours earlier.

Matthew Buckley, 23, has been araigned in the Dec. 17 holdup of Mammoth Video, at Six Mile and Inkster roads. Also charged with armed robbery in that holdup were John Lademan, 35, of Westland, and William Merfert, 24, of Dearborn Heights.

At their arraignment in Livonia district court, a \$100,000 bond was set for Buckley and \$75,000 each for the other two.

School thanks helpers

Departing Westland City Council member Da-

vid Cox was honored last week during a council

meeting for his role on the Nankin Transit Com-

mission. Officials from the commission gave him a

plaque during his last council meeting on Dec. 18.

Many families were fed during the holiday sea-

son thanks to volunteers who helped Jefferson-

Barns Elementary School, according to principal

Cox was Westland's representative on the commission that provides bus service for the elderly

Cox honored

and the disabled.

M... when the Livonia police distributed a description of the video suspects, one description matched the one given by the 7-11 clerk.

A preliminary examination on those charges is scheduled for today (Thursday).

Westland Detective-Sgt. Scott Fetner said that Buckley admitted robbing a 7-11 Store on Hix and Cherry Hill, Westland, nearly 24 hours earlier than the video robbery.

Fetner said that when the Livonia police distributed a description of the video suspects, one description matched the one given by the 7-11 clerk.

Upon questioning, Buckley admitted the Westland holdup.

All three defendants are being held in Wayne County Jail, awaiting their court hearing on the video store robbery.

Fetner said police are planning this week to ask for a warrant charging Buckley in the Westland robbery. potential cuts in state-shared revenues. See FINANCES, 3A

See Thursday

PLACES & FACES

Westland Civitans, the Westland Post Office, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia, and the First Congregational Church of Wayne.

'Li'l Abner' coming

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department will aponsor the Westland All-Stars theater group in a production of "Li'l Abner" starring Westland youngsters. The play will be 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, and Saturday, Jan. 20, at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium. The price is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. ation Center or by mail. Send a check or money order payable to the City of Westland to Margaret Martin, Westland Parks and Recreation, 36551 Ford, Westland 48185. For information, call 722-7620.

Student wins scholarship

Sherisse Rinna, a senior advertising communiation major from Westland, has received two icholarships for the 1995-96 academic year at Bradley University in Peoria, III. She received the Burdeneve-Cornelius-Eichler Scholarship, awarded to select students in good academic standing, and the Lucie Ann and Rollin Turney Endowed Scholarship, awarded to select full-time undergraduates in good academic standing. Rinna is the

dropped to \$1.7 million as of last

Westland Finance Director Michael Gorman claimed that Detroit overbilled the city over the past several years.

June 30, a drop of \$400,000 from the previous year's figure, said the auditor.

Michael Swartz, a partner in the auditing firm, said it was "tremendous" to have revenues \$1 million over spending.

At a city council workshop with the city council and administration, Swartz and partner Kenneth Kunkel warned there is a lot of "uncertainty in municipal financing" because of unresolved issues being debated by the state legislature.

In a cover letter accompanying the 54-page audit, Swartz said:

"Due to changes impacting property taxes, state-shared revenues and other financial pressures, the city faces many financial challenges in the upcoming years.

"To respond to these challenges, we recommend that a financial forecast model be prepared beyond the current budget year," which will end next June 30,

"A five-year model is typically developed for municipalities. This model should be evaluated as an automated spreadsheet (computer) program that would allow the city to quickly and easily evaluate any number of 'what if' scenarios concerning future operational or financial options." Swartz stressed "there are a lot of

concerna on the horizon" due to ac-

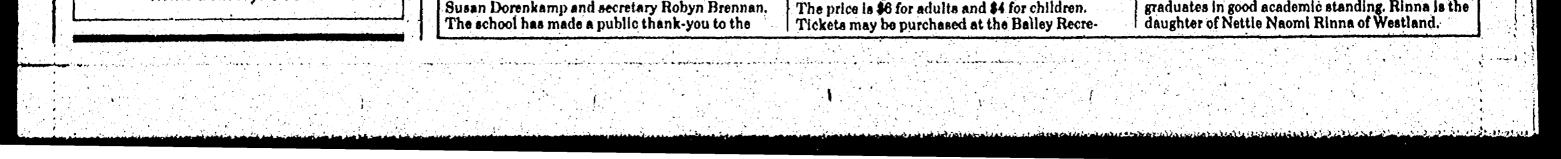
tions and inactions by the legislature.

many other Detroit area government-

al agencies, suggested a lobbying ef-

fort is needed in Lansing to fight off.

Kunkel, whose firm represents



Donations still needed

The Westland Salvation Army, which reported a drop of \$15,500 in donations from last winter, is still seeking public donations to allow the organization to help low-income families.

Capt. Mark Welsh said Tuesday that the army raised \$75,500, far below its \$90,000 goal for Christmas season.

Virtually all of the difference is attributed to the Salvation Army not being allowed to have volunteers and the familiar red kettles at Westland Center entrances.

The \$75,500 raised this winter helped the organization provide help to 2,500 individuals with holiday baskets, new toys, a senior citizens' Christmas party and gifts to nursing home residents, Welsh said. The captain said several pro-

grams will face spending cuts in the upcoming year because of the reduced holiday donations.

Those programs include youth recreation, emergency food and preventive homeless services, Welsh said.

But donors can still give to the Salvation Army to help it reach its goal. Checks or other donations may be sent to the Salvation Army, Westland Corps, 2300 S. Venoy, Westland 48186.

BY MARIE CHESTNEY STAFF WRITER

The 154-page, newly passed school code bill is on its way to Gov. John Engler to be signed into law.

Much to the delight of many educators throughout the state, schools of choice is not part of the legislation passed by both the House and Senate.

But that doesn't mean schools of choice is dead.

"For the Republican Party, it's very much on the front burner," said Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Ken Watson, whose district includes the northern section of Westland.

"It's no longer an issue for the near future, but we expect they will take this up again."

Next time, however, Watson will have the chance to mold the kind of schools of choice bill that is put together.

Memory

That came about because, in voting for the new school code bill, Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, made sure Watson and another western Wayne County superintendent get in on the ground floor of any future schools-of-choice discussion.

Choice schools temporarily get heave-ho

Watson expects the meeting with House representatives, both Republican and Democratic, will take place in late January.

"It gives us prior input, rather than reacting to something that comes out," Watson said. "It's an opportunity for us to express our concerns to legislators prior to their considering how to rewrite schools of choice proposals.

"But's there's no guarantee any of our ideas or suggestions will be reflected in the proposal."

District school officials and the Livonia Parent Teacher Association have lobbied against schools of choice ever since it appeared to

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be on a "fast track" for passage. The district called in four local lawmakers — Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville; Bankes; Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth; and Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland — to quiz them on the proposed bill. PTA parents trekked to Lans-

ing to press lawmakers to slow down the schools of choice bandwagon.

Watson Monday said the efforts of all who lobbied Lansing paid off.

"Contacting legislators did have an impact," Watson said. "Without this grass-roots support, we would not have seen this. Bankes, Law, DeHart, listened carefully and acted on what they heard. They worked to find a compromise.

"We do believe the House factored in the concerns of educators and parents into the changes and we are pleased with their efforts to do that. There still may be is-

sues that are problems for us, but they took the time to listen. The bill passed is significantly changed in many aspects from the original."

Watson and the Livonia Board of Education won't know what the massive bill actually contains until they sit down with attorneys in January and go through it page by page. The legislative summary alone is 16 pages.

The Michigan Association of School Boards found much in the new school code bill to support.

"This is not to say that the bill is entirely a rose garden," stated the MASB. "It contains some provisions which will create new problems, challenges and hassles. There are many questions we can't answer yet, or which have not even been discovered. There will certainly be litigation which will shape and define the new law."

On Jan. 16, Time Magazine's Man of the Year — Newt Gingrich — will visit western Wayne County.

The lunchtime visit of the U.S. House Speaker House at Livonia's Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, is sponsored by the Economic Club of Detroit.

"It's exciting to help put Livonia on the map; this is good for the entire business community," said Peter LaRosa, executive vice-president of Burton Manor. The luncheon is open to club

members and guests of members..

"We are always after the big names in business and government," said Don Luther, senior vice president of the club. "We have had every living president, including Clinton when he was a candidate. We're a non-partisan group. We just want to present the issues."

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to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, an organization the couple credits with giving them steady guidance and strength since Becky was diagnosed with colon cancer in October 1994.

and about the void that now ex-

"I had heard the word hospice before. All I knew was that it dealt with the terminally ill," remembered Lorrie.

All that changed practically overnight when Becky came home from Botsford Hospital in November 1994. Surgery was performed but the cancer had spread to her lymphatic system and liver. The couple was told she would live just a few weeks.

"I asked her doctor, 'What do I do now for her?' " said Lorrie. Friends suggested Lorrie call hospice.

"I thought, well, this looks like we've been led another step," she said. If fell in love with the (hospice) mission and began visiting families in need.'

> Mary Jo Merollis hospice volunteer

Almost immediately, a nurse volunteer from hospice was on their doorstep, studying Becky's case and offering suggestions about medication. Another volunteer was there to stay with Becky while the Niemanns pursued their part-time job as wedding coordinators.

"Becky came home on a Friday. We had two weddings scheduled on Saturday. It was comforting not to leave her at home alone," said Lorrie.

Volunteers came to the house whenever the Niemanns had someplace to go.

"Our volunteer, Lynn, came in the middle of the night when

Becky needed medicine."

As the weeks wore on, Lorrie started to fret over not knowing what her role would be on the day Becky would die. She shared her fears with hospice staff.

"Don't worry, they said. We have a team that comes out."

Added Phil: "That's the difference between hospital doctors and hospice staff. The hospital doctors strive to keep you alive to the bitter end, whatever it takes.

"Hospice staff strive to keep the patient pain-free and mentally alert."

Becky's experience, as heartwrenching as it was for the Niemanns, was not their first brush with tragedy. Their oldest child, Dave, got colon cancer in 1981.

"He lives in New York," said Lorrie. "He has lost his colon and later a kidney through surgery. He is under the care of St. Mary's Hospice in Rochester."

The family has a genetic link with cancer. Lorrie's father died of colon cancer, as did other relatives. Since Becky's death, the Niemanns' two other daughters, Ruth and Mary Beth, have been tested. Mary Beth had surgery for a pre-cancerous condition. The Niemanns said their grandchildren will be tested when they reach adolescence. A simple blood test can check the DNA for signs, she said.

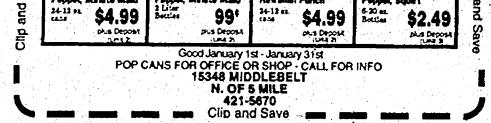
Becky was working at Feblo, a Livonia company that repackages auto parts, when she became ill. She had to give up her true passion — work with animals — after she was injured while working on a horse farm.

"She worked eight to 10 hours a day," said Phil. "Her strength was diminishing. She started to lose weight. Her chiropractor suggested she go to the hospital for tests."

From diagnosis to death was a period of about four months. With support from hospice, Becky had time to finish her goals.

"She sent 20 big boxes of clothes and toys to a Native Indian school," said Phil. "Shipping cost her \$200."

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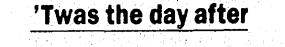
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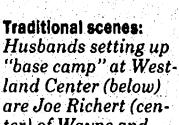
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land Center (below) are Joe Richert (center) of Wayne and house guests Gary Roebuck (left) of Cincinnati and Marlyn Starcher of Irydale, W. Va., as their wives cruise the mall for the typical day-after-Christmas-sales and return gifts received the day before. (At *left:)* During the first shopping hours Tuesday, Estelle Langlois (right) of Dearborn and Terry Banners of Westland look for bargains at the Thomas Hallmark store at Westland Center.



Her teddy bear collection some 200-odd stuffed animals was donated to the children's unit of hospice.

"She was an extremely generous person," said Phil. "But she selected her charities carefully. Solicitation she received from cancer groups that did animal research, she threw that stuff out."

The Michigan Anti Cruelty Society was another favorite charity. Before she died, Becky made her parents promise that they would attend hospice grief support sessions. It's a promise they made good on.

"In every turn of the road, there was hospice to give us support," said Lorrie.

They attended a six-week grief support, group co-sponsored by hospice and the Howe Peterson Funeral Home in Taylor. That's where they met Mary Jo Merollis, a Canton woman who has volunteered with hospice since 1992.

Merollis visits the Niemanns at home and has become a friend.

"I fell in love with the (hospice) mission and began visiting families in need," she said.

Merollis gave the Niemanns a video about grief called "Invincible Summer." The Niemanns played the tape while their daughter, Ruth, and her family were in town for Thanksgiving.

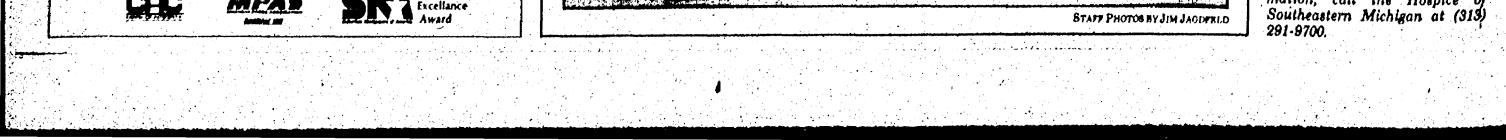
"We sat and watched the video. Ruth said it helped. She's handling (grief) well. I've sent her hospice literature and she knows where they're located in Columbus," said Lorrie.

At their first grief relief session, as Phil calls them, they were placed with other parents who had lost children. Their facilitator's son was missing on a lake for four months before someone found his body. One couple's daughter was rushed ill to the hospital, seven months pregnant, and died. Months later, they still hadn't seen the coroner's report. A couple other parents had teens who were killed in auto accidents; someone else's son committed suicide.

"We felt like the lucky ones," said Phil. "Becky could finalize her goals."

Adds Lorrie: "Hospice gave us confidence. Even in the middle of the night, it's so comforting to know someone is there. On the day of her death, someone from hospice was on the phone or at her bedside continually. It allowed Becky her last wish, to die with dignity."

There is no charge for the services hospice provides. For information, call the Hospice of



Students share holiday spirit with the elderly

hree classes of Garden City sixthgraders shared part of their Christmas holiday season with Westland senior citizens last week. The students of Henry Ruff School teach-

ers Bonnie Wagner, Kathy Kish and Marga-ret Lademan visited the Abington Manor seniors' apartment complex on Joy near Newburgh and the Liberty Park develop-ment on Hunter west of Wayne Road to sing Christmas carols and distribute holiday greeting cards to the elderly.

That was just one of the many pre-Christmas activities by local students.



Holiday music: Students at Garden City's Henry Ruff School entertained residents at the Abington Manor senior citizens' complex in Westland last week with Christmas carols.



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE

Yule spirit: Garden City students Donald Lowe and Robert Dexter of Henry Ruff School present Christmas greeting cards to Abington Manor residents Julia Anderson and Millie Archbold.



Special visitor: Abington Manor resident Lillian Hartmann had a special visitor last week when an elementary school group dropped in to sing Christmas carols

and pass out holiday greeting cards. Presenting her with a Christmas card is her grandson, Chris Hartmann, 11.

Finances from page 1A

Swartz wrote the council that Gov. John Engler has recommended an \$81 million cut in state-shared revenue for the current fiscal year, but that the figure actually distributed may be slightly higher than the projections because of potential increasses in the collection of income and single business taxes by the state. Another unknown issue coming up in early 1996 that would affect

the city's financial shape is an ongoing dispute with the city of Detroit's water and sewer department.

Westland Finance Director Michael Gorman claimed that Detroit overbilled the city over the past several years. Westland has had discussions with Detroit water department officials to have a more accurate figure on how much water Westland bought and agree

on a dollar settlement figure. Detroit has had the same prob-

lem with other western Wayne County communities and has paid them back for the overbillings, Gorman told the council at a workshop meeting.

In the past fiscal year, the city had revenues of nearly \$30.8 million with spending coming in at \$30.342 million, a difference of nearly \$439,000.

Pickering ranked third in votes

and sixth in spending. He shelled

out \$7,993 for what will be his

Mehl placed seventh in ex-

penses, plunking down \$4,741 in

his unsuccessful council cam-

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paigns were former Councilman Kenneth Mehl and seven-time

Spending

candidate Dorothy Smith. In spending terms, Cox, Barns

and Brown were followed, in order, by LeBlanc, Anderson, Pick-ering, Mehl and Smith. In fact, Smith didn't have to file campaign expense reports because she didn't exceed the \$1,000 mark in spending.

LeBlanc placed fourth in votes

and fourth in spending, shelling out \$10,137 for his first council seat, the reports showed. LeBlancis quitting his Wayne-Westland school board seat six months before his four-year term expires so

that he can sit on the council. Anderson, who finished behind Barns in votes, ranked fifth in spending. He spent \$9,328 on his

m in spending terms, second successful campaign, the Cox, Barns and Brown expense reports showed. were followed, in order, by LeBlanc, An-**Students entertain shoppers** derson, Pickering,

ART BMANUELB/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Yule music: Students from Patchin Elementary School walked to the nearby Meijer's Store on Warren and Newburgh last week to sing Christmas carols for shoppers in the store's cafeteria. The caroling was one of many holiday activities involv-

Mehl and Smith. was trying to reclaim a council seat that he left two years ago, when he unsuccessfully sought the mayoral post occupied by

Robert Thomas. Smith ranked last in spending

and last in votes.

Here are how the candidates stacked up on votes and campaign expenses, according to county records:

Barns received 4,408 votes and spent \$13,054.

Anderson garnered 3,990 votes and spent \$9,328. Pickering received 3,924 votes

and spent \$7,993.

LeBlanc won 3,480 votes and spent \$10,137.

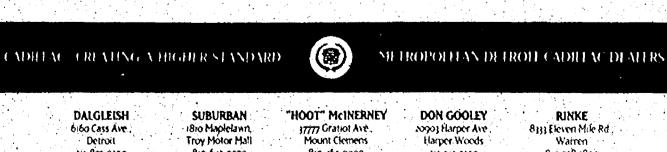
Mehl garnered 3,429 votes and apent \$4,741.

Cox received 3,380 votes and spent \$21,427, including \$5,000 to. pay off old debts. He also finished

his latest campaign \$4,499 in debt, reports indicated.

Brown received 3,223 votes and spant \$10,833.

Smith received 2.554 votes hut



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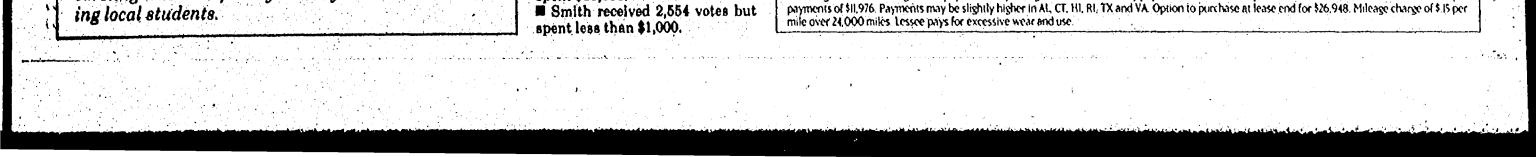
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St. Bernardine Catholic Church, on Ann Arbor Trail, just west of Merriman, will hold a speical bingo starting at 5 p.m. New Year's Day, with the doors to open at 3 p.m. There will be 10 hard-card games and four paper specials. The bingo is sponsored by the church's men's club. 422-6158

HOLIDAY SKATERS

The Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood near Hunter, will be open for public skating from 1-2:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. Admission is \$2.50 for students and \$3 for adults.

B DAY CAMP

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, which also serves Garden City, will hold its annual holiday break day camp this week and Jan. 2-5, in its facility at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. There is a charge. For information, call 721-7044.

SKATING LESSONS

The Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood and Hunter, will have open skating from 1-2:45 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 31. Admission is \$2.50 for students and \$3 for adults: The arena will also register students of all ages and abilities for the upcoming session from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2.

course, and a new support group for expectant teenage mothers. For information on all the programs, call 458-4330.

WEIGHT LOSS

Garden City Hospital will host a weight loss/peer support group at 11 a.m. Saturdays in Classroom 3 of the hospital's Medical Office Building, on Inkster Road near Maplewood. Members will focus on self-esteem issues and follow their own nutritional and exercise program. 261-4048.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Free blood pressure screen ing will be available 9 a.m. to noon the third Wednesday of each month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. A registered nurse will be available in the emergency room. Cholesterol and glucose screening are also available for a nominal fee. Appointments aren't required.

FOR YOUTH

OPEN GYM

The Mayor's Task Force on Drugs and the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department presents "After School Open Gym and Activities" 3:15-5:15 p.m. Mondays at Stevenson Middle School; Wednesdays at Marshall Middle School, and Thursdays at Adams Middle School. There are three eight-week programs: Fall program begins the first week in October; winter program begins the third week in January; and the spring program begins the first week in April. 722Softball Boosters hold a . bingo from 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls softball program. The bingo games are held at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

II DEMOCRATIC BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. 422-5025 or 729-8681.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The auxiliary to VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and provides charity games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the post hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale, 326-3323.

B SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots

RECREATION

INDOOR GOLF Play indoor golf at Westland Golf Course, Merriman south of Cherry Hill, Westland, through video projections of specific holes at famous golf courses throughout the country. For reservations, call 721-6660.

BASKETBALL

Registrations being accepted for men's and women's basketball leagues with Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford, Westland. 722-7620.

SQUARE DANCE

Beginner square dance classes will be 7:30-9:30 Tuesdays in Bailey Recreation Center (behind City Hall), on Ford Road, Westland. Fee \$3 per person weekly. Mike Brennan, 274-3394.

BFOR DISABLED PEOPLE

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. 722-7620.

OPEN SWIM

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The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family swim is 8-8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

WOLVERINE PACERS

The Wolverine Pacers, a

race-walking club, meets at

6 p.m. Tuesday and Thurs-

day, and 9 a.m. Saturdays

born. Gary Gray (313) 464-

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Open skating is noon-1:45

p.m. weekdays and 1-2:45

p.m. weekends. Drop-in

hockey will be 10-11:45

a.m. weekdays. 729-4560.

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Garden City Travel Club:

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Wildwood and Hunter.

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SKATING STARTS

meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, scheduled campouts during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Grigg, 427-3069.

WEEKENDERS

The Weekenders family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. 531-2993.

I TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters International Club No. 6694-28 meets 6 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland, for people who want to practice and develop public speaking skills. 421-0264.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Ryan's Steak House, on Warren Road east of Wayne Road. It offers an eight-week seminar on public speaking called "Speechcraft." The fee for Speechcraft is \$30. 455-1635.

DEMOCRATS

Garden City Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Maplewood Community Center, Room 5. Alice

Glenn Simms, 675-5633, or Paul Jenkins, 981-4254.

E CAMARO BUFFS

The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Krug Chevrolet in Taylor. 326-5658.

E AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 13-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and **Community Meeting** House, 36993 Marquette, east of Newburgh. 729-

E PURPLE HEART

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The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

SCHOOLS/ PRESCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland **Community Schools have** ongoing registration for the preschool program, housed in Marquette School, on Marquette east of Wayne Road. There is a free program for eligible 4-yearolds in the Kids Plus pro-

its 2-year-old toddler parent class 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays. There are openings in the 3-year-old class 9:15-11:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Janet Macuga, 453-9018.

II UNITED CHRISTIAN

Enrollment is now being accepted for preschool through 12th grade at United Christian School, on the corner of Middlebelt and Florence. For information or application forms, call 522-5099.

ST. RAPHAEL

Registrations now being accepted at St. Raphael School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City. There are openings in grades two, five and six; possible openings in grades three, four, seven and eight. 425-9771.

B SPARKEY PRESCHOOL

The Wayne-Westland School District is taking applications for fall '95. preschool Sparkey program, open to 3- and 4year-olds. Tuition-based program providing multifaceted experience. Register now for state supported program for 4-year-olds at no cost to eligible families. Residents and non-residents may apply. Elliott, Stottlemyer and Wildwood schools available for registration. For appointments, call 595-2660.

PLUS PRESCHOOL

Registration for preschool by appointment for the Wildwood and Hicks Elementary School area is ongoing. Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1. Family must meet two "at risk" factors. Program runs four half-days a week. Parents must provide their own transportation. Program is ; free for those students who [qualify.

BENEFITS

ELOTTO DRAWING

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The Garden City Knights of Columbus Council 4513 has a daily three digit lotto drawing based on the Michigan Lottery daily numbers, Proceeds are used to finance K, of C. Hall building improvements. Tickets are \$10 for the month with a guaranteed winner every day except Sunday. Tickets are available at the hall, on Ford east of Merriman. 425-6380.

FOR SENIORS

MONTHLY MEAL

The Wayne Ford Civic League will hold its senior meal from 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league's hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages and dancing to big band music, and door prizes. 728-5010.

DINNER-DANCE

The Wayne Wayn > Civic League will hold a dinnerdance for seniors 55 and older from noon-4 p.m. the first and third Sunday of each month in the league's hall, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Cost is \$5 per league member and \$7 for non-members. Admission includes dinner, beer, pop, setups and a live band.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher"

Y SPORTS

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The Wayne-Westland YMCA is registering boys and girls for its youth floor hockey and basketball. Floor hockey is for youths between 5 and 14 while the basketball program is for grades three through nine. 721-7044.

RECREATION

The Salvation Army will. hold after-school recreation programs at its community service center, 2300 S. Venoy near Dorsey. The programs will serve children between 7 and 11 from 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and youths from 12 to 15 from 3-5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 722-3660.

EDUCATION

GED TESTS

The Garden City School District's Cambridge Adult Education Center is a GED test site for November. Pre-registration is required. Call 422-7198.

BASIC EDUCATION

Wayne-Westland Schools Adult Education has free classes in adult basic education, GED preparation, high school completion, and vocational training. Register at Tinkham Adult Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland, 595-2429.

BINGO

MARATHON BINGO

The Harris-Kehrer VFW Post Auxiliary holds marathon bingos from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Westland.

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of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

I NO SMOKE

"No Smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc. are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a mini-

mum of five players. 722-

BINGO

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Pope John XXIII assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. every Thursday. The hall is on 28945 Joy, Westland. 525-0585.

E BINGO

Wayne Civitan bingo is at 6:30 p.m. every Monday on Elizabeth between Michigan Avenue East and Michigan Avenue West next to the Farmer Jack in Wayne. Money raised helps support many projects in the community, such as youth, park equipment, Special Olympics, First Night Wayne and reading projects. Information, 728-3915.

M JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. 525-2962.

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2107 if you have any questions.

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Leclercq, 421-1169, or Billy Pate, 427-2344.

E GARDEN CITY LIONS

The Garden City Lions meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Silver Saloon, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Contact Henry Tolk, 421-4954.

HOST LIONS

The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Denny's Restaurant, Wayne and Cowan Road.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

For more information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, 326-1466.

CHILDBIRTH ASSOCIATION

Classes for childbirth preparation are being offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Caesarean preparation also offered. 459-7477.

H WESTLAND JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Boya VFW Post, on Hix south of Warren. Hotline,

IN CORVETTE CLUB

The Corvette Club of Michigan meets at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn.

gram and a tuition-based program for others. Parents may call 595-2660 for more information.

HEAD START

Garden City Public Schools has openings for 3. and 4-year-olds in its Head Start program. Eligible are those in low- or modest-income families and/or having disabilities. Classes

meet Monday through Thursday mornings. For information, call supervisor Judy Hanson, 425-0540.

B SPACE OPEN

Little Lambs Preschool has several openings in its afternoon session, held 12:30-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 4- and- 5-year-olds. The preschool is at 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia. Interested persons may call director/teacher Jan Stevens at (810) 471-2077.

OPENINGS

United Christian School, on Florence near Middlebelt, north of Cherry Hill, Garden City, has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. The school offers classes two, three and five days a week as well as flexible hours for parents who need more than the scheduled preschool hours. There is a full curriculum in prereading, writing and early math, including hands-on computer time. 522-6487.

B CC CO-OP

Garden City Co-op Nursery has openings in the 3-. and 4-year-old classes, Mondays and Thursdays for the 1995-96 school year, Shari Schmidtke, 261-1345.

REGISTRATION

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, is located in but not affiliated with the Good Shepherd Church. Morning and afternoon classes available, Denise (4-year-olds), 421-0015; Chris Hickson (3year-olds), 261-4843; Susan Cruse (mom and tot), (810) 486-1539.

I SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S Suburban Children's Co-

HEAD START

Head Start registration for ! the Wayne-Westland School District is ongoing, by appointment at Stottlemyer School, 34801 Marquette. Classes meet four half-days a week, 31/3 hours a day. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by Dec. 1, 1995. The program is free, but family must meet income guidelines. 563-6863 or 563-6733.

STOTTLEMYER PRESCHOOL

Ongoing preschool registration is being taken for the 1995-1996 school year at Stottlemyer Preschool Center, 34801 Marquette, east of Wayne Road. For information on tuition and who qualifies for free tuition, call 595-2067.

WYWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4. and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster. 561-4110,

HISTORY ON VIEW

QC HISTORY

The Garden City Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays in the Log Cabin on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. Admission is free.

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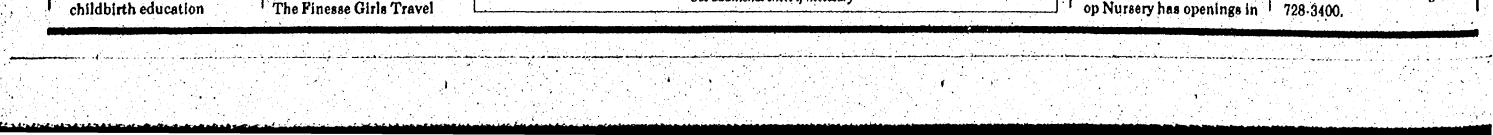
Youth Living Centers are looking for families for abused and neglected teens who are in immediate need of a place to live. All teens are supervised by Youth Living Centers staff and are in school or working.

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quette, ¼ mile east of Wayne Road. Emergency services, cadet program, 261-7856. aerospace education, ages 13-17 for cadets. The program is for people age 18 and older. 729-2665. **B CAMPING CLUB**

Moonliters Camping Club

CALENDAR



Courts, roads in reform package

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Michigan would have a unified trial court system under a plan pushed by Rep. Michael Nye, chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

Nye's plan asks voters to approve two state constitutional amendments: one to abolish probate court, the other to raise the sales tax another penny and abolish the fuel tax,

Full debate hasn't begun on court reorganization, either Nye's plan or any other. But 1996 seems certain to be the year when things will come to a head. Gov. John Engler is blocking the addition of any new judgeships - vigorously sought in the Oakland and western Wayne suburbs - until a better deployment of existing judges is achieved. County road commissions and drivers want more money for roads.

Nye, R-Litchfield, has his plan on the front burner. Here are questions and answers based on his article in the November Michigan Bar Journal:

Q. Michigan today has four trial courts -- circuit, probate, district and Detroit Recorder's. plus a few leftover municipal courts. All are elected separately. How would your plan change that?

A. There would be one court of justice with three divisions:

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1. Circuit court — major civil cases, divorce without children, estates and wills, criminal cases (both adults and children), mortgage and land contract foreclosures.

2. Family court — divorce with children, adoptions, juvenile matters, abuse, guardianship, paternity.

3. District — minor civil suits, landlord-tenant relations, preliminary exams, civil infractions.

All three could handle name changes, marriages and equity cases.

All judges would be elected to the same bench and be paid the same salary.

Q. What kinds of electoral units are you thinking about? Would would happen with the Detroit-Wayne County problem?

A. Each county would be called a unit. Exceptions:

Detroit would be a single unit,

and the rest of Wayne County another unit.

Small, northern counties would be clustered in a regional unit. No out-of-unit judge would handle a case unless all of the judges in the unit had some kind of conflict.

Q. Suppose a unit had a glut of one type of case in a division - say, landlord-tenant.

A. Judges from all divisions in the unit would formulate a procedure to handle case overload. The old jurisdictional barriers are gone.

Q. Who would pay the judges? And what would happen to court revenues? A. All judges would be state

employees.

Each unit retains all revenue it. generates except the crime victims fee, community dispute fee and restitution. Total is expected to add up to \$50 million a year based on 1993-94 figures.

Q. You are recommending another penny increase in the sales tax that voters would be asked to approve. Why?

A. The state would pick up the additional cost of judges' salaries out of the general fund. The state would also have to replace funds for libraries that come from court fines.

At the same time, I would recommend the total elimination of the gas tax (supporting roads and public transportation). That revenue, the library revenues and other lost revenue could be replaced with a one-cent increase in the sales and use tax.

The sales tax increase would generate \$1.1 billion.

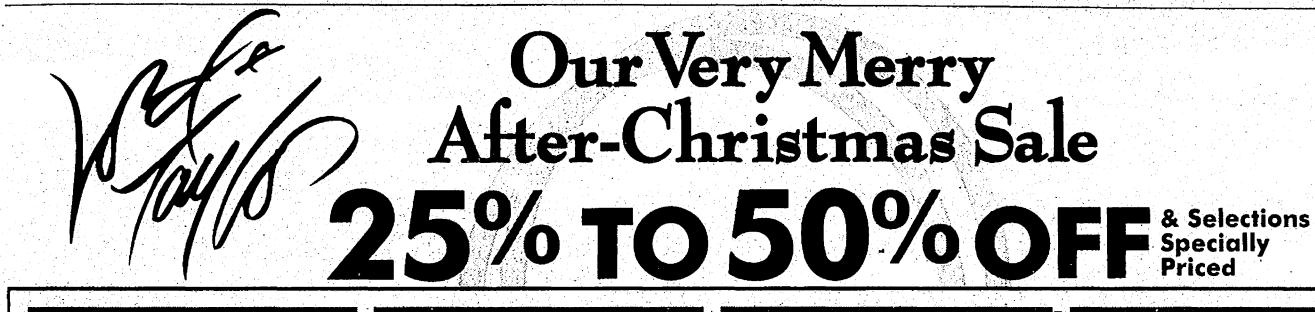
Q. What is your formula for distributing that \$1.1 billion from the sales and use tax? A. Roads would get 93 percent or \$1.02 billion. That is the equivalent of 22.7 cents of the fuel tax

- 15 cents we're levying currently plus an extra 7.7 cents. Libraries would get 5 percent

(\$55 million); secondary road patrols, 1 percent (\$11 million); highway safety and justice training, 1 percent (\$11 million).

Refer to House Joint Resolutions S and T and to House Bill 5158 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.





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Dean of college centers to leave Schoolcraft job

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College is losing its dean of college centers.

Noreen Thomas is leaving the job, which she has held for about a year, ending a long tenure with the college where she's served in various jobs for the past 18 years.

Thomas says she has a lot of mixed emotions about leaving Schoolcraft. She's following her husband, David, to Austin, Texas, where he is executive senior vice president of IXC Corp., a telecommunications and long distance company.

He moved there six months ago. "It's real important to get the family back together," Thomas said.

"I couldn't say enough positive things about Noreen Thomas. It's a real loss to see her go to Texas," Conway Jeffress, vice president for instruction, said.

Thomas was noticed on each of the jobs she held at Schoolcraft, Jeffress said. She did an excellent job in her work with Continuing Education Services, which increased from 1,700 or 1,800 students to 14,000 students during her tenure, Jeffress said.

When the Radcliff Center job opened up, "I didn't think there would be anyone more outstanding than Noreen Thomas," he said. Radcliff Center is a satellite campus in Garden City.

Saundra Florek, dean of marketing and development at the college, called Noreen Thomas'



Noreen Thomas

leaving a big loss for the college.

"She really cares about the people who work for her," Florek said, calling her a hard worker who makes wise administrative decisions.

Florek remembered that Thomas had been put in charge of the renovation of Radcliff Center when it was newly purchased by Schoolcraft. After coming back to the main campus for other jobs, ironically, she ended up going back to the center as dean.

Thomas, who plans to leave at the end of February, said she's loved her job as dean of college centers. With a large percentage of the population taking classes at college centers and the variety of classes offered, the job was "never the same."

The dean of college centers is responsible for operation of the Radcliff Center and other college centers, including those at Garden City Junior High School, Plymouth Canton High School and the Summit on the Park in Canton Township.

The college has begun a national search for her replacement, but Thomas doesn't expect the replacement to be on board before she leaves.

The deadline for applicants is Feb. 5.

The dean is responsible for coordinating the master class schedule for the Radcliff Center and other satellite centers, submitting budget proposals, administering operational and capital outlay budgets for Radcliff, developing and maintaining public relations, and providing a marketing strategy.

The starting salary range is \$68,791-\$76,000.

As for Thomas' professional plans, she's working on a Ph.D. in educational leadership and administration at University of Michigan; and she's found the University of Texas at Austin offers the same program. "So I may be a full-time student for a while."

A native of New York, Thomas has two sons, ages 15 and 10.

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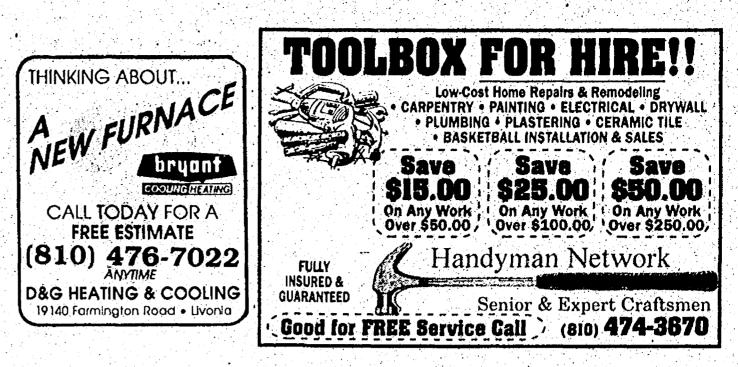
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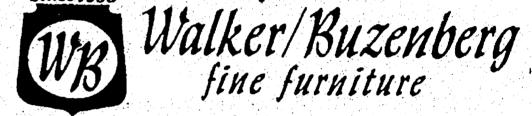
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classes beginning in January include: "Keyboarding on the Computer," "MS-DOS v 6.22;" "Excel 5.0," "Wordperfect," "Wordperfect for Windows," "UNIX," "Macintosh Basics," "PC Basics," "Windows on the PC," and "Effective Communication Using PowerPoint."

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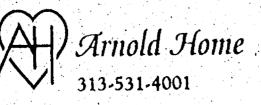
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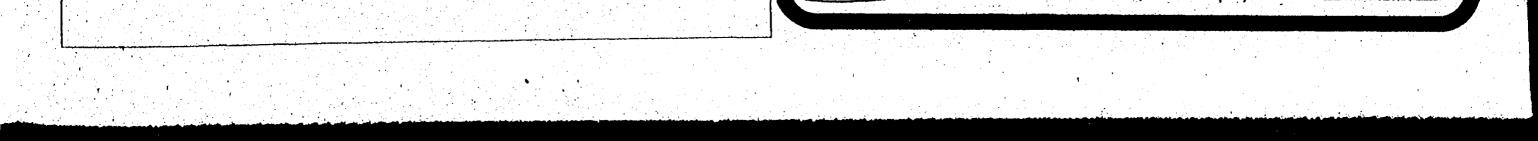
When Jim wanted better care his friends suggested a move to The Arnold Home.

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Pet store trip offers short lesson





the mall. They often have a nice variety and pet animals are of-TIMOTHY ten cute. Pet

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NOWICKI stores can also give us a short lesson in natural history. There

are often several vertebrate groups represented at a single store. Many stores have reptiles, like turtles and snakes. Birds are frequently on display, along with fish. Amphibians, like frogs and salamanders, are becoming more popular it seems, and mammals of various kinds are often available.

Some of the animals will be active while you browse the store during the day. These are diurnal animals. Those that are hard to find because they are sleeping in protected areas are nocturnal.

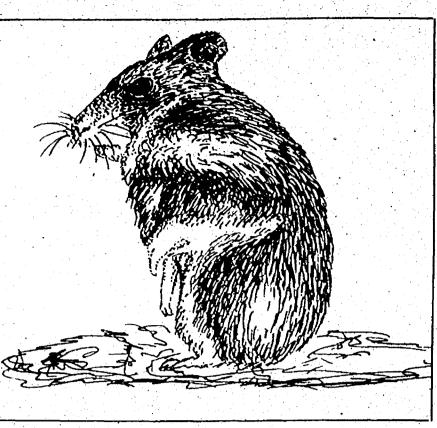
Pet buyers should be cautious about nocturnal animals because they become active when you want to sleep. A good example is a hamster.

Golden-colored hamsters are short-tailed mammals that first came into contact with humans around 1930. A researcher first discovered this animal in Syria. Within a few years he had a breeding population for his research. Soon after that, other laboratories discovered them and the public.

The hamster, and another animal it's often confused with. the gerbil, are both mammals in the rodent family. Both have large front teeth designed for gnawing, while the flat rear teeth grind seeds they eat. But gerbils have a long tail and are active during the day. These potential pets came from Mongolia originally and did not come to the United States until 1954.

Both hamsters and gerbils are relatively new as pets. But not as new as the prairie dogs I've recently seen in pet stores. These rodents are very social animals and are known for their digging. Just look at their claws. Relatively new to Michigan's pet stores is the ferret. This carnivore probably originated from a polecat in southern Europe. Its relationship to man was first mentioned in 20 AD.

Dogs are probably the oldest domesticated animal at the pet



Noctumal pet: Golden-colored hamsters are shorttailed mammals that first came into contact with humans around 1930. A researcher first discovered this animal in Syria.

store. Most people feel that dogs were domesticated about 12,000 years ago. More than 400 breeds of dog now known originated from the wolf. It's hard to believe that a Chihuahua has the

same basic genes as a mastiff and a wild wolf.

Even while you're shopping at the mall, you can still observe some natural history in your local pet store.

Ficano to revelers: Don't drink, drive

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano urges people to use common sense when celebrating this New Year's Eve.

"If you're planning a holiday party, at the office or at home, or if you go out to celebrate this New Year's Eve, use common sense and designate a driver who will stay sober and get you home in one piece," Ficano said in a press release.

More than 50 percent of all fatal traffic crashes involve a driver who is under the influence of alcohol. New Year's Eve is one of the most lethal nights in that respect. he said.

Ficano also cites the state's drunken driving laws as another reason to designate a driver.

"With these laws, drunk drivers had better beware - we'll get you off the road and keep you off the road. Do yourself, your family and the other guy a favor . . . stay sober when you drive — during the holidays or anytime," he said.

Alcohol relaxes inhibitions, slows reaction time, decreases coordination and impairs judgment and vision.

"You can help reduce the statistics instead of becoming one," Ficano said. "Use a designated driver and promote the use of one with family and friends."

"Better yet," he said, "volun-teer to be the designated driver and save a life - what better gift could you give your family and friends."

St. Vincent de Paul accepts car donations

The Society of St. Vincent de .Paul is accepting donations of used cars to fund programs the society runs for the poor.

Donated cars will be sold, generating income for the society's camps, food depots, and employment agency, all services specifically designed to help the needy in six southeastern Michigan counties.

"The used car donation program is of great benefit. It will help put our services to the poor on a firmer financial footing and let us expand to meet the need,' said James R. Carron, executive director.

To donate a used car call Dennis at 1-800-309-AUTO (2886) or (313) 972-3100. All 1995 donations to the society are tax deductible for the 1995 tax year.

Board says no way to gas, oil drilling

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

This time it was government's turn to say "NIMBY" to homeowners.

The board of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority refused to allow gas and oil drilling on a group camp at the north end of Kensington Metropark.

Disappointed Milford Town

ate, added wryly: "That may be impossible.'

Added James Clarkson, longtime Oakland County representative on the HCMA board: "We don't want those trucks going by any more than you do.'

In a memo to HCMA board members, staff member Donald G. Beem said that last February the park authority entered a "non-development" oil and gas lease with Wolverine covering 85 acres under the group camp site. That means Wolverine can tap the resources under the land but can't develop on the land. "Wolverine indicated that they had a drill site off of HCMA lands and that they had leased other private properties (approximately 12) as the possible oil and gas reserve was not totally under. HCMA lands.' Beem said officials at the state Department of Environmental Quality "also feel a drill site on HCMA is a better location than the site proposed by Wolverine. It is interesting to note, however, that they do not presently allow oil and gas production facilities on their own state park or state recreation lands." Wolverine officials told The Milford Times last week they intend to begin drilling after the first of the year and will drill around the clock for the first two weeks. "We may find a dry hole," said Richard Moritz, manager of Wolverine's land and legal department. In the late Paleozoic Era of 200-300 million years ago, Michigan was covered by shallow seas and warm-weather forests. The most famous results are salt deposits. under Detroit and Manistee and oil in the Pigeon River Country. Wolverine officials have found a coral reef that may have trapped salt water, oil, natural gas or combinations of all. But the only way the company will know for sure is to drill.



ship residents had hoped to keep drilling out of a vacant 10-acre parcel in a nearby residential zone at Shagbark and and Garner roads and onto the Kensington group camp site, which is directly over the suspected 250 millionyear-old fossil fuel deposits.

NIMBY means "not in my back yard." And in HCMA's case, the back yard has been used by scout and youth groups for nearly a half-century.

"The oil deposits are under the group camp," resident Peter Karr told the HCMA board Dec. 14. "Hundreds of homes would be affected by a well at Shagbark and Garner.

"Their (Wolverine Gas & Oil Co. of Grand Rapids) first choice is to locate it in the park where the oil is located."

Residents foresee damage to health, safety, air quality, groundwater supplies, traffic and property values if development is in their neighborhood.

Added resident Neil DeVries: 'Wolverine's first choice is to drill above the deposit rather than on a slant. They say, 'The well is going in. We are starting to drill in mid-January.' "

HCMA Commissioner John Hertel persuaded the board to assign staff to work with homeowners and Wolverine officials "and look for a solution that wouldn't hurt our ability to serve the public.'

⁴³⁴ But Hertel, an experienced politico who has served on the Wayne and Macomb county boards as well as in the state Sen-

Holiday light show plays host to groups

Angela Hospice of Livonia, Decolt Recreation Centers, Children's Hospital of Michigan patients and their families and sevcal other groups have driven through Wayne County Light-First, the holiday light show in Hipes Park.

This is what it is all about," d Hurley Coleman, Wayne County Parks director, in a press release. "It is great to bring some fiday spirit and create special LightFest becomes a holiday Chition."

This is the third season for LightFest, which feature 35 dir-

LightFest. Senior groups, church groups, youth groups . . . from all over the metro Detroit area. We even had a group from Ohio come through," said Tessie Pitses, Wayne County parks manager of recreation.

LightFest is open nightly from 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Traffic enters Hines Drive at Merrmiman road in Westland and proceeds east, exiting at Warren Ave., just east of Telegraph in Dearborn Heights. Food concessions and a gift shop area are available at the Warrendale picnic area at the exit. A \$5 donation per car raises funds for the parks.

plays and 500,000 lights. For more information call "We have had several bus Wayne County Parks at (313) groups go through Wayne County 261-1990.

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New roads completed; county to take jurisdiction

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

A plan for Wayne County to accept jurisdiction of some new roads and change the names of several roads sparked discussion among Wayne County commissioners.

At the board of commissioners' Dec. 21 meeting, commissioners voted to accept into the file a list of roads the county will take over as of the end of 1995, but only after commissioners questioned the plan and why it came before the commission at the last meeting of the year.

Why is this at the last minute and why didn't this go through committee?" Commissioner Edna Bell asked.

And, Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, asked if local mayors and township supervisors are aware of the changes, and wondered if local councils and boards of trustees would be required to take action.

Several administration employees tried to shed light on the pro-

cedure, saying the list of roads to be accepted always comes late in the year. Robert Biga, director of the Division of Administration of the Department of Public Services, said local officials had been notified. Robert Murphy, Airport general counsel, said the roads are an administrative function and once roads have been built, they have to be taken over by the county. The amount of mileage the county has jurisdiction over also determines the amount of money the county receives for roads, he said.

Many of the roads the county will accept are in Canton Township and Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, said he should have been given the list in advance as a courtesy. Several roads in Canton Township are also being renamed. "Have the residents acknowledged that the names of their roads are going to be changed?" he asked.

"This should have been handled in such a way that we could

be certain the local communities want this," he said.

Several commissioners continued to question why the matter was being brought to them so late and unexplained.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said he faulted the administration for the manner in which the plan was presented.

"I don't know if I'm prepared to vote on this at all," Commissioner Edward Boike Jr. said.

It's standard procedure that the county accept the roads, according to Tom Casari, Canton Township engineer, who spoke to the Observer by phone later. All roads in new subdivisions are platted, built to county standards and then accepted, he said.

Casari said that to his knowledge the roads being renamed in Canton Township don't have residents on them, and they are being renamed to give through streets the same name. If people do live on them, they will be notified of a name change, he said.

The following sections of roads in Canton Township will become county roads:

Valentine Court, Nowland Drive, and part of Verdun Court, Palmer and Sheldon roads in Nowland Estates Subdivision; Crestview Drive, Dunston Road

and Woodale Way and part of Foothill, Millbrook and Palmer roads in Brookside Village Subdivision Number 5;

Leigh, Northgate, Southgate, Westgate and Woodgreen courts, Northgate and Southgate drives and part of Beck Road in Huntington Place Subdivision; Gerald Court in Pine View Es-

tates Subdivision; Glastonbury and Yarmouth

drives and part of Beck Road in Pinewood Subdivision Number 1; Robert Court in Kingston Estates Subdivision; Lancelot Court, Lancelot Drive,

and part of Amber Drive and Morton-Taylor Road in Bi-Parkview Estates Subdivision Number 2;

Stratford and Rutherford

courts, and part of Stratford Drive and Gyde Road in Stratford Park Subdivision Number 2:

Labana, Lillian, North Pointe and Steven courts, Labana and North Pointe drives and part of Beck Road in North Point Subdivision;

Amanda, Kristine, Michael and Samuel courts, Kimberly, Samanthe and Sarah Ann drives and parts of Canton Center and Geddes roads in Kimberly Meadows Subdivision:

Fenwick Drive and Seabrook Drive in Glengarry Village Subdivision Number 5;

Bentley, Bridgewater and Lanhan courts, Weymouth Drive, Tremont Road, and part of Glengarry Boulevard and Beck and Palmer roads in Glengarry Village Subdivision Number 6;

Tyler Lane, and part of Worthington Road and Lotz Road in Camden Park;

Baron Drive in Admiral Industrial Subdivision;

Part of Beck Road in Pheasant View Subdivision;

And Heatherlea and Yarmouth courts and part of Yarmouth Drive in Pinewood Subdivision Number 2.

The following roads in Plymouth Township will become county roads:

Greystone Boulevard and Tremont Lane in Greystone Estates Subdivision.

Hollymood Drive, Lochness, Whithorn and Willoway courts. and parts of Edinburgh and Latheron drives in Heather Hills Subdivision Number 2.

Road names to be changed include: Stratford Court in Stratford Park Subdivision in Canton Township will now be known as Belford Court; Midway Street in Sunflower Village Subdivision Number 4 in Canton Township will now be known as North Pointe Drive; Orchid Avenue in Sunflower Village Subdivision Number 4 in Canton Township will now be known as Lyndon Ayenue.

Perot's Reform Party plans petition drive

Supporters of Ross Perot's Reform Party say they intend to start a petition drive this winter to establish a party to rival the Democrats and Republicans.

The state board of election canvassers is expected to approve the petition language today, according to Susan Esser, state coordinator of Citizens to Establish a Michigan Reform Party.

The drive will be to secure 30,891 signatures of Michigan voters as part of a movement to establish a national political partv.

Esser, who started with Perot's United We Stand America in 1992, has been state coordinator for two years.

Legally the group can go forward with the petition drive, but PARTY.

members are waiting for formal approval because there have been problems in other states, Esser said.

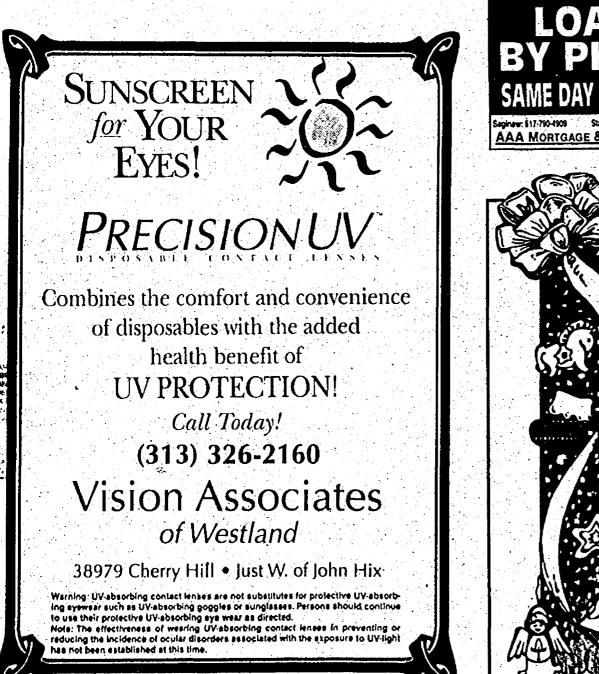
"Even though winter is upon us we will be out there armed with petitions," she said. "There are lots of independent-minded voters who own businesses all over Michigan. Many have already contacted us about setting up petition tables on their premises. Our motto to them is 'You call, we'll haul,"' Esser said. Reform Party issues include

campaign finance reform, balancing the federal budget, lobbying, term limits and a return to the true nature of public service, Esser said in a press release.

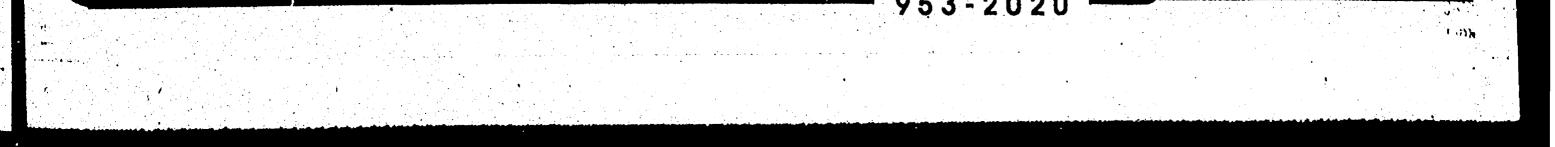
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Act responsibly Speed, alcohol are deadly duo

ew Year's Eve, it seems, is usually a good time to talk about the dangers of drinking and driving. It's an issue that unfortunately just won't go away, although we can report some progress on the legislative and educational fronts.

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There are reasons that this year's plea is more compelling — about 70 of them. We're referring, of course, to the push in Michigan and other states to raise, or abolish, freeway speed limits in the wake of the repeal last month of the 55 mph federal speed limit.

In Michigan, a bill to raise the maximum speed on all freeways — including some urban stretches --- to 70 mph has stalled temporarily in the state Senate. The proposal failed on Dec. 12 after numerous amendments were added and senators couldn't agree on where lower limits would still be enforced. The state House has yet to act on the bill.

Yes, these are separate issues. The 55 mph limit was adopted some 23 years ago primarily as an energy conservation tactic. The federal law was eased several years ago to 65 mph on "rural" interstates.

But statistics show the lower limit, along with improved auto safety, has helped push down the number of traffic fatalities nationwide to about half the 55,000 deaths reported annually during the 1970s.

Which is where alcohol becomes part of the equation.

The reality is Michigan will likely increase freeway speed limits. The public, which to a large extent ignores current posted limits, wants it; and traffic engineers tell us the freeways were designed for responsible drivers do-. ing 65-70 mph.

That means efforts to curb drinking and driving will take on added importance, possi-

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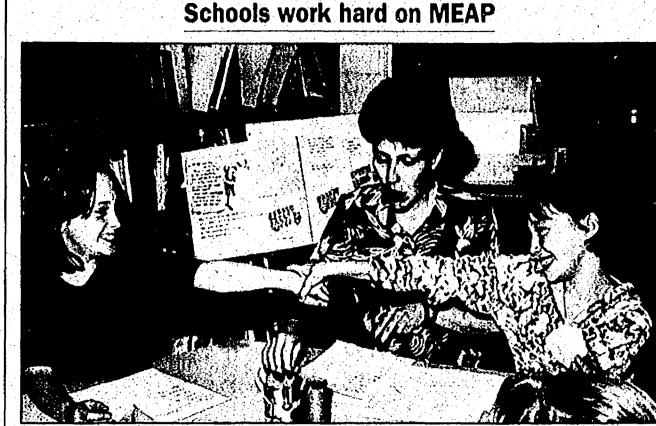
bly by early next year.

Personal responsibility is a big factor here. The designated driver idea is good in theory. More people, older adults as well as 20-somethings, need to put it into practice.

The Observer supports legislation that cracks down on drunken driving without impinging on civil rights — last year's "Zero Tolerance" law, which targets drinking drivers under 21, for example. And we will continue to urge prosecutors and district judges to take their responsibilities in this area seriously. Even the toughest new laws will fail to make a difference if the judicial branch doesn't place equal emphasis on the issue.

Educational programs, from those sponsored by MADD and SADD to police department presentations at local high schools, must also continue.

Lastly, corporate America needs to jump on the bandwagon - and we're not talking about just throwing in a few catchy phrases at the end of a beer commercial. Companies that sell beer, wine and liquor need to take a hard look at the way they promote their products. The image they create should be one that encourages responsible use, not reckless consumption.



Academic testing: Local teachers and students, like those above, worked hard during specially-planned reading and math workshops so they can boost their reading and math scores in the annual Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

LETTERS

Attack unwarranted

t never ceases to amaze me! When someone is intent on making a political attack, virtually anything is a suitable basis for doing so --- even a decidedly non-partisan, "good govern ment" piece like my column in the Nov. 25 Observer.

Even though Mark Tooze makes a variety of comments about me and my record, readers should not be misled by the authoritative air of his delivery. For example, while Tooze forcefully reports that I supported the 1993 budget act, he is obviously ignorant of the fact I wasn't a member of Congress until 1995.

Even though he claims to be among those who are watching and listening carefully to what both sides are saying and doing," his vigilance did not extend to verification of his facts before making accusations about me in the newspaper. Readers should also be suspicious of his wholesale condemnation of my voting record ---again, the facts don't support his statements. He tries to argue that my actual votes are not consistent with the arguments put forward in my column.

Tooze --- my party affiliation, rather than my arguments, are what count to him.

While he is certainly free to dislike that I am a Democrat, Mr. Tooze is way out of line for faulting me on reform! I would hope that my Wayne County constituents would recognize this inaccurate and partisan attack for what it is.

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers

Rivers, an Ann Arbor Democrat in her first term, represents Garden City and Westland.

Abortions knocked

Good news for suburbs in '96

heerful holiday news comes to the suburbs of metro Detroit packaged by the job and population forecasters of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. After two decades of stagnant population changes and a loss of manufacturing jobs, things are looking up, literally, from now to 2020.

SEMCOG's regional development forecast, now circulating to cities and townships, shows "a positive economic future" - an 18percent growth in jobs and a 13-percent growth in population in the quarter-century ahead.

Job growth will be particularly strong in suburban Wayne County (18.3 percent), Oakland County (29.7 percent) and Livingston County (83.2 percent).

Among the top 10 job growth communities will be Canton Township (119 percent), Rochester Hills (100.5 percent), Bloomfield Township (96 percent), Novi (67.1 percent), Troy (19.6 percent) and Livonia (18.4 percent).

Sad to say, Detroit is projected to continue losing jobs, and manufacturing will decline - no surprise there. But services, retail and finance are projected for healthy. increases.

Significantly, the percentage of workingage adults holding jobs will increase from 81 percent in 1990 to 88 percent in 2020.

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SEMCOG's regional development forecast, now circulating to cities and townships, shows "a positive economic future" - an 18-percent growth in jobs and a 13-percent growth in population in the quarter-century ahead.

dip below the 100,000 mark, and Southfield below 75,000, though that's due mostly to shrinking family size. Westland, Canton, Farmington Hills and Troy will continue to see more faces; as will northern Oakland communities.

The nature of public services will change. Households with children will decline 5 percent by 2020. Better health care will mean more older folks, particularly in the 85-and-up category. Elementary schools will be converted into senior citizen centers.

Builders of houses and apartments should continue to prosper as population rises and average household size shrinks from 3.49 people in 1960 to 2.66 today to 2.47 in 2020.

Now if we can refrain from paving over too many farm fields and slicing up too many lakes with powerboats, we may have a nice environment in which to enjoy our prosperity.

Untrue!

Not only have I repeatedly cast votes in support of ethics and campaign finance reform. I have personally set standards above what the law requires.

For example, as a state legislator, I voted against a pay raise and then, after it passed, returned it to the state treasury. Before I was elected to Congress, I pledged not to accept gifts, meals, or travel from special interests. I have voluntarily kept to this standard and sponsored legislation that would have placed the same requirements on all members.

In fact, Speaker Gingrich's amendment to the recently passed "gift ban" was identical to my proposal.

Similarly, I have co-sponsored most of the ethics and "perks and privileges" bills in the 104th Congress and am currently at work on campaign finance reform.

I recently sponsored a bill to make House members more accountable for after-hours use of C-SPAN — which costs taxpayers around \$7,000 an hour --- and, because of my strong sense of outrage over the recent shutdown of the federal government, I pledged to return my salary for those six days.

Mr. Tooze's claim that I argued that "Democrats had been disadvantaged" and that my reform bills were "to right this wrong" is simply made up. A review of my comments will show that I was critical of both parties and urged bipartisan responses to campaign and ethics reforms.

It seems to me that what was actually written in the column was of little interest to Mr.

s far as the debate on partial-birth, late-term abortions go, one can only wonder what goes on in the minds of those who defend them.

When I think of how far the feminist movement has declined from the precepts of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, I am truly made sad. Those pioneer foremothers in the movement called abortion "child murder."

Todays women's movement so-called leaders have recently said that these late-term abortions are necessary to "ensure a woman's right to choose."

I am saddened when I think of my sisters in the womb who are six and seven months along - fully developing females - whom some think must be sacrificed for women's rights.

Lastly, I am saddened that our U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers voted against the partial-birth lateterm abortion ban. We must defend our sisters (and brothers) who are developing in the womb. Gena Giannuzzi, Westland

Letter generates laugh

ooking at the letters to the editor in the Dec. 14 Observer, I saw Walter Warren's name on the first letter. I thought to myself: Not again. Why don't they let him write a column of his own and let other people have a little space."

Then I read the opening sentence of the second letter; "Just once I'd like to open one of your newspapers and not see a letter from Walter Warren,"

I have to say I laughed out loud. (Letter writer) Mr. Anderson was very kind in his comments and it's nice to know I am not alone in wondering why he is published so often.

Anyway, thanks for the laugh. I needed it! Anna Pettibone, Garden City

QUESTION:

Do you have any New Year's resolutions?

We asked this question at the Kroger store on Ford Road at Central City Parkway.



'No, I haven't. I never do.' Liz Patterson Westland

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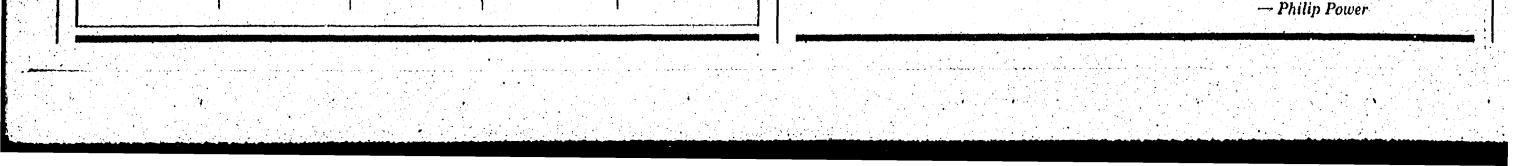
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POINTS OF VIEW

Accountability is important for all our schools

Now comes Randy Bos, superintendent of Montabella Community Schools, who wants to convert all five schools in his tiny (1,500 students) mid-Michigan district into charter schools.

"This would force the school district to take the responsibility that it should have and add some accountability to what we're doing here," said Bos, who plans to submit his proposal to the school board in January.

Pardon me, but up to now I had thought that local school boards and superintendents were supposed to take responsibility and accountability for what kids learn without having to convert their public school districts into charter schools. Or am I missing something?

Charter schools are an experiment in school reform that authorizes independent schools to receive the same amount of per-pupil funding that is provided regular public schools in the region. There are now about 40 such schools operation in Michigan, with another 20 or so authorized to open next year.

The theory is that chartering some independent schools would break the monopoly on K-12 education now held by public schools, provoke experimentation and provide parents with greater school choice. I'm afraid the fact is that lots of folks who are hot for charter schools want little more than to get your and my tax dollars to pay for private schooling for their kids.

That's why the year-end educational squabble in Lansing between the Senate (very conservative, very ideological) and the House (more moderate, more narrowly divided) was so important.

The folks in the Senate were hellbent to take off all restrictions on the number of schools to be chartered. The House eventually watered down most



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of the radical Senate notions.

I think allowing uncontrolled numbers of charter schools poses two enormous problems:

Financial oversight. Remember, the per-pupil grant paid to charter schools comes from public tax dollars. But boards of charter schools are privately appointed rather than publicly elected. How do you get public oversight of the expenditure of public funds? ■ Educational standards. With a lot of kids attending a bunch of independent charter schools, how do you know that each kid is getting an education that's up to standard? The Senate was adamant in wanting to do away with the mandated statewide curriculum, and so Michigan is now one of only three states in the nation with no — none! minimum standards for what our kids are supposed to learn in school.

It's ironic that the scores for this year's round of MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests were released recently. In general, they showed that most school districts have improved in reading and math over the past few years as teachers began to adjust their classes to meet the demands of public testing.

We regularly publish the local MEAP test results, school building by school building, in this newspaper. Nothing we do gets a bigger response from our readers, and this kind of intense interest translates — surprise! into pressure for school improvement.

Next year, the MEAP will be augmented with a battery of tough new tests, including an entirely new proficiency test for 11th-graders. This test, designed to assess what kids really learn before they leave school, will in turn drive the system of state-endorsed diplomas.

So the process — testing what kids learn, publishing those results in the Observer Newspapers and letting the pressure improve the work of teachers and school officials — gradually is improving our schools.

Isn't that the kind of responsibility and accountability that we've been expecting from the public schools all along?

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

Accusations of racism don't fill bill for state legislator

If being called nasty names could hurt, state Rep. Deborah Whyman would be covered by a dung heap. The second-term Republican from Canton Township is taking verbal abuse such as one rarely sees in the polite corridors of the State Capitol.

"She's a racist," Rep. Ed Vaughn, D-Detroit, told the Michigan Chronicle. "If she's not a racist, she certainly appears to be one."

She's trying to position herself as a force for,"the racist far right. She's a participant in the dumbing down of America. She plays to dumb folks and blames the victims," Vaughn went on.

"The only plausible explanation for this rather astonishing proposal is race," said Robert Sedlar, a Wayne State University law professor.

"The minute we get any inkling that they're trying to take our court away, we'll use every legal resource to fight it," said Recorder's Judge Kym Wor-

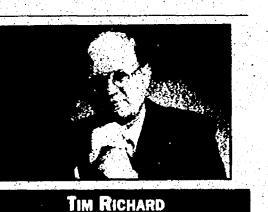
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"I'm sick of these people coming into Detroit and telling us that we can't think for ourselves," said Geraldine Block, a retired Detroit teacher who uses the mail and talk radio to bash Whyman.

Now, Whyman votes with evangelicals like Alan Cropsey, Harold Voorhees and Jack Horton on school and abortion questions. But racist? Her desk is next to my press box station, we chat a good bit, and I've yet to hear her whisper a racist comment.

In fact, those who make snide references to "These People" and "They" are the ones we should suspect of prejudging people on the basis of race.

A lady who's never shrill and who does her homework, Whyman is sponsor of House Bill 4952, to consolidate Detroit Recorder's Court (with its criminal jurisdiction) into Wayne Circuit Court. If enacted, HB 4952 would correct one flaw in a pattern of flawed



to write one bill for Detroit and one for

the rest of the state. In the other 82 counties, circuit court handles all criminal cases, as well as divorces and civil suits worth more than \$10,000. Only Detroit has a sepa-

rate criminal court. Ann Arbor doesn't have a separate court from Washtenaw County; Flint isn't separate from Genesee County; ginaw County; ditto with Bay City and Bay County; ditto with Kalamazoo and Kalamazo County; ditto with Grand Rapids and Kent County; ditto with Muskegon and Muskegon County; ditto with Midland and Midland County.

The Legislature made a big, fat mistake when it created a separate court for Detroit, just as it erred when it created a separate class of school district for Detroit, and separate income tax provisions for Detroit, and separate dozens of other things for Detroit.

Detroit isn't unique. It's a city with about half the county's population. It has a large minority population. It's an old city. But it absolutely isn't unique, no way.

In the last decade, the Supreme Court has shifted jurisdiction of suburban criminal cases out of Wayne Circuit Court and into Detroit Recorder's Court. A'handful of circuit judges have been rotated onto the Recorder's bench to help out. But essentially we have an

unfair situation.

If I were a black Detroiter, I would raise an eyebrow if my neighbors were judged solely by white suburbanites. And Whyman's constituents raise an eyebrow at having their criminal cases judged in Detroit Recorder's Court.

Since Whyman's bill hit the Judiciary Committee — with a ton of cosponsors — the Supreme Court has changed the rules and ordered suburban Wayne County crimnial cases back into circuit court. So is HB 4952 even necessary? Absolutely, because the Supreme Court could change the rules again.

Black Detroiters don't want to see their voting strength diluted by a countywide election. We all appreciate that view. Whyman's research shows that fair numbers of blacks have been elected to Wayne Probate Court and to countywide posts.

It's too bad she has had to take all

state laws — the tendency for Lansing

ditto with the city of Saginaw and Sa-



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OBITUARIES

PEARL NEIL

Services for Pearl Neil, 76, were Friday, Dec. 22, from the Price Funeral Home with the Rev. **Richard Cryderman officiating.** Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy.

Mrs. Neil, formerly of Garden City, died Dec. 20 at the Autumn Woods Health Care Facility in Warren.

Mrs. Neil was born in Cleator Moor, Cumberland, England in 1919 and was married in Windsor, Ontario, in 1945.

She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Olson (David) of Rochester Hills; sister, Flarence Keat of Redford; and grandchildren Sarah Mullins, Meagan Olson and Matthew Olson.

Memorials can be sent to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, 831 W. Huron St., Pontiac 48341.

THOMAS RICHARDSON Services for Thomas Richardson, 59, of Garden City were Thursday, Dec. 21, from the John Santelu & Son Chapel with the Rev. Steven Schafer of Mt. Hope Congregational Church officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Gaylord.

Mr. Richardson died Dec. 18 in the Macomb Hospital Center in Warren.

He had worked in the rental truck/trailer and moving equipment business. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Garden City, No. 587.

Survivors include his wife, Anni; daughters, Lori (Tom) Kariott and Lynn Nel (Kevin) Pike; sons, Kevin (Kathy) and Kris (Sandy); and six grandchildren.

He is also survived by a brother, Jim Beranek of Mt. Pleasant, and eight sisters: Catherine Hafner of Chelsea; Margaret Stephens of Dexter; Irene Rodriguez of Ann Arbor; Barb Renfrow of Flint; Doris Shinabarger of Prescott; Florence

Slayton of Hillsboro, Texas; Ruth Hofler of Hollywood, Fla.; and Winnie Aguilar of Durand. Memorials are suggested to the Shriner's Crippled Children's

MARY ROBERTS

Fund.

Services for Mrs. Roberts, 75. were Friday, Dec. 22, from the John Santeiu & Son Chapel with the Rev. William Dankowski of Evergreen Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation was arranged by Southern Michigan Services in Livonia.

Mrs. Roberts was a lifelong resident of Wayne County. She lived in Westland for three years after living in Garden City.

Survivors include daughters, Donna (Paul) Henson of White Lake and Carol (Eugene) Sekutowski; and four grandchildren: Jennifer, Michelle, David and Lisa.

Memorials are suggested to the Community Hospice Services, Westland.

ELAYNE PATRICIA HEINDLMEYER

Services for Mrs. Heindlmeyer, 63, of Garden City were Dec. 28 from the Sajewski Funeral Home, Detroit, followed by cremation.

Mrs. Heindlmeyer died Dec. 25 in her home of natural causes.

Survivors include; sons, Joseph (Karen), Mark and Thomas: daughters, Deborah, Barbara (Tom), Elayne and Jill (George); grandchildren, Joseph, James, Kristin, Paul, Danielle, Janielle, John, Alexander and Elayna Jo and great-grandchildren, Marlee and Brett. Preceding her in death was her husband, Joseph,

JOSEPH VANDERVENNET

Delayed enlistment

Services for Joseph Vandervennet

of Westland were Friday, Dec, 22, from the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home and St. Theodore Church. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Mr. Vandervennet, 68, died Dec. 20 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

He had worked as a bricklayer. Survivors include his wife, Patricla; brothers, William, Robert, Edward, Frederick, Joseph and Charles; and sisters Elizabeth Vader, Patricia Walters, Theresa Laird and Mary Lowio,

JOAN WEYHE

Services for Joan Weyne of Westland were Friday, Dec. 22, from , the Uht Funeral Home with buri al in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Weyhe, 72, died Dec. 19 in University Hospital. She had worked as a salesper-

son.

Survivors include daughters,

MILITARY NEWS

Carol Green of Westland, Cheryl Neubecker, Ann Ables, Renee Boyko, and Colleen Clark; son, Richard Weyhe; brother, Robert Meyer; and six grandchildren.

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Arrangements were by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

How to beat holiday blues

Has the holiday season arrived without you? Since we can't control the season's arrival, it's not unusual for adults to feel out-of-synch with the holiday crowd, said an Oakwood Healthcare System spokeswoman.

These tips from Oakwood behavioral medicine professionals might help you pick up your spirits and see you through.

Since "tradition" is one of the hallmarks of the holidays. you might feel acutely sad if it's not possible to carry out some of your usual traditions, said Oakwood's Suzanne Truskowski.

"If you have recently lost a loved one, if the holiday season is the anniversary of such a loss, of if your living situation. has changed in the past year and you are away from loved ones, remember that you can start new holiday traditions. 🖬 If you are feeling blue, it's difficult to have much enthus!asm for . . . gift-giving or party going.

They may not seem like much at first, but if you are able to repeat them over the next few years, they'll begin to feel comfortable.'

If you are feeling blue, it's difficult to have much enthusiasm for social expectations such as gift-giving or party going, she said.

"Participate at a level that feels comfortable to you, but try not to isolate yourself entirely. A little participation might lift your spirits.

"The holiday season is a good time to spend evenings with a good book or quiet music. Write letters to friends and loved ones instead of sending cards. By staying involved in some activity, you may find your mood lift-

ing. "There are many social service programs for people in need over the holidays. Taking time to participate, if only for a few hours, can be a good way out of the holiday doldrums and help bring season's greetings to others. Talk things out

"Many adults experience holiday blues. If you are not able to compensate for it in some other way, or feel that the "blues" might be drifting into depression, seek help.

"Remember, we can't control the season's arrival, however, there are some things we can do to pick up our spirits and see us through the season."

Oakwood owns and operates the former Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Crystal Nelson has enlisted in the Air Force's "delayed enlistment" program. She is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force September, 1996. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course In San Antonio, she is scheduled to

receive technical training in the general career field. She will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Ali Force while attending basic and technical training schools. Nelson, a 1996 graduate of John Glenn High School, is the daughter of Robert and Paula Nelson of Westland.

Henry Honeycutt has enlisted in the Air Force's "delayed enlist ment" program and is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force January 1996, Upon Graduation from the Air Force's sixweek basic training course in San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the electronics career field. He will earn credits toward an associate

graduate of John Glenn High School, is the son of Henry and Michele Priestley of Westland.

THEY ENLIST

Rochelle Farmer has enlisted in the Air Force. Upon completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, she is scheduled to receive technical training as a diet therapy apprentice. She will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools. Farmer, is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School and the daughter of James and Pamela Farmer.

Rebecca Cannon has enlisted in the Air Force. Upon completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, she is scheduled to receive technical training in the electronics career field. She will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools. Cannon, the daughter of Gail Stewart of Garden City, is a

1995 graduate of Westland Lutheran High School.

David Holmes has enlisted in the Air Force, Upon completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the mechanical career field. He will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools, Holmes, the son of William and Carol Holmes of Westland, is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School.

Daniel Babcock has enlisted in the Air Force. Upon completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a ground radio communications apprentice. He will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools. Babcock, the son of Harold Babcock of Taylor and Joan Burns of Westland, is a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School.

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Writing workshops are scheduled

The Western Wayne Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education will hold two Young Authors Workshops Jan. 13.

The workshops will be taught by Jan Jones, author of "Secrets of a Summer Spy" and "Creating the Page Turner: A Helpbook for Young Writers."

Jones will cover a variety of literary topics, including flash-forwards and flashbacks, the arts of description, dialogue and action. She'll also show techniques of editing and rewriting. The workshops are for students

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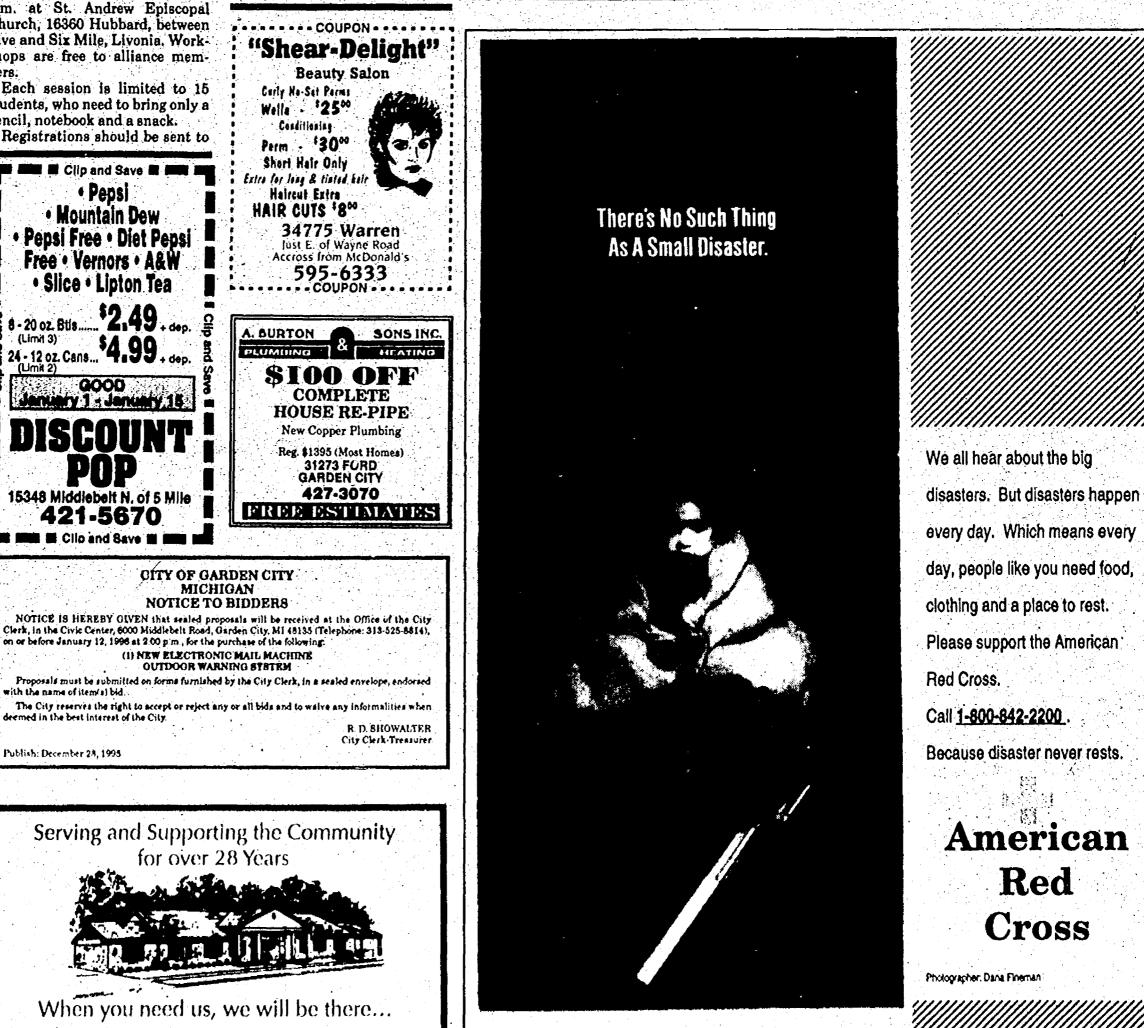
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KAREN MEIER

Weighing in for New Year

ith New Year's Eve only three days away, familiar holiday symbols are jumping out all over the place. We see pointed cylindrical hats with chokey rubber band things for keeping them on in newspaper ads. We see champagne glasses with bubbles flying up in TV ads. We see confetti floating down, horn blower noise makers unfurled, and new babies wearing nothing save a banner announcing the brand new year. And to me, that last one, the bare baby symbol is the best. The baby is innocence personified --- wide-eyed, optimistic, fresh, unmarked, with endless possibilities ahead. What a neat way to look at the new year.

That's how I'm going to look at 1996. Oh, it's not that the retiring year was terrible or anything, as a matter of fact there were great things about 1995, but with 1996 everything can be new, just like gifts about to be unwrapped, so much potential there. So, I say, hurrah for 1996!

Oh, speaking of babies as the New Year's symbols, earlier today I had my baby visit at the obstetrician's office. Today, Dec. 28, happens to mark my 28th week. This appointment today to check in on my baby, just three days before the New Year, got me thinking. It got me thinking about how it must be like New Year's Day yearround in an obstetrician's office. New life and fresh hope constantly walk into this office, it's



By MARY RODRIQUE STAFF WRITER

t's New Year's Eve and the kids are still in the holiday mode. Besides home parties, what are the options for the under 18 crowd?

If you're 11 years or older, and have the stamina, consider the allnight party at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland.

The hours are 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the door. A balloon drop is planned and pop dinner at 2 a.m.

"We've been doing this for 20 years now, we've got it down pat," said a spokeswoman. "We have tight security and no one under 18 is allowed to leave the building without a parent."

Call (313) 326-2800 for more information.

Riverside Arena in Livonia also has big plans for an all-night skate 9

a.m. can pay \$10 and stay for the New Year's Eve Party - 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

There will be full adult supervision and minors will not be allowed to leave after 12:30 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The arena, at 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia, also has public skating 8 p.m. to midnight Friday and p.m. to 7 a.m. New Year's Eve. Cost Saturday for \$5 per person and Cost is \$15 in advance and \$18 at is \$20 and includes party hats, bal- matinee sessions 2-5 p.m. Saturday loons and a continental breakfast. and Sunday for \$3.50. Three types of for midnight, followed by a pizza The skate rental is an additional skate rentals are available: stan-\$1.50. Those who can't stay until 7 dard precision for \$1.50, premium

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Red Baron for \$3 and in-line for \$5. Call (313) 421-3540 for more information.

The Skatin' Station II at 8611 Ronda Dr., Canton, also is planning a New Year's Eve celebration 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for young skaters and their families. Admission will be \$8 for individuals and \$20 for families. Skate rentals will be \$1.75 per pair.

Skaters will be treated to food and pop, a balloon drop at midnight with many of the balloons contain-

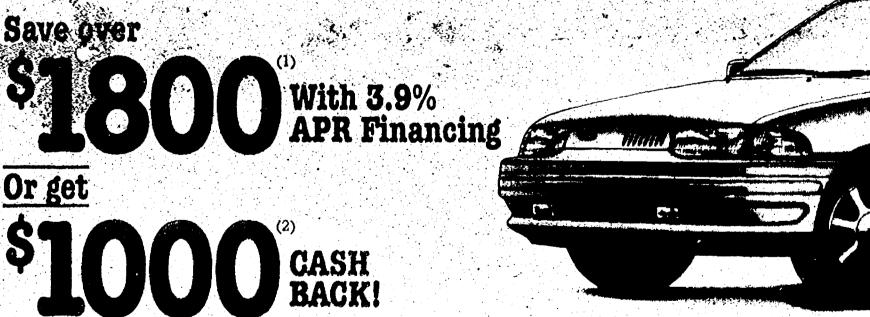
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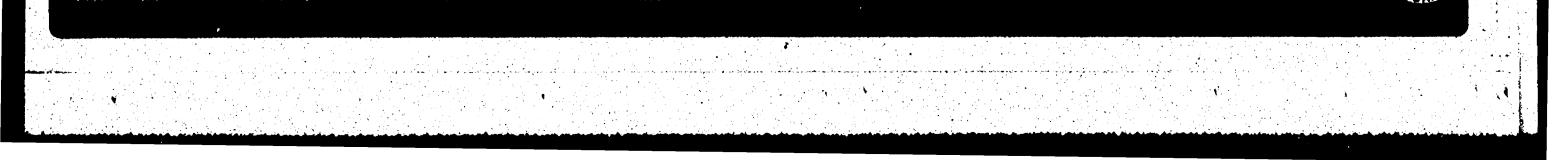
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So anyway, I was in the Office of New Life today, this morning to be exact. And since it's the week between Christmas and New Year's and school is on recess, Tony, Carmen, Joe and Jack wanted to come along. The best part, according to them, is hearing the heartbeat of their new baby brother or sister.

The next best part is the weighin of Mom, And this weigh-in happens to occur smack dab in the middle of the most eatingest holidays of the year. So that makes it very funny, To them. They watch as I gingerly step up to and on the scale while someone with a lab coat stands by holding a chart and making pencil marks on the page. And my children, very observant and notoriously bad secret-keeping creatures they are, take it all in. It's all rather humiliating. The children snicker. The nurse won't let me take my shoes off. I wear my thinnest socks and I get my hair cut the week before. Nothing works.

Today's visit was with the

But still, I ask the most stupid questions and you'd think after as much experience as I've had, I wouldn't have any questions and that I might even be able to answer a few.

nurse practitioner, not the doctor, which is fine. She's really nice and patient with me. But still, I ask the most stupid questions and you'd think after as much experience as I've had, I wouldn't have any questions and that I might even be able to answer a few. But somehow the miracle of birth still remains a miracle to me, even mysterious at times. I am awestruck by the entire process.

So I ask stupid questions and I get compassionate answers.

Another highlight is when my. blood pressure is checked. Or maybe, I should say, lowlight - I fear terrible results all the time. That's because parking places hide from me, Joe and Jack hide from me, Joe and Jack operate the

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elevator with all those interesting red buttons down low on the control panel, and then there are the automatic doors. They close willy-nilly on toddlers who aren't very tall or weigh very much. And I worry. A lot. And so the blood pressure cuff nearly flies off my arm in pieces. It nearly spontaneously combusts. Or at least it feels as if it that could happen. And this time, even before

showing up for my appointment. in the office, I had to report to the lab for the glucose test. Yucky. That's when you have to drink this horrible grape or orange solution liquid stuff loaded with sugar. It sort of slides down the throat. It's nasty. It's very icky. It makes me giddy. I apologize to the children for the giddy part; they say they don't even notice anything different. Oh, boy,

Anyway, the bottom line here is that this appointment falling just days before the New Year which is often symbolically depicted by banner-draped bables, is a good time to think of fresh beginnings and new possibilities and new hope.

The birth of the new year is, indeed, just days away. The birth of this new baby that just got examined today is just weeks away, And the feeling of great hope and wide-eyed optimism is running very high, this 28th day of Decem. ber. I hope that's the way it is for you, too.

I wish you all a very happy, hopeful, and healthy 1996!

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

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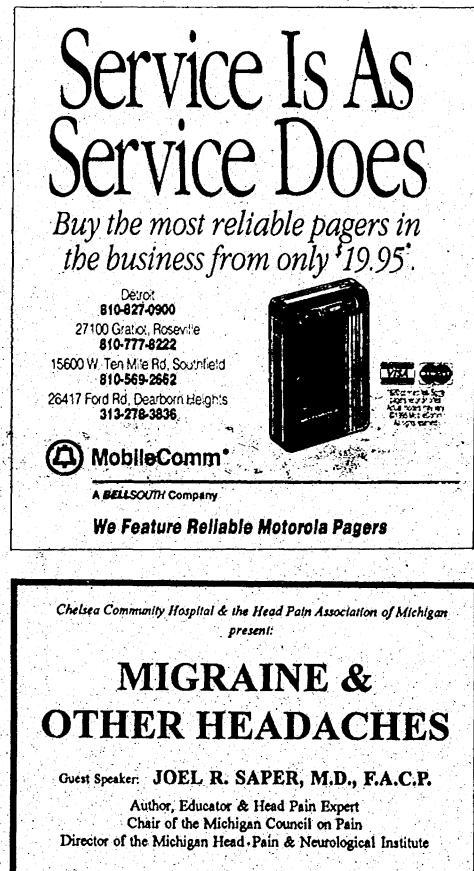
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In the city of Wayne, it's First Night, a non-alcoholic New Year's Eve celebration for the entire family. First Night originated in Boston and there are now more than 100 such celebrations in the U.S., Canada and Australia.

More than 50 entertainers will perform at 10 locations from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Downtown Wayne is along Michigan Avenue east of I-275. Cost is \$5 for everyone - seniors, adults and children. Buttons will be on sale at the Wayne Community Center at Howe and Annapolis roads, and Wayne City Hall, Wayne Road south of Michigan Avenue.

First Night originated in Boston and there are now more than 100 such celebrations in the U.S., Canada and Australia,

Those sporting a button are free to visit any of the entertainment sites. Food will be sold and served at a couple of locations. Call the community center at (313) 721-7400 for more information.

Or the kids could stay home and rest up for the annual New Year's Day adult and youth bowling tournament at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Cost is \$10 a couple and trophies will be awarded. Call (313) 722-7570 for more information.

If you haven't checked out the third annual Wayne County LightFest in Hines Park yet, this

features 35 light displays beaming with 500,000 lights.

Three new displays this season include a Nativity scene, a Hanukkah theme, featuring a menorah and a dreidel, and a Kwanzaa theme. Returning favorites include a gingerbread village as well as a downhill skier, a bicyclist, and a rocking horse - all with real motion.

Enter the park at Merriman Road. The exhibit proceeds about four miles east to the Warrendale shelter at Telegraph Road. Cost is \$5 per car load.

Or catch the tail end of the Traditions of the Holiday Season at Greenfield Village and Henry

New Year's Day. Both Dearborn attractions are open until 5 p.m. and feature special festive touches for the holidays.

"We're not open in the evening, but we'd like everyone to come by from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. either day," said Diane Thomas, a spokeswoman. "We have our holiday program. We're all decked out."

The Detroit Institute of Arts wraps up its special family programming on 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. On the agenda are a drop-in family workshop (participants can learn about line. color and texture then create paintings after viewing a special collection), family videos (including "Midas and the Golden Touch" and "The Tiger and the Brahmin") and music from the Renaissance performed in the Italian galleries: All programs are free with museum admission ---

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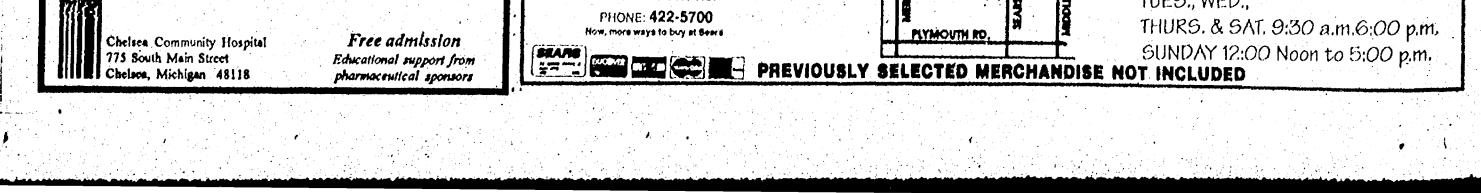


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Pomeroy-Ballou

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Pomeroy of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Ann, to Nathan Andrew Ballou, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ballou, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is currently employed in Chicago as a flight attendant for American Trans Air airlines.

Her fiance will graduate from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Ill., in May 1996 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. After graduation, he will be commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy and plans to become a naval flight officer.

An early summer 1996 wedding

Volk-Shipley

Tracey Lynn Shipley and Carl James Volk were married on Nov. 24 in Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. Pastor William C. Lihdholm officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Rick Shipley of Flushing, Mich., and Janice Anquetil of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Carl and Judy Volk of Livonia.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She attended Michigan State University. She currently is employed in management for Susan Powter:

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as a senior manager by the Steak & Ale Corp.

The bride asked Kara Haarala and Leah Miles to serve as her maids of honors with bridesmaids Amy Nelson, Staci Orthner, Kelley Beatty, Laura Abdulbaki and Kristin Volk-Moore.

The groom asked Rick Czarno-



at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton is being planned.



ta and Bret Thibodeau to serve as the best men with groomsmen Derek Volk, Paul Volk, Bret Thibodeau, Steve Thibodeau, Jeff Weegman and Steve Litwin.

The couple received guests at the International Center ballroom in Greektown in Detroit before leaving on a Carribean cruise. They are now making their home in Farmington.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Metz-Evans

Alexia Anne Evans and John C. Metz were married in May in a ceremony at Weller's Carriage House in Saline.

The bride is the daughter of Howard and Roxanne Evans of New Carlisle, Ohio. The groom is the son of Geo and Elaine Metz of Walled Lake, formerly of Livonia.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Northwestern High School and a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed in occupational therapy at Flower Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Alpha Contracting Co.

Weil-Eastridge

Nancy G. Weil announces the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Gary Keith Eastridge of Canton, the son of Paris and Joann Eastridge of Dickson, Tenn.

The bride-to-be. the daughter of the late Jacob J. Weil of Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. She is currently working in the area.

Her fiance is a graduate of Woodhaven High School and currently working for Ford Motor Company's Wayne Assembly Plant in Wayne. A May wedding is planned at

Newburgh Church in Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.



in Ann Arbor. The couple is living in Belleville.

DeLeon-Moloney

William Leon Jr. of Miami, Fla., announces the engagement of his daughter Lisa M. DeLeon, to Edward M. Moloney, the son of Peter and Elaine Moloney of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Shirley M. Leon, graduated from high school in Miami. She is employed as a fitness instructor by U.S. Total Fitness Center.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He received his degree in accounting from Michigan State University. He is employed by North American Ltd. in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Neuman-Moloney

Barbara Neuman of Bad Axe, Mich., announces the engagement of her daughter, Angela K., to Michael G. Moloney, the son of Peter and Elaine Moloney of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Robert Neuman, is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by Priority Health of Grand Rapids.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by the Michigan Bulb Co. in Grand Rapids.

An April wedding in Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids is planned.



A March wedding in St. Anselm's Church in Dearborn is planned.



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Local engagement, wedding wedding or anniversary informaand anniversary announcements run in the Thursday editions of The Observer. Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Res-

Residents of Livonia, Redford, Garden City and Westland, should send their engagement, wedding or anniversary information, with or without photograph, to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Residents of the Plymouth-Canton area should send information to The Observer, 744 Wing St., Plymouth 48170. Preprinted forms that outline the information needed for your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement are available at either office.

If you have questions regarding your announcement, call Sue Mason in Livonia at (313) 953-2131 or Bridget Lucas in Plymouth at (313) 459-2700. For a recorded message with complete information on submitting announcements, call (313) 953-2065.





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> G.R. Plymouth

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My first appraisal of this handwriting with its embellished capital letters and unusual loops tells us we are looking at a woman who is extremely restless. She needs activity, involvement, people and variety. She disdains a dull routine.

However, the handwriting and what she tells us suggest the trauma she has experienced. Her forced retirement and subsequent surgeries have curtailed her activities but not her interests. And to her credit, she is intensely determined to overcome these obstacles.

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structional pleasure of life is seen

NEW VOICES

DAVE and PAULA ROYZER of Southgate announce the birth of ANNA JULIA Oct. 19 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has two sisters, Becky, 6, and Chelsea, 3. Grandparents are Richard and Virginia Hymes of Livonia, Joe and Sue Royzer of Monroe and Marion. Royser of Southgate.

JOHN and LINDA TINHAM of Livonia announce the birth of AMANDA GAIL Nov. 19 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Richard and Patricia Tinham, Jim DeCarlo and the late Gail DeCarlo, Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Beonx Rietdorf.

MARK and LORIANN COL-LINS of Plymouth Township announce the birth of JENNA MARIE Sept. 17 at St. Joseph. Hospital, Ann Arbor. She has three siblings, Elyse, 7, Eric, 4, and Jonathan, 2. Grandparents are Gregory and Joan Moore of Plymouth, James Joynt of Dearborn Heights, and Nancy Collins of Plymouth. Godparents are David Collins of Plymouth and Michelle Pierzchala of Dearborn Heights.

THOMAS and AMY DWYER of Westland announce the birth of TYLER JOSEPH Oct. 19 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Gregory and Dorothy Dwyer of Livonia and George and Betty Lona of Garden City.

JIM and TANYA FREDER-ICK of Redford announce the birth of CHRISTINA LEE Nov. 25. Grandparents are Lillian Gregoroff of Livonia and the late Kroum Gregoroff, Dan and Diane Butka of Novi and Charles Frederick of Canton, Great-grandmother is Roxann Porterfield of Florida.

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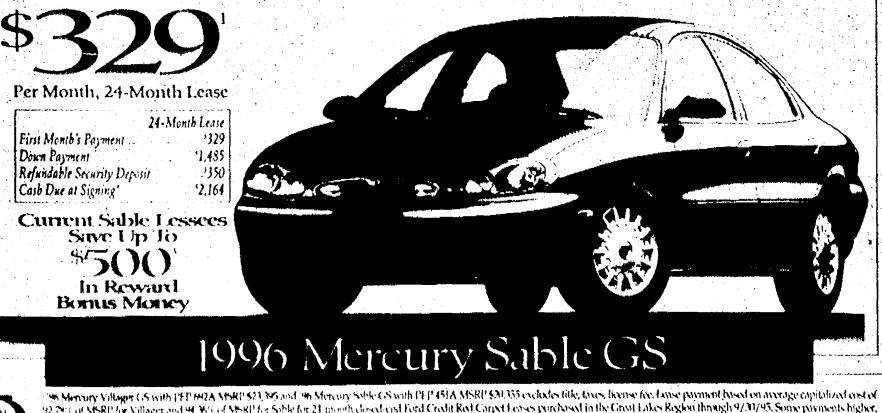


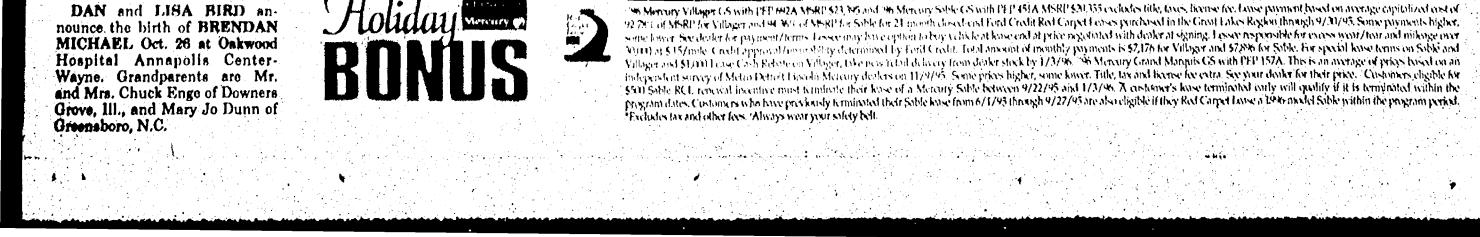
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The Holy Cows at the Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 9 p.m. for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 833-POOL.

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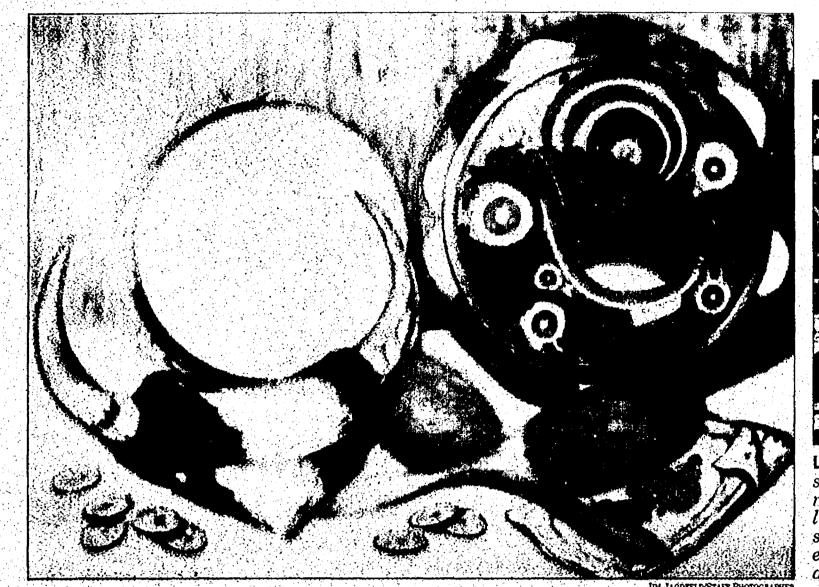


The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra swings down memory lane 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3700 Woodward, Detroit. On-stage dance party follows concert. Call (313) 833-3700 or (810) 645-6666.

SUNDAY









Longevity Secrets: Ninetyseven year old Olive Harrington credits her long life to not drinking, not smoking, eating oatmeal every morning, and loving art.

Loving art is her secret to

First Night showcases over 30 performers, including jazz sensation Straight Ahead, 5 p.m. to midnight in downtown Birmingham, (810) 540-6688.



Hot tix: A holiday train display, planetarium shows and one last chance to experience "It's All In Your Head: An Exhibit about the Brain' await at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, (810) 645-3200.



Olive Harrington's eyes aren't what they used to be so she rarely paints anymore. That's OK by Harrington, who at this point in life, is satisfied to simply rest on her laurels. Harrington founded the Livonia Artists Club in 1960. As a result, hundreds of traditional oil paintings fill the walls of her Livonia home.

"I took lessons just to be with the girls," said Harrington, "so I guess you could say I'm a self-made artist."

A Montreal native, Harrington moved to Livonia in 1942. She'd eloped with husband Earl, an American, some 25 years earlier, She remembers fondly their two acres of heaven where they raised

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their son Carl along with the grapes she painted in still lifes. However, being a realist not only in painting style but life, she also remembers the dirt roads which made travel lengthy and less than pleasant. Frustrated with motoring all the way to Redford in the late 1950s to attend Palette Guild meetings, the only organized art group in the area, Harrington gathered together a few ladies after the death of her husband at the urging of a friend.

"We started out with half a dozen women meeting in different homes, We needed some sort of club so we decided to meet every week," Harrington said.

"Our club was a friendly club. There wasn't any competition between us because we were not actually painting to sell. It was like a party every time we met."

Wonderland Mall hosted the club's first art show in 1960. Three photo albums capture the exhibit of paintings as well as the artists clad in skirts and looking very much like Donna Reed or Beaver's mom. Exposure from the outdoor

exhibit sent membership soaring. It wasn't long before the club began looking for a larger place to meet.

"For beginners we didn't have any funds so we asked the Carl Sandberg library if we could meet there. The rest is history," said the great-grandmother of one.

Until 1990, exhibits and club meetings continued at the library on Seven Mile east of Middlebelt. Today, club activities and events are held at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Each spring club members display artwork in the library's atrium. A fall exhibit of their paintings has been hosted by Laurel Park Place in Livonia for the last five years.

Although no longer an active member, Harrington still stays in contact with "the new gals" in the 45-member club. The only other affiliation that remains a constant in her life is Harrington's membership in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.

"People know if you don't want to talk art, don't come to see Olive,' said Harrington who credits her

longevity to not drinking or smoking, eating oatmeal every morning and always loving art.

Over the years Harrington's oils, primarily still life, genre scenes and landscapes, changed with the techniques used. Children and grandchildren hounded her for portraits of their dogs. She never let them down. Since she was so prolific, many of works were done on masonite instead of costly canvas. Sepia toned paintings of models, done with an oil wash using water instead of turpentine, seem dreamlike, from another time and place. One thing about Harrington, she always speaks her mind without

beating around the bush. "At 97 you don't make any far reaching plans. If you're smart you've already made them," said Harrington.

"My advice to anyone wanting to paint is you've got to learn to draw. first. You can't paint until you have a foundation, bas.c skills. I make a small sketch first. I wouldn't think of starting a painting without knowing what it's going to be."

Students make sacrifices for 'Amazing' show

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What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time, some area students were enjoying a holiday break from school, This year, their holidays are being upstaged by "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

The students are members of the four area choirs _ three from Oakland County _ selected to perform in this Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, playing now through Jan. 28 at Detroit's Masonic Temple Theatre.

The journey from school to professional stage began for these students (and hundreds of others from choral groups throughchorus roles) as early as August, when choir directors formed groups

hard work paid off for singers from Abbott Middle School, West Bloomfield; the Greenfield Honors Choir, Beverly Hills; and The Roeper School, Birmingham. The fourth choral group is the Betheada Christian Church/Junior Choir, Sterling Heights.

The four winners were selected from among 10 finalists including the Redford Youth Theatre, Redford.

Each choir of approximately 23 students is teamed with another choir. They then rotate performances with the other twochoir team.

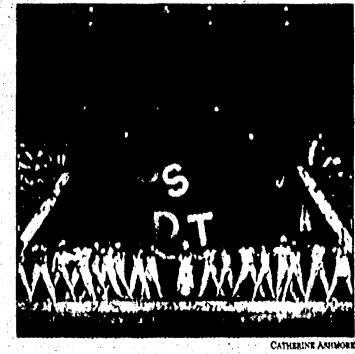
"Many hours went into preparing the kids for the audition," said Rebecca Klier, Greenfield's vocal music teacher. "Beginout Michigan who competed for the prized ning in August, the students and parents gave up the rest of their summer for

Now that her group has been turned over to the "Joseph" professionals, Klier said that it has been like "sending the kids off to college." And what an institution of higher learning they've gone tol -

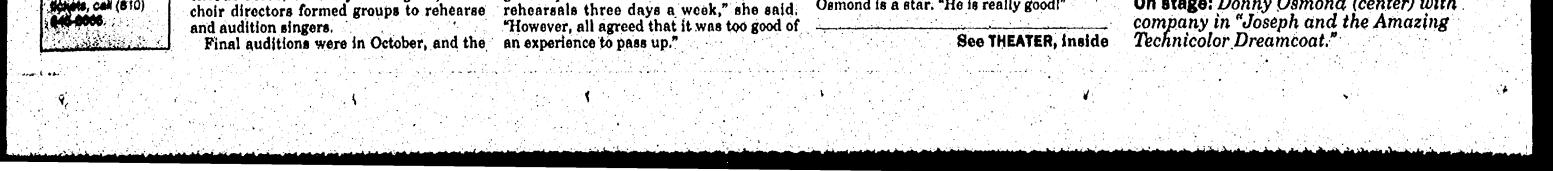
The students are getting the opportunity to work with such professionals as Donny Osmond, a figure in the entertainment industry for 25 years, who stars in the title role.

"I didn't even know who Donny Osmond was before this," said Mike MacCallum, 11, a member of the Greenfield Honors Choir, "But my parents told me he is a great star and that when he was about my age, he even had his own television show," he said.

Now that he has seen "Joseph" on the stage, Mike agrees with his parents that Osmond is a star. "He is really good!"



On stage: Donny Osmond (center) with





FINE ARTS Arts commission dedicates sculpture





dition to the City of Livonia's art collection. Located on the south side of the Livonia Civic Center Library at Five Mile east of Farmington, the sculpture, titled "Wisdom of the Ages," captures what the library is all about: passing knowledge to future generations through books. Thanks to the generosity and

dedication of the Livonia Arts Commission and especially arts commissioner Dorothy Wilshaw, who came up with the idea, those following through time in our

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footsteps will be able to learn about our values. The sculpture records for all time that knowledge and compassion played important roles in our society.

"It's not until after it comes to be, you realize how important this is not only to the community but to history," said Wilshaw at a dedication ceremony in late October.

City Librarian Michael Deller agreed with Wilshaw about the sculpture's importance.

"The theme fits in so nicely with the library. The fact that the man's holding a book shows the sharing between generations and that with books you can go back centuries," Deller said.

The sculpture, which took one year from conception to installation, cost \$26,000. The City of Livonia did not provide any money from its general funds. Instead, the bronze was made possible by funding, donations and untold hours of work volunteered by members of the Livonia Arts Commission, Friends of the Livonia Library who made the dog possible, Sheridan Construction, and Livonia's department of community resources. A \$13,000 Michigan Equity Grant approved last April laid the groundwork, paying for half the sculpture.

Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett is especially proud of the fact that no property tax money was used.

"It brings still another enhancement to the city. There's a sense of focus. It's a nice addition to our artworks in the city," Mayor Bennett said.

Added Janet Bennett, his wife, "I think children in particular will love it."

From the initial sketches Varga made of the sculpture to a maquette and full-size clay model, the work was subject to the approval of the Livonia Arts Commission. Along the way, members made minor changes until the final stage when the Grosse Pointe



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wisdom of the Ages: Frank Varga created this City of Livonia sculpture under the direction of the Livonia Arts Commission, with funding from government grants as well as from nonprofit organizations and commercial ventures.

artist cast the work. Hours and hours of refining and polishing went into the sculpture after the actual casting.

"I wanted to portray wisdom and innocence. All art should find something pleasant, to take in the human aspect of youth, life, and all of God's creation," said Varga.

"I hope people take away with them the fact I wanted to portray a joy of love within the family. structure."

Born in Budapest, Hungary in 1953, Varga studied on scholarship at the Academia de Bella Artes in Florence, Italy before serving an apprenticeship under his father Ferenc Varga, an internationally acclaimed sculptor. Frank Varga has created hundreds of sculptures ranging from a few inches to 50 feet including a 30-foot full figure bronze of Pope John Paul II in Hamtramck. But it was Varga's sculpture of a man

sitting on a park bench feeding pigeons at Providence Hospital in Southfield that caught Wilshaw's eye and started the ball rolling.

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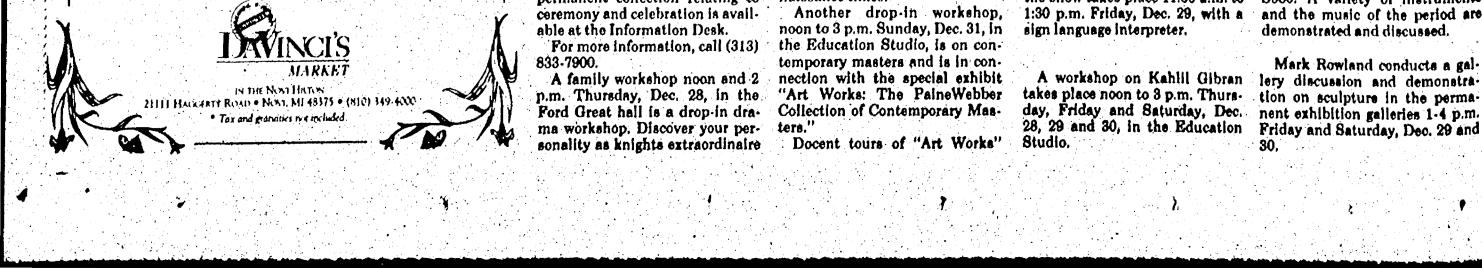
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III NEW GALLERY IN TOWN

The response to Greg Every's hand-carved decorative wood figures has been so overwhelming, he's opened the Western Wood Gallery at 27420 Joy Road west of Inkster in Livonia. The 600square-foot showroom features reasonably priced wood sculptures hand-carved by artists from Thailand.

Previously, Every housed the art in a Livonia warehouse stacking golfing figures, carousel horses, cigar store Indians and cowboys, bears, dogs. totem poles,

Theater

Another member of the Greenfield group, Lindsay Dates, 11, also wasn't familiar with the show's star, but she did know the musical. She's been singing the "Joseph" songs ever since she was five and watched her older sister perform the role of the narrator in a school production of the show.

"I can't believe I now have a chance of being in my favorite play, especially since I love singing and I love being on stage,' Lindsay said.

The Greenfield group is teamed with Abbott Middle School, and the many hours the choirs have spent together in rehearsals and on stage have resulted in new friendships. "This is one of the best things about being in 'Joseph,'" Mike MacCallum said. choir, Michelle Wilde, 13, finds

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and rockers carved with a swan on each end all the way up to the two-story ceiling. While the 2,400square-foot cement space proved efficient for storage, customers could not see the carvings through the wooden crates.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information call (313)

513-5855. M AWARD WINNERS

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Westland artist Laurel Raisanen took Best of Show at the Garden City Fine Arts Association Holiday Exhibit & Sale Dec. 9-13 in Sheridan Square. Her oil painting of a horse titled "Working Hunter" also was voted the

People's Choice Award by show visitors.

"Claudia Shepherd jurored the show awarding prizes in wet and dry categories.

Nancy Pitel placed first in dry for her colored pencil and watercolor "Mike's Baby." Coming in second was Henrietta Orzechowski of Dearborn Heights for a pastel. Placing third was Elizabeth Simon, colored pencil, Westland.

First Place, wet went to June Porta, Dearborn Heights, for an oil painting of a lighthouse. Ken Barbb took second for the acrylic, "Lagoon 4240," and in third was Greg Locke of Westland also for an acrylic. Taking Honorable Mentions were Phyliss Bridenthal of Canton Township, acrylic; Ray Davison, Garden City, pastel; Fran Fletcher, Inkster, mixed me-

dia; Norma McQueen, Garden City, acrylic, and Remo Rossetti,

oil. IN A NEW LIGHT

Jim Pujdowski is excited about the show coming to University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods next year. Egg tempera paintings by Vic Vicini of Livonia render a fresh slant on portraiture from Jan. 12 to Feb. 12 in the upper school lobby exhibition area.

"There's a lot of figurative work in outdoor settings, a park and waterscape. In one painting you can see part of a portrait in a mirror, leaving the viewer to wonder, said Pujdowksi, exhibit curator.

Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call (313) 884-4444.

This combined group, which is called the "Isis Choir," had the opportunity to sing on television at the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit.

"We really are getting the opportunity for many new experiences," said Mike Haber, 13, a member of the Abbott Middle. School choir.

According to Mike, who is an experienced singer and was a member of the Oakland Singers for four years, the music and songs are the best thing about being in "Joseph."

"The music is lively, electrifying and challenging. And it's fun to do, even though some of the notes are hard to sing," he said, Another member of the Abbott

the hardest part of being in the production is that there is "lots of stuff to remember."

"We have many different movements, and sometimes I get nervous and I worry that I'm going to goof up everything," she added. Rita Jury, Abbott's choral director, knows that Mike and Mi-

chelle, as well as the other choir members, need not worry about making mistakes.

"Each of these talented kids shines. They have the energy and ability to do a fabulous job," she said. "And they are all strongly involved in the performing arts curriculum at school."

Adam Wilmers, 10, The Roeper School, is thrilled to be in "Joseph" because he plans a career as a stage professional. Although,

according to him, he finds being a cast member of this production is harder that he ever expected, that has not dampened the fun he is having.

"I've become addicted to the music, and I listen to my 'Joseph' CD by Osmond on my Walkman every chance I get. It's been really good to meet the singer behind the voice on my CD," Adam said.

Another member of the Roeper group, whose director is Janice Haines, is Jessica Franz, 14. She is finding this whole experience, including the multitude of hours spent in rehearsal, both very exciting and very tiring.

"I'm am either giving a performance, or trying to keep up with my studies, especially biology, or sleeping," Jessica said.

DIA programs focus on family fun

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, is offering a variety of holiday programming.

A family guide to works in the permanent collection relating to

through a series of short exercises and improvisations as participants recreate the life of the knight during medieval and Renaissance times.

will be given 11:30 a.m. (with a sign language interpreter) and 2 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, Dec. 28 and 30. A docent tour of the show takes place 11:30 a.m. to

Anne and Rob Barns perform music from the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, in Gallery 8380. A variety of instruments and the music of the period are

Mark Rowland conducts a gal-

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

THERE'S LIFE BEYOND TV SWF. 24, pretty, N/S, childless, with too many interests to list, seeks romantic genilleman, 23-28, men-tally/financially stable, for the ultimate relationship. 12 3243(exp2/1)

SPORTS LOVER

Attractive SWF, 23, 411", MH igured, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skaling, long waks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM: 25-35, 5'10"+, who is looking for an LTR. 13241(exp2/1)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Intelligent, kind, fun-loving, ad-venturous, attractive SWF, NS, young 39, seeks handsome prince, enjoys movies, comedy clubs, dancing, music, outdoors, loves animats. Seeking S/DWM, 37-43, with similar interests. 13237(exp2/1)

FREE SPIRIT

5'7', curvaceously slender, vibrant, 5 r. curvaceously siender, viorani, psychology-degreed, winsome fe-male, will surround you with balm of erquisitely, toving attention. You're degreed; complex, articulated, sink deeply. Christian, 43-53. 23234(exp

CLASSY LADY Looking for classy man who's handsome, fit, secure, selective, fun-loving, romantic, This SWF, 40s, is very attractive, pette, professional, ft Seeking quality man who enjoys all life offers. **D**3231(exp2/1)

GIVE IT A TRY

SWF, brown brown: 23; mother of two. Seeking SWM, 23-30, who enjoys cuddling and outdoors, for friendship, possibly more. Give me a have nothing to lose! T 3224(esp1/25)

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN TV?

Friendly SWF, 38, Ikes comedy clubs. zoos, watching videos, romance and affectionate non-smoking. SW men, 30-45, who are the 'big and tall' type I'm sincere, attractive and overweight Take a chance. 173222(exp1/25)

WILD AND UNPREDICTABLE SWF, 39, blonde/Nordic blue, 5'6", childless, considered smart, beautiful outsooken, full-houred, loves an mais. refinishing, music, being baretool, Seeking emotionally secure WM, 30-50, not into control, to tame only my heart LTR. 23218(exp1/25)

PASSION FOR LIFE Widowed WF: Iall blonde. late 50s, Inancially secure, seeking sincere honest male, 50-65, who enjoys the finer things in He; music, ar. gournet. cooking and southern hospitality. \$3151(exp1/18)

GREAT CATCH SEEKS SAME Exciting, blonde professional 36 attractive; traditional values, seeks handsome, clean-cut male; 36-45, financially secure; educated, professional. Must be family-oriented and successful, with warm per-sonality. 273141(exp1/18)

EXCITING, FUN AND BRIGHT

SEEKING SPECIAL MAN

Nidowed WF, 57, affectionate, kind,

considerate, caring, toving, seeks SWM, 50+, 5'8"+, toving and affectionate, for possible relationship. 123137(exp1/18)

LOOKING FOR LOVE IN LIVONIA

Pretty SWF. 40, H/W proportionate, brown/hazel, seeks happiness with

fun, easygoing, family-oriented man who has potential. 113130(exp1/18)

ALL FEMALE

Tall, classy, attractive woman of \$0, would like to be on the arm of a

distinguished, educated gentleman, o'der than she, 52-65. Traveled and

WORTH THE CALL

SWF. 28. 57", 148 bs. Seeking SM

30-40, who is outgoing and enjoys having fun. Race unimportant

WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE

One-of-a-kind, extremely hard to find in today's world. Affectionate.

romantic, passionale, foring, giving feminine, all-woman, trim, active romantic, creative, intelligent DWF 44; 53: 123118(exp1/18)

JEWISH LADY

48 year-old, redhead, said to be

beautiful inside and out, wonderful affitude about life. Seeking tall,

communicative, educated, sincere SM, 44-?, with sense of humor for

friendship, possibly more. 13112

world'y. 23125(exp1/18)

T3124(exp1/18)

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Busy entrepreneur, N/S, social drinker, seeks successful, outgoing, fun mate, 55-65, for special relationship, Loves flea markets, antique shows, travel, socializing with friends, 173139(exp1/18)

BEAUTY AND BRAINS SBF, 27, 5'10°, childless, J/S, lun-toving, enjoys movies, dining out, video games, etc. Seeking li-nancially/emotionally secure, tall SBM, 27-37, to share holidays and possibly the luture. \$3078(exp1/11)

13079(exp1/11)

COOL AND CLASSY DWF, degreed, bright, creative,

adventurous, enjoys music, theater, summer, travel, art lairs, fea markets, cuddling, quiet moments. Seeking gentieman with same interests, 49-55. or LTR. No games. 23077(exp1/11)

FRIENDS FIRST

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Cute DWF, 40+, 5'2', slim, warm, intelligent, honest, tunny, N/S, romantic. Seeking S/DWM, 37-52, who enjoys sports, dancing, movies; Me in general, with a positive attitude. TF 3079(exp1/11)

PETITE REDHEAD

DWF, is interested in meeting an outgoing, gregarious, sales-type, he should be edventurous and happy-go-lucky, 40s to 50s. \$\$3076(exp1/11)

NOT JUST & MATERIAL GIRL Sexy, cute, wet-built, blonde female, fired of meeting bald, pot-bellied married men, who drink and smoke too much. Would like to meet you, i ou are the opposite of S.DWM. 40-50 need ca'l. 12 3073(exp

DANCE PARTNER WANTED

Sweet, shm, beautiful blonde seeks counterpart in a handsome, in-shape, refined gentleman, who is likewise Bish, degreed, enjoys country clubs, word travel and the finer things in life. Golf a plus, 12/3070(erp1/11)

BEAUTIFUL, BRILLIANT, BUBBLY Blonde, professional DWF, 40+ enjoys bike lours, football games, Wall Street, cappuccino, Georgia O'Keeffe, Las Vegas, personal growth Seeking active outgoing, NS, degreed professional, to share laughter, friendship, love. **T**3069(exp 1(11)

LOVELY BLUE-EYED BLONDE

CLASSIC AND CUTE

ROMANTIC &

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MEN SEEKING

WOMEN

HOPEFUL

Very cute BM, 33, seeks educated, M, monogamous SF, 22-32, willing to

grow logelher. Sense of humor a+.

OVER HERE! OVER HERE!

SWEET KIND LOVING

buid, koves kids, skiing, goll, beaches, travel. Seeking pretty SWF, 25-35, for possible LTR. 13244(exp2/1)

HUGGABLE

Tall, slim, fit, educated, romantic DWM, early 40s, various interests, seeks honest, special lady, 30-40, for

riendship, possible relationship.

MADONNA MEETS JUNE CLEAVER

SEEKING

FEMININE FEMALE

3242(exp2/1)

answer a'l. 13245(exp2)1).

Fun-loving, adventuresome, educated sociable. WF, just Sol, engos symphonies, dancing, hiking, and dining. Seeking active, open, strong-in-character, educated WM, 45-58, 58*, who's financially secure. Let me-charm you. Give me a call. 17:3068 (exp1/11)

ROMANCE WANTED SWF, 29, 5'9", Catholic, N/S, trim, professional, interested in ballroom dancing, travel, outdoors and movies. Seeking tall, SWPM, 30-35, sincere, SBM professional, 40, 6', 175tbs, very it. Seeking slim/medium WF to share special limes fun activities and with sense of humor for friendship and romance. 223081 (exp1/11) romance. 13007(exp1/4)

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cated, enjoys quiet times, dancing and light music. Has dry sense of humor. Seeking SF, under 32, for friendship fust. 13227(exp1/25)

Trim, down-to-earth SM, 5'9", 33, enioys outdoors. Not a jock or a jerk. Appreciates the simple things. Seeking S/OWF, 20-40, for dating, possible relationship, Kids ok. 173215(exp1/25)

MEET ME UNDER THE MISTLETOE

SEEKING TRUSTING PARTNER Recently divorced Wild, mid-40s, 6'7".

220 bs. 14, self-employed, seeks SF, 30-40; for friendship, outdoors, C&V, travel, possible relationship. T23211 (exp1/25) looking, college-educated, adven-turous, honest, kind, sincere, easy going, with variety of interests. Seeking intelligent, kind, attractive; fit, romanic, down-to-earth SWF, for monogamous relationship. 123134 (exp1/18) HO! HO! HO!

Observer & Eccentric

Athletic, attractive, secure, degreed, Catholic SWM, 28, 611, enjoys outdoors, history, movies, sports and more. Still waiting for special girl to treat Lke a princess, 13209(exp1/25) ACTOR/ENTREPRENEUR

Eccentric, good-looking SWM, 31, dark, handsome, 5'8", multi-latented, totally fun to be with. Seeking petitie, intelligent, attractive, woman, 20:30, for friendship, maybe more, Don't think about d., just call **1**3205(erp 1/25). 1/25)

HARLEY RIDER

Nice-tooking, long-haired, bearded DWM, 48, 5110, 1751bs, skilled tradesman, 2 years college, 2 grown daughters, loyes animals, camping, water, movies, travet. Seeking attractive, proportionate, happy-financially stable woman. 12 3204 (exo1/25)

Catholic, degreed, non-smokér, humorous, honest WM, 42, blondi blue, 5100, 1701bs, enjoys class, style, tresides, Seeking similar SF Piease call, **17**3203(exp1/25)

EXCESSIVELY STABLE MALE

Good-looking, shy, degreed SWM, 510, 165bs, never married, 40, trim and lit, sincere, romantic, outgoing, spontaneous, seeks SWF, stim, tor serious and tun relationship. 173201 (exp1/25)

AAA RATED

SWM, 38, brown hazel, 6'; 195/bs fun, romantic, honest, secure, casual seeks cute, petite S'DWF, 25-40

TEDDY BEAR DWM, 41, seeks articulate, sensitive,

passionate WF, 25-43, who loves

music and laughing, for possible relationship, 23135(exp1/18)

SEEKING QUALITY LADY

Handsome SWM, 41, 5'11", 5t. young-

GO QUALITY

SWM, 31, 62°, physically lit. hand-some, brown/brown, professionally employed, seeks SWF who likes

collerblading, walks, biking, fine dining; concerts, 25-38, for friend-shipirelationship, 173133(exp.1/18)

ATTRACTIVE YOUNG LADY

SWM, 44, good-looking, protessional; enjoys movies, dining out, travel and kids; Seeking attractive young lady. 18-29, for friendship, companionship, good conversation, romance and more. 123132(exp1/18).

CALL ME!!!

SWM, 50, 5'9', 165/bs, red blue, N'S. social drinker, tkes traveling, bowling.

sports, movies. Seeking honest female with similar interests, for possible relationship. 223131(exp

THE REAL THING

Not seeking the perfect woman

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companion, gente spirit, in a fi body SWPM, 45, stim, funny, successiul: looking for your **17**3129(exp1/18)

FUN GUY

SWM, 28, 6'3", slim, active, attractive, seeks. SWF, 20-33, slim and attractive, who enjoys dining, dancing, Jong walks, family and church, for friendship and possible LTR. 123091(exp1/11)

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWPM, 24, 5'10", 1751bs. brown/ brown, romantic, enjoys qu'el nights at home, dining out. Seeking SWF, brunette, nurse or medical pro-tessional preferred. \$3090(exp1/11)

FRIENDS OR MARRIAGE

WM, 50, professional, financially secure, college grad, enjoys photography, videos, travel, romantic evenings, walks through the woods/beach. Seeking female, any size/race/age, for friendship or mamage. Kids ok. 23089(exp1/11)

ROMANTIC

SWIA, 45, 5'11", 1551bs, loves dancing, romantic evenings. Seeking attractive lady, for possible re-tationship, 233085(exp1/11)

TWO STEP PARTNER

and best friend wanted by SWM, 49, and best friend warried by Sirtin. -2. 5197, 1851bs; easygoing, humorous. Must be slender, 47 or younger, 527-5167, with good sense of rhythm. For two-step, East & West Coast swing. waltz, porka. 13087(exp1/11)

In my 50s, but would rather wear out than rust out. Interested in meeting an alfectionate, open-minded, woman who is not ready to quit living. 13086(erp1/11)

NO RUST

HELP WANTED

DWM, 38, 6', 183'bs. I nancially and physically fit, with a variety of interests. Seeking S.DWF, 27-38 H/W proportionate, who needs someone to share in life's activities N.D. 23084(eip1 11)

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

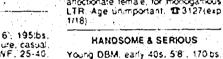
Student with looks, 33, 61, 180 bs. M. world of interests. Wishes to meet interesting woman; 28-34; WDET. WMXD, tisteners a+. Please be real and sincere. 13083(exp1/11)

BLUE-COLLAR HUNK

SWM. 40. 5'5", extravert: seeks SDWF, blond or red-head, 25-40 shi attractive, outgoing and sexy

SWM, 60s. 6', Catholic, N.S. seeks stim lady, 50s. to erioy movies. traveling, dining out, short trips. 23128(exp?/18) DOES YOUR DEMURE APPEARANCE mask your kind, sensual soul. SWM, 35, 617, 190bs, degreed, athletic, professional, sincere, thoughtful,

seeks intelligent, slim, romantic, affectionate lemale, for monogamous LTR. Age unimportant, **D** 3127(exp



1/18)

who's ready to have a relationship 13197(ex01/25)

(exp1/25) ATTRACTIVE, NEVER MARRIED

SWPM, tail, skim, 40s, seeks out-going, unpredictable, SWPF, for a title cross-pollenation. Requirements stim, NS, intelligential lese is negotiable 13/3202(exp1/25)

WARM-HEARTED

THAVE ELAN!

Optimistic: attractive, stender SF, 517. enjoys golf tennis, boasna, gar-denma, dancing and most music. Seeking honest gentieman to share interests. Friends first. 123214(exp .1/25)

20 SEEKING MR. RIGHT

SWF, 19, 5'10", enjoys outdoors movies and cuddling. Seeking SM. 18-20, with similar interests, for possible relationship. 12 3213(exp

LOOKING FOR YOU

DWF, 43, 52", medium build, N/S, brown/haze, 8 year-old son, enjoys, outdoors, golf, camping and family, Seeking sincere DWM, for good times and friendship, leading to LTR. 123212(exp1/25)

SERIOUS BUT SILLY

Creative, sincere DWF, 38, beautiful eyes, achiever, hstener, enjoys blues, n, humorous fun, cand'elit dinners. Seeking SM, who feels good about himself, life, God, for conversation; relationship, #3210(exp1/25)

ATTRACTIVE

Outgoing, sincere SWF, blonde blue, seeks genteman, 35-50, who is into with a sense of humor. T 3208(exp1/25).

CALL, LET'S TALK

Employed, educated SBF. 47. 5'7". 145lbs, no dependents, various interests, seeks S/DM, 42-57, no dependents, for lun and one-on-one relationship. Race open. No hang-ups. 13207(exp1/25)

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

High energy, East Coast, renaissance Jady, with Yells n's guts, seeks up-beat, physically 11, N/S, spontaneous, somewhat unconventional, humorous, adventurous, educated, 32-45, all-American SMI Let's enjoy fitness, travel, sports, stimulating conver-sation! Entrepreneurs welcome. 13206(erp1/25)

UMBRAGEOUS BRITISH IMPORT

I seek you here, I seek you there. I seek you everywhere, my elusive impanion. Attractive, independent companion. Anactive, independent, unencumbered night owl. 60s, 5%-1201bs, has disability (no invalid), enjoys cultural events. North/West Oakland. \$23200(exp1/25)

ONE-ON-ONE .

Jolly, easygoing SWF. 41, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, childless, seeks, honest, romantic, humorous, mar-riage-minded S/DWM, 38-50, 67*+, bioves children: N/S. social drinker ok, Serious replies only, 12 3199 (exp1/25)

FRIENDS FIRST

Petite, honest, warm, compassionate DWE 45 -5'3" 110155 4010VS SUDsets, cooking, garage sales, seeks, male company with similar interests and qualities. 13198(exp1/25)

WAIT NO MORE

Oute, petite, sincere, DWF, young 40s and starting over who enjoys quiet evenings, weekend gelaways, and romance, desires caring, confident, attractive male who knows the best is yet to come. #3191(exp1/25)

ENTREPRENEUR

Business owner, high energy 40 yearold, tait, thin, attractive DWF, brown/blue gray, seeks good-looking, fit, professionat SM, with sense of humor, and passion for kie. 13193 (exp1/25)

HERELAM

from Sweden, Former model, seeks, pentieman of quality, 55-70. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Bioomfield area. 173152(exp1/18)

SINCERE WOMAN Attractive DWF, 40, seeks comparison who will savor the opportunity to

enhance my life with fine dring, arts, theater. You're an authentic gentleman who enjoys giving in a free-spirited manner. 23111(exp HURRY DOWN MY CHIMNEY

SWPF, 38, 57", stim, stuking, seeks Christmas present in The form of a SWM, 35+, who knows how to treat a 23063(exp1/11) lady, for romantic evenings in front of the fire, \$3110(exp1/18)

SHARE

Would like to meet tall SWM, 48-58, to share hopes, dreams, lifestyle, family. pets, music, dancing, conversation, good days, bad days and a good relationship. Will answer all. 173109(exp1/18) N/S; 5'10"+, no dependents, old-fashioned qualities. 12:3065(exp1/11)

VERY SELECTIVE DWF SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Very altractive, extremely fit SF, 43, 510°, no dependents, NS, seeks tall, physically fit, handsome, successful, gentieman with a variety of interests. DWF. 41, 5'8", medium build, oldfashioned, smoker, social dinker, not into bars, works days. Seeking ta', fnancially secure, honest, romantc man, 43-50, 5'11"+, who knows how to treat a lady. **D**3107(exp1/18) who enjoys life to its fullest. T

SPIRITED

Stim, attractive SWF, 35, who possesses integrity, warmth, a good sense of humor, seeks happy-healthy, honest, intelligent, suc-cessful, SWM, who enjoys serious conversation, as well as lightness and laughter. \$3106(exp1/18)

COMPANIONSHIP

Attractive SBF, 30, 5'7-"sweight in proportion, childless, educated independent, business oriented, enjoys movies, dining out; etc. Seeking financially/emotionally secure man, for friendship and dating. Race. open. \$3105(exp1/18)

STRAWBERRY BLONDE

Non-materialistic, dowin-to-earth, slim, pretty SWF, 5'5', 115los, 25, enjoys, animals, outdoors, skydiving, molor-cycles, Seeking SM, 18+, who's tal', short, rich, poor, for firendship, possibly more. Night owls welcome, call anytime. \$3104(exp1/18)

GROW SEPARATELY, TOGETHER SWF. 30, 55", 1100s, enjoys lalking about growth, spirituality, serenity, learning, unlearning, naturé, land, up North subsistence, wood-burning stoves, snow, Evergreens, seeing widtle, resourcefulness, Seeks SWM. 30-35, friendship first - 1 3099(eip 1/113

INTELLIGENT & OUTGOING

Professional DWF, 40, seeks WM, 38 50, who is an excellent communicator, for LTR: Enjoys going out with friends, golf biting, etc. 123097(esp1/11)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL DWF, 48, 54", 11065, Cathole, N/S, ND, seeks special man to share hia with. Enjoys bowing, dancing, travel, trips north, water, movies, concerts, dining out, cocking, tong walks, romantic times. \$\$3095(exp1/11)

FREE-SPIRITED

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LIBRA

SECURE AND HANDSOME Professional non-smoker, 6, er.o., s art. fireplaces, children, theatre, music. Seeking JF, intelligent, 39-47, very attractive, sim, positive attitude, happy. Ready, for commitment, marrage, fun, fne doing and refaxing, times T3226/en/251 DWM. 38. 611. physically lit. handsome romantic, passionate. loves music, movies, laughter and honesty. Seeking attractive, fit S/DWF, 30-45; many interests, for possible relationship. **D**3238(exp2/1) umes. 13226(esp1/25) CAN YOU HANDLE SLEEPLESS IN LANE

SWM, 31, 6', heavysel; big leddy

bear. Enjoys movies, concerts, music. Seeking SF for friendship, possible

CHEERFUL

Degreed professional, in try-fitty, 510, 160 bs, with zest for kie and sense of

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Very attractive DV/M, 48, tail, degreed professional, financially secure. variety of interests including go biking, theater, romance and respecially good, conversation. DWM, owns business, seeks temale auburg hair, who enjoys quiet evenings at home, ter possible Seeking altractive, educated, cur-vaceous WF, NS, 3543. 13196(exp 4 1/25)

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Multidegreed professional, 47, 5'10". trim, enjoys fitness, nature, book-stores, DIA, running. Seeking similar intelligent, fit, special woman, for relationship. **17**3195(exp1/25)

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Long-hared, blue-eyed student of the universe, atmost 40, 5'8", 140/bs, spiritual, not religious, humorous, sensitive, into nature, hinng close to Handsome, affectionate and romantic SWE 43 seeks attractive, stender SWE 40-44, who enjoys bowing, gof, walking and dancing. Should have good sense of humor. TT 3121-(exp1/18) the earth, Native American beliefs and values. Seeking SWF with similar interests 13:190(exp1/25)

SEEKING

Very handsome, romantic DWM, 39. 6'2', 185'bs, sensuous, intelligent, affectionate. Seeking beautiful S.DWF, 25-40, for relationship. Do you appreciate a loyal, attentive man who's not commitment-phobic? 3194(exp1/25)

HAVIN' FUN NOW

Down-to-earth SWPM 44 and soon Down-to-earth Strink, 44, and show skier, "enjoys quiet times, the outdoors, seeks fun and com-pancoship, Seeking SF, 35-45, kids ok, for friendship, possible relation-ship 13150(exp1/18)

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SWPM 26 510" 155 bs. dark har eyes: good-tooking, outgoing, tun enjoys sports, comedy, clubs, much more, Seeking an outgoing, fun and attractive woman, 19-27, 173192(exp 1/25)

BEST FRIENDS

That's my dea of the perfect partner. SWM, 47, 577, attractive, NS, social drinker, seeks good-looking, intelligent, honest SF, NS, into boating, and yacht clubs, for friendship, possible LTR, 17, 31.42 (arot18) (eip1/18)

REALLY COOL

Jewish guy, 35, 6", 200ibs, proressional, world traveter, loves all types of music and people. Seeking beautiful, interesting female, 20-36, for whatever may follow naturally. T3138(e:p1/18)

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SWM, 60s, Catholic, N/S, wants to meet shini lady, 50s, to enjoy movies. traveling, dining out, short trips. traveling, dining out, short trus. Wayne County area. 12 3136(exp

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DOWN-TO-EARTH

SWM. 23. 5'9", enjoys horseback

riding, deer hunting, camping, fishing and movies. Seeking serious S.D.V.F. 30-40, with similar interests. Kids ok.

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Never married SWM, 38, 577, 150bs, not perfect but very kind and caring employed, seeks companionship of

LOOKING FOR MS RIGHT

DWM, 32, 5'6", 150 bs. brown brown enjoys ham radios and comedy/action movies. Seeking SF of quality, 25-34, for friendship, maybe more. If

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SWM 27, 6'4". 250 bs. brown brown, nice build, seeks SF race no barrier.

21-35, who loves romantic evenings, long walks, movies, and also jazz. 173122(exp1/18)

OUTDOORS MAN

SWM, 34, 6'4", 190'bs, seeks stim, tail, temate, N/S, financially-secure,

interested in up North: blues, winter

sports; boating, dogs. No dependents. no games. 173115(exp1/18)

DOWN-TO-EARTH, HONEST

Attractive, humorous, sincere SWM, 40, 637, homeowner, enjoys dring.

MUSIC MAN

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married, not perfect, employed 28-39. Garden city area

Kind, caring, altractive, loving WM. 50s, 61, seeks female, 35-55 for a fun. long-term relationship. 23080(exp 3/11)

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NORTH OAKLAND

SWEETHEART OF A GUY

Business owner, good-looking, 33. trim, sandy blue, 511", enjoys cabins, lakes, workouts, back roads with the motorcycle, being at home, working in the garden. Seeking good-tooking, sweet, trim, old-fashioned girl for genuine, no-pressure relationship 13074(eip1/11)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Good-locking SWM, sincere, college graduate, 37, 5'8', no dependents. I enjoy movies, dining out, romantic evenings, sporting events, and being with someone special. Seeking stm. attractive SWF, for relationship. 13075(exp1/11)

SEARCHING LONG-LASTING LOVE

Love, I know you're somewhere Handsome, passionate, SWM, 30. 59, 165bs, dark har, NS with wide spectrum of interests. Seeking a lady to make my number #1 priority 13072(exp1/11)

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE Gentleman, attractive, adventurous,

inteligent SWM, 6', 180.5s, 28, N/S, light brown blue, sensitive, humorous.

caring, loving. Seeks H/W pro-portionate SWF, 23-36, N/S, for

AUTOMOTIVE EXECUTIVE

Lives on lake, 31, 5'10", 155 bs, white,

very attractive. Physically fit jet-shee

water-skier, biker who likes Traverse City and the outdoors. Loves a

Seeking educated, N/S SWF. 23064

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DWM. 53. seeks a SF. 40-55. for a

serious commitment. Should enjoy C&W, dancing, going for walks and

watching a good movie. Please reply with phone number, 173067(exp1/11)

COULD IT BE ME!

SWM: 40, 5'8", fit, professional

Catholic, no dependents: Interests

include boycling, long walks, variety of music, movies and more. Seeking

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SF, for monogamous relationship

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Music '95: Critics pick year's best

Best records of 1995

1. Various artists, "American Folk Blues Festival - '62.'65" five.CD box set, (Evidence)

2. Keb' Mo', "Keb' Mo' ", (Okeh/Epic)

3. Mimi Harris and the Snakes, "Paradise," (Snake Den)

4. Jim Lauderdale, "Pretty Close To The Truth," (Atlantic)

5. Brooks Williams, "Knife's Edge," (Green Linnet)

6. Otis Rush, "So Many Roads," (Delmark) 7. The Hillmen, "The Hillmen," (Sugar Hill)

8. Peter, Paul and Mary, "Lifelines," (Warner Bros.)

9. Molly and The Heymakers, "Big Things," (Mouthpiece)

10. Forbidden Pigs, "The Other White Meat," (Triple X)

-Mark E. Gallo



Ginger: They make the grade with their album "Far Out."

Top 10 albums of 1995 in no particular order. 1. Lisa Loeb and Nine Stories, "Tails" (Geffen)

- 2. Del Amitri, "Twisted" (A&M)
- 3. Clutch, "Clutch" (EastWest)
- 4. Charm Farm, "Pervert" (PRA)
- 5. Blur, "The Great Escape" (Virgin)

Band of the Year Speedball puts the pedal to the metal

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

Local rock act Speedball has a lot in common with guitarist/vocalist Chuck Burns's love of drag racing and motorcycles.

On its debut album "Do Unto Others, Then Split," Speedball puts the pedal to the metal, speeding through its 10 songs with its relentlessly addictive guitar riffs and hook-laden lyrics until it crashes head first into the end of the CD.

The first single, "Hog," is a hardrocking testament to motorcycle riding: "Live fast, die young. Get on your hog and ride," Burns sings rolling his r's. "God of Slumber" is another highlight of the album with its Clutch-like monotone vocals that build tension until they explode into the chorus "refuse to feel the pain. Some things just never change. Refuse to play the game.'

That's exactly what Speedball is doing - refusing to play the music industry game of tossing out a few gimmicks and seeing if the audience catches on. Speedball lets the music and its on-stage rush of attitude do the talking.

The band is one of the future voices of the Detroit rock scene and as a result is The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1995 Band of the Year.

Beginning Jan.' 5, the nation will have a prime opportunity to catch on to Speedball's style of Motor City Rock 'n' Roll when it goes out on tour opening for Motorhead. Canadians got a sneak peek of the tour when that leg began Tuesday, Dec. 26, in Toronto.

"Do Unto Others, Then Split" (arguably the best album title of the year) was released nationally on New York's Energy Records in late June and a tour followed but this run through the country places them in the rock race.

It's been three long years of hard work for Speedball which besides former Westland and Garden City resident Burns includes drummer Mike Alonso, guitarist Bill Kozy, and bassist/backing toralist Jeff King.



Speeding along: Detroit rockers Speedball — from left, drummer Mike Alonso, bassist/backing vocalist Jeff King, guitarist Bill Kozy, and vocalist/guitarist Chuck Burns — are The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 1995 Band of the Year.

Alonso moved out west first in 1988 with his band Katmandu, which recorded an album for Epic Records. Burns and Kozy, who are long-time friends of Alonso, moved the following year.

The three remained friends in L.A. and when Katmandu fell apart the three, along with Alonso's roommate King, got together and jammed. At the time, Burns was playing in a side

bum on Polygram Records. The fledgling band gigged around the L.A. club circuit until the pressures of being under the record industry microscope got to them.

"This was the first band I ever played guitar and sang in," said Burns, a former drummer. "And here we are and I'm playing in Hollywood. We immediately started getting interest (from record labels). I didn't feel project of Tracy Guns of L.A. Guns that I was up to par with the rest of called Killing Machine, and another the band. I needed time to grow as a singer/guitar player. It was easier to come back here and do it because there's less pressure here.' Returning to Detroit has allowed the band to "discover our niche (and discover)-exactly which direction we wanted to go in. We were fighting with it a little bit. Now we're focused on exactly what we want to sound like.'

"Do Unto Others, Then Split" was recorded at Sabella Studios in Roslyn, N.Y., with producer/mixer Steve Thompson at the healm. His credits includes Guns N' Roses, Metallica, Soundgarden, Madonna, Yoko Ono, Blues Traveler, and Public Enemy.

King said he's not sure when the band will start working on its new album.

"It depends on when the record company wants to do it. We have the

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Catherine Wheel, "Happy Days," (Mercury) 7. Wilco, "A.M." (Warner Bros.) 8. Ginger, "Far Out" (Nettwerk) (Energy)

10. Jonatha Brooke and The Story, "Plumb" (Blue Thumb)

-Christina Fuoco

Top 10 records

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- 1. Daddy Stitch, "The Douglas Chapter," (Skillet) 2. Rolling Stones, "Stripped," (Virgin) 3. Pretenders, "Isle of View," (Sire) 4. Morrissey, "Southpaw Grammar," (Reprise) 5. AC/DC, the single "Hard As A Rock" from the album "Ballbreaker," (Eastwest) 6. Edwyn Collins, the single "A Girl Like You" from the album "Gorgeous George," (Bar None)
- 7. Grant Lee Buffalo, the single "In My Room" from the "Friends" soundtrack, (Reprise) 8. Specula, "Erupt," (Scat Records) 9. Matthew Sweet, "100 Percent Fun," (Zoo)

10. Various artists, "Rock Baby Rock It: Sun Rockabilly, Vol. 2," (Sun)

-Todd Wicks



Boy George

Best shows:

1. Blur, St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit, Monday, Oct. 2.

2. Soul Coughing, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, Friday, June 9.

3. Orange 9mm, St. Andrew's Hall, Friday, March 24.

4. Wilco, 7th House in Pontiac, Thursday, June 15.

5. Afghan Whigs, St. Andrew's Hall, Sunday, June 25.

6. Mike Watt/Foo Fighters/Hovercraft, Friday, May 5, St. Andrew's Hall.

7. Henry Rollins, spoken word performance, Majestic in Detroit, Saturday, Sept. 23.

8. Boy George, State Theatre in Detroit, Saturday, Nov. 25.

9. Tom Petty, Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston, Friday, Sept. I.

10. Clutch, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre in Ponti-

-Christina Fuoco

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An aband the month in Los Ange-les athough three quarters of the band sector and the suburban Detroite (King ward military brat who lived throughout the United States.) band called Mother. As the band practiced, Alonso said,

it was apparent that Speedball was their calling. "Every song we wrote just got cool-

er and cooler. (We thought) 'Let's do it," Alonso explained last summer. Eventually, Burns put the pedal to the metal, spun his tires and left Killing Machine, which released an almaterial though."

By then, Motor City rock 'n' roll should be on the map once again.

Speedball, Hoarse, Big Block and Plain play St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, on Sunday, Dec. 31. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or (810) 645-6666.

Sponge gives Big Block a helping hand

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

A common complaint amongst Detroit bands is that there's no camaraderie between acts in the city.

Big Block, the 1994 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year, got a phone call this summer that showed that the opposite was actually true.

"Out of the blue Vinnie called us from Europe and said he was going to be the States in a couple weeks. He said get your (stuff) together and come on the road with us," singer/ guitarist Nick Lucassian said of the one-named lead singer for the Detroit band Sponge.

"We dropped everything. It was weird. It was a God-send, you know. It was great to tour and everything but not that much came about from it. (But) We got a chance to experience touring as far as like connections with people that could possibly put us on the road to getting a record deal."

The band did 13 shows in 16 days with Sponge and Warner Bros. recording act Poster Children travelling from Ohio to California. Inexperienced with playing venues the size of college basketball arenas, Lucassian said Sponge took care of them.

"They totally hooked us up with everything that we needed. They made sure that everything was straight so we didn't have to worry about too much," he said.

Playing those sized venues was a far cry from the gigs they do here.

"It was a big change from just playing around here. You know, going out on the weekends and doing shows. We just kept our heads together and really focused on the music."

New music will be Big Block's focus for 1996. As soon as the White Room Studio in Detroit frees up from its committment to Detroit blues artist Robert Bradley, the band will step in to record its follow-up to "Guardrail" (Rustbelt).



Big sound: Big Block - from left, singer/guitarist Nick Lucassian, guitarist/singer Kenny Tudrick, drummer Scott MacDonald, and bassist Joe Proper - spent two weeks of the summer touring with Sponge and the Poster Children.

"There's really no gimmick with us, and not that a lot of bands do. They all sort of have that same rough sort of rock grungy edge to it," Lucassian 88id.

Most bands' intensity comes from ferred to in the name) represents mosuper loud amps and screaming, but tivation - getting in your car and you can be calm about it and still pulling it out of park and just split.

material documents the last two years.

"A lot of it has to do with the experiences on that (Sponge) tour," Lucassian said. "It's about moving out "We concentrate on our melodies. and going forward. The engine (re-

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'Most bands' Intensity comes from super loud amps and screaming, but you can be calm about it and still have a lot of intensity."

Nick Lucassian

Big Block

ac, Thursday, June 22.

The new album will carry on Big have a lot of intensity." ting or getting stuff done." Block's trademark hook-laden, super-Just as "Guardrail" reflected the That explains the motivation befoursome's lives at the time, the new charged, melodic rock. hind Big Block.

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Kids win weekend at Sugar Loaf Resort

Megan Newhouse, 11 of Plym- kofsky, 11 (Livonia) and Erin uth, and Spencer Franchi, six of King, 8 (Redford). outh, and Spencer Franchi, six of Troy, were the grand prize Evinners of our "Learn to Ski Contest." To win, they drew a picture of their family skiing, and explained why their family should Hearn how to ski.

They won a Winter Weekend EGetaway at Sugar Loaf Resort Consisting of two nights resort rodging and lift tickets for a famity of four.

- In addition to lodging and lift Lickets, their grand prize packages Included Leelanau Sanda Casino Super Gaming Player Passbooks worth \$50 each for mom and dad. Leelanau Sands Casino is in nearby Suttons Bay.

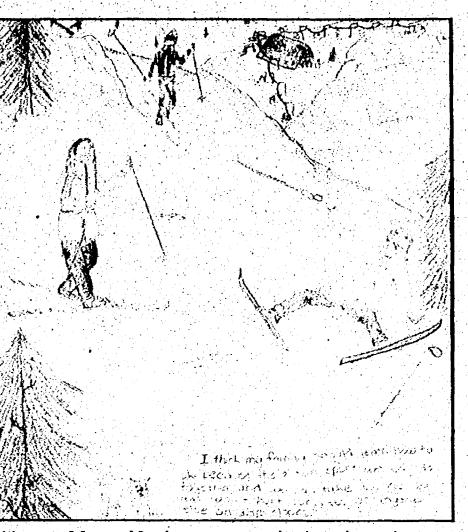
Ten runners-up won prizes consisting of one night midweek resort lodging and lift tickets for a family of four.

The runners-up were Jacob Agranove, 7 (West Bloomfield); Derrick Pass, 5 (Farmington Hills); Morgan Harding, 3 (Bloomfield); Nikki Bieber, 6 (Redford); Miles Levin, 7 (Bloomfield Hills); Jim Albertus, 11 (Rochester Hills); April Loney, 9 (Livonia); Sarah Broder, 12 (Farmington Hills); Robert Lu-

Here are the winning stories. Megan Newhouse wrote - "I think my family should learn how to ski because it's a fun sport we can do together and we can take lessons so we won't hurt ourselves or anyone else on the slopes." "I think my family should learn how to ski because I love my family and I want to have time off to have fun with my family," wrote Spencer Franchi.

Sugar Loaf Resort in Cedar. Mich. 1-(800)-968-0576, offers a variety of ski packages for the whole family. From the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain you can see Lake Michigan, Little Traverse Bay, and the Manitou Islands.

Upcoming events include: Nordic Week - free cross country trail pass all week Jan. 15-21; "Just Kidding Weekends" Jan. 19-21 and Feb. 2-4 - weekend getaway with two nights resort lodging, lift tickets, two breakfasts, one dinner and one group lesson. Up to two children 18 and under sleep free (from \$209 perperson, double occupancy), plus up to two kids ski free all week-



Winner: Megan Newhouse, a grand prize winner in our "Learn to Ski" contest, submitted this picture of her family on skis.

end, free "just for kids" pizza parties, and activities.

March "Spring Carnival" package \$129 per person (double occu-

pancy) March 8-10; Call for more information about midweek and weekend getaway packages.

GREAT ESCAPES

Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax (313)591-7279.

Day & weekend trips ADRIAN & BLISSFIELD RAIL ROAD

Company The Old Road Dinner Train, 21/2 hour round-trip train ride, dinner and murder mystery, 7 p.m. Fridays & Satur-days, 2 p.m. Sundays, US-223 at De-pot Street, east of downtown Bliss-field, near Adrian. (517) 486-5979

MACKINAC ISLAND

Cross country ski trails, many island businesses hotels and bed and breakfasts are open. The Mackinac Island State Park Visitor's Center will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 28 to Jan. 2. Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City will be open Jan. 19-20; Jan. 26-27; Feb. 2-4; and Feb. 16-18.

(800) 542-8528 (ferry) (800)-4-LI-LACS (lodging)

SNOW TRAIN

Bluewater Michigan Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will offer a three day Snow Train Tour from the metro Detroit area Feb. 10-12. Motorcoaches will pick up passengers in Dearborn and Birmingham for the trip to Agawa Canyon. Lunch stop at the Sugar Bowl in Gaylord, Saturday and Sunday night buffet at the Ramada Inn in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. You'll ride the Algoma Central Snow Train on Sunday morning, and enjoy lunch in the dining car, Midafternoon Monday stop at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. Cost \$299 per person (double occupancy), \$345 (single). First class tuxury option available for an added \$250 per person. (810) 399-7963

Warm destinations

CURAÇÃO

Hamilton, Miller, Hudson & Fayne Travel Corporation is expanding their travel programs to include Curacao in the Caribbean beginning . Flights via Sun County Airlines leave metro Saturdays beginning Dec. 23 to Dec. 14 1996. Air only prices start at \$459.90 per person, round trip. Customized packages including air and hotel start at \$919.90 round trip per person. Curaceo is 35 miles off the northern coast of Venezuela, in the southern Caribbean in the Netherlands Antilles. The Island is 38 miles long and offers white-sand beaches, windsuring, sail-Ing. waterskiing, golf, tennis and horseback riding. Call your travel agent for details.

Travel guides

UPPER PENINSULA

Upper Peninsula Travel Planner for all Seasons, available at no cost by call-ing number listed. Published by the Upper Peninsula Travel & Recreation Association. Includes information on winter sports. 1-(800)-562-7134

SPECIAL EVENTS

Trips PARIS IN SPRINGTIME

Music lovers' tour May 2-10 hosted by area French travel specialist David Groen and music specialist Shirley Harden. The eight day "Une Petite Fete Musicale" includes performanc-es of operas and ballets, walking tours, and other musical events, Call for information. (800) 874-6470

New Year's Eve festival showcases over 30 performers

Birmingham's sixth annual First Night, an alcohol-free New Year's Eve festival of the arts, is set for Sunday from 5 p.m. until midnight in a number of locations in downtown Birmingham.

First Night Birmingham/'96 will showcase over 30 performers for people of all ages.

The headline act for children this year is Loretta Long, better such as Middle Eastern dance known as Susan from television's "Sesame Street." Teens, adults and senior citizens will have a variety of music to choose from, insion buttons. cluding classical, jazz and inter-PER BOWL លើសពីអពិអម៌ហំពីវិសេអ៊ីយអ៊ីហៅព័រព័រ 7s Now AcceptingReservations For New Year's Eve NO-TAP BOWLING - \$65.00 A COUPLE 101 BUFFET DINNER – DRINK SPECIALS – DOOR PRIZE For More Information Call SUPER BOWL at 313/459-6070 SUPER BOWL • 45100 FORD RD. • CANTON, MI The Countdown has begun...

national. Highlights include jazz trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, David Syme, and classical guitarist Paul Vondiziano.

At midnight, the evening will culminate with thousands of people gathering in Shain Park for a countdown to 1996.

Many coffeehouses and restaurants will stay open for the celebration, offering entertainment

'Button up' for First Night

Admission buttons for First Night/Birmingham '96 (\$7, \$1 for children 5 and under) are on sale at AAA of Michigan/ Birmingham branch, the Birmingham/Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, City of Birmingham/City Hall, The Community House in Birmingham, Crowley's in Birmingham, Jacobson's in Birmingham and Livonia, and the YMCA in Birmingham. For more information, call (810) 540-6688.

After 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, buttons will only be sold at the First Night Celebration Center, 350 Pierce, one door west of Merrill; at the Village Players Theatre; at the First Presbyterian Church; and at Jacobson's parking lot. Pick up a complete program guide where buttons åre sold.

is a \$7 button, available at many Kroger stores, Michigan National Bank branches and other retailers. Program guides, which include a complete schedule of event times and locations, are available where buttons are sold. Buttons for children 5 and under are \$1.

Last year, almost 10,000 people- projects for children. enjoyed the celebration. Loretta Long will appear at The

will be: Marcus Belgrave, worldrenowned jazz trumpeter; Pippin Puppets, with shows for children; Modesty Forbids, an Irish folk music group; the children's entertainer Chautauqua Express; "Elvis & Tina," Elvis Presley and Tina Turner impersonators; and the Magic School Bus, which provides interactive arts and science.

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and jazz music. Some will offer discounts to those wearing admis-Admission for First Night 1996





6:30 P.M. Doors open to an All-You-Can-Eat Prime Rib Dinner Buffet



9:00 P.M. Our DJ kicks-out the Dance Music til 4 a.m.l

Countdown 1996! Champagne toust and party favors for all



12 Midnight

Prize balloon drop full of cool stuff to usher in the New Yearl

Tickets \$20 Per Person in Advance, Major CREDIT CARDS accepted. \$25 at the door. *Tickets non-refundable after DECEMBER 25, 1995

TREMORS 17123 Laurel Park Dr. Livonia Community House; her visit is sponsored by Detroit Edison and "Pinwheels," by Rita Sayegh; and the Detroit Edison Foundation. Also at the Community House Prainito.

Two interactive sculptures will be showcased in Shain Park's Art on the Move exhibit: "Amass to Craft," by Maria



(313) 462-2198 38 LOCATIONS . OPEN DAILY 10-10 . SUNDAYS 12-6 . NEW YEAR'S EVE: 10-5

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GALLERIES

. ARTIST'S SHOW AND SALE Artist Grant Engard will be showing and selling the etching and woodcut prints, drawings and sculpture he has on hand at his home-studio a 844 Hazelwood, Birmingham, 4-9 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 22 and 29, 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30.

(810) 646-6833

 CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM "Betwixt the Holidays," storytelling with LaRon Williams, will take place 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 27-29, at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, Join Williams, one of the finest storytellers in Michigan, as he moves through the museum telling tales inspired by the art objects on exhibition. Williams has a warm and enthusiastic storytelling style suitable for the whole family. Using dialects, facial expressions and dramatic movement, he is able to bring to life tales that transcend boundaries of class and age. Storytelling is in-

cluded with museum admission (\$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors -- 65 + -- and full-time stu-(810) 645-3312

. DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"Art Works: The PaineWebber Collection of Contemporary Masters," continues through Dec. 31 at 5200 Woodward. A sign language interpreter accompanies the 11:30 a.m. tours of the exhibit Tuesday-Sunday, Dec. 26-31. Groups of 15 or more may make tour reservations; call (313) 833-7981. Drop-in workshops for all ages to engage in art projects related to "Art Works" noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 26 and 27, in the Education Studio; call (313) 833-4249, Family workshops for ages 8 and older, with adult, noon and 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 26 and 28, in the Education Studio; explore movement, drama and the museum's collection of medieval armor. Family workshop for ages 6 and older, with adult, noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Dec. 27. in the Education Studio; engage in puppet making and performance. Puppet program, "Turtle Island Tales," 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 27, in Lecture Hall, in which award-winning puppeteer Hobey Ford presents a family program blending traditional American Indian songs and stones with rich visual image (313) 833-7900

. TOUCH OF LIGHT STUDIO AND GALLERIE OF HANDBLOWN GLASS A holiday glass show continues through Dec. 23 in the gallery on Woodward, one-half mile south of I-696 in Femdale. Glass blowing demonstration 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23.

(810) 543-1868

troit. \$8. 18 and older. (hard alternative rock) (313) 833 POOL

- CHARM FARM
- 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. 18 and older.

(pop/industrial (313) 961-MELT

C.J. CHENIER

With The Red Hot Louislana Band, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St. Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 19 and older, Cancelled. (313) 996-8555

"DEEP FREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL"

Featuring Big Daddy Kinsey and the Kinsey Report, Robert Noll, Mimi Harris and the Snakes, Mudpuppy, Madcat and Kane, and MC Little Tino from WEMU, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5; Lucky Peterson with the Sun Messengers Rhythm Krew, The Butler Twins Blues Band, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, The Grand master Revue with Alberta Adams. Robert Jones, and MC Jay Butler from WQBH, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6; and Eddie Shaw and the Wolfgang, Willie D. Warren and Jimmy McCarty, The Blues Disciples with Thometta Davis, Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones with the Blue Suit Blues Band, Uncle Jessie White and the 29th Street Blues Band, and MC The Famous Coachman from WDET, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1 Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale \$12.50 per day; \$25 for three-day pass. 18 and older. Benefits Detroit Blues Society. (blues)

(810) 544-3030 TIM DIAZ

- Of Spank performs solo acoustic show, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic)
- (810) 334-HOWL
- DOROTHY 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock)
- (313) 996-2748
- THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY BLUES BAND 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, and Friday, Jan. 5, Bum Steer, 106 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
- (810) 437-4161
- PETE FETTERS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Covole Club. 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 332-HOWL



Soul Man: Al Green performs all of his greatest hits with special guest The Emotions on New Year's Eve at the Fox Theatre. Tickets \$29 and \$36.50, call (810) 433-1515.

FOR DEC. 28-Jan. 5

Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina Fuoco, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. To ensure publication, the venues' addresses and phone numbers with area codes must be included.

POPULAR MUSIC

. FRANK ALLISON AND THE ODD SOX 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 19 and older. (quirky alternapop) (313) 875-6555

BARENAKED LADIES

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25 in advance. All ages. (quirky alternapop) (313) 983-6611

BEALE STREET 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin St., Detroit. Free. 21 and older: 9 p.m Sunday, Dec. 31, Michno's Pub and Cafe, 25524 Five Mile Road, Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)

(313) 259-1374/(313) 532-9212 . BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2748

"BLACK CAT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY" 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Black Cat, 404 Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge: 18 and

(810) 543-3873 BLACK MARKET

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28; Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and old er. (reggae)

(810) 543-0917 BREECH

With Hysteric Narcotics, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, LW's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5, 21 and older, (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

BUGS BEDDOW

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400

SOLOMON BURKE

With Betty Wright, Denise LaSalle, and Willie Clayton, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Fox Thestre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 in advance, All ages, Cancelled. (blues) (313) 983-6611

- CATHOUSE

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Magic Stick in the Malestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., De

- . THE FLOATERS With B.B. Queen and After Effects, 9 p.m. Sat urday, Dec. 30, Majestic Theatre, 4140 Wood ward Ave., Detroit, \$20 in advance, 18 and older. (Motown) (313) 833-9700
- AL GREEN With The Emotions, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
- \$29 in advance. All ages. (soul) (313) 983-6611
- MIMI HARRIS AND THE SNAKES 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 852-6433/(313) 259-1374

THE HARVENGERS

With Dead Light, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 334-9292

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older.

(313) 996-2748

HOLY COWS 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Foundry, 18000 E: Warren, (between Mack and Cadieux), Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older; 9 p.m. Wednes-

day, Jan. 3, Rumors, 112 S. Main St., Royal Oak: Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock/acoustic) (313) 886-9960/(810) 546-0606

HOWLING DIABLOS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(313) 996-8555

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Featuring members or former members of Lunglish, The Crown Hate Ruin, Rex and Rodan 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Mago Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833 POOL

LAUGHING MADMEN

9 p.m. Dec. 29, Scalici's Underground Lounge, 6650 Allen Road, Allen Park. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 438-0029

STEVE LUCKY

With The Rumbabums featuring former members of the Blue Front Persuaders, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 19 and older, (blues) (313) 996-2748

SPONGE

er. (rock)

(810) 778-6404

JERRY SPRAGUE

(810) 642-9400

(810) 544-3030

(810) 828-3500

and older. (blues)

(313) 581-3650

(313) 962-4247

(810) 589-3344

(313) 996-2748

TRASH BRATS

(313) 875-6555

(810) 349-9110

and older. (rock)

(810) 544-3030

THE VERVE PIPE

(313) 833-9700

(810) 349-9110

VUDU HIPPIES

(810) 334-7411

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SUNSET BLUES BAND

SUICIDE MACHINES

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, The Palladium, 17580

Frazho, Roseville, \$20 in advance, 18 and old-

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Old Woodward Grill,

With Parka Kings, Skolars and Mustard Plug, 8

p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe,

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Shark Creek Inn, 5725

8 p.m, Friday, Jan. 5, Moby Dick's, 5452

Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29-Sunday, Dec. 31, Nancy

Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. Cover

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 3-D, 1815 N. Main

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Rick's, 611 Church St.,

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Lili's, 2930 Jacob,

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Library Pub and Grill,

With Phunhogg and Yardboss, 9 p.m. Sunday,

Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18

With Botfly and Nineteen Wheels, 9 p.m. Sun

day, Dec. 31, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward

Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older.

RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES BAND

Gnill, 42100 Grand River, Novi. (blues)

(810) 589-3344

10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Library Pub and

With See Dick Run and Star 80, 9 p.m. Thurs

day, Dec. 28, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal

Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative

JOHN WATKINS AND THE ASSASSINS 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Q Club, 29 S. Sagi-

naw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older.

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Library Pub and Grill,

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Dec. 31, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918

Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older.

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Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older.

charge. 21 and older. (funk/rock/blues)

"3-D NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH"

St., Royal Oak. \$5. 21 and older.

22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover

555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Cover

charge, 21 and older. (variety)

charge. 18 and older. (ska)

Rochester Road, Troy. (rock/R&B)

- KEEPER 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Mingles, 22411
- Plymouth Road, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 531-3335
- KID ROCK
- With Howling Dlablos and Shag, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave. Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (rap/blues/ (313) 961-5451

LENNY KRAVITZ

With 311, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive, (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$35 and \$35. All ages. Cancelled. (rock) (810) 377-0100

J.D. LAMB

- 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29-Saturday, Dec. 30, Mr. B's, Clarkston; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Crow Bar, 309 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (810) 625-4600/(313) 668-0111
- · LITTLE ED With Dave Weld and the Imperial Flames, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10. 18 and older. (810) 335-8100
- . PAUL MARVIN BLUES BAND 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and
- older. (blues) (810) 852-6433 MARY MCGUIRE
- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4. Norm's Eton Street Station, 245 S. Eton St., Birmingham. (acoustic) (810) 647-7774
- MONDO MOD
- With The Silencers, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-8555
- . LORRIE MORGAN 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50. All ages. (country)

Cancelled. (313) 983-6611

- JONATHAN MOTLEY 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 332-HOWL
- MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29-Sunday, Dec. 31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917
- STEVE NARDELLA 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400
- THE NAVARONES With The Terraplanes, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older, (313) 996-8555
- ROBERT NOLL AND THE BLUES MISSION 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Q Club, 29 S, Sagi-naw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older (910) 334.7411 (810) 334-7411
- TED NUGENT'S WHIPLASH BASH Featuring a Damn Yankees reunion with Nugent, Tommy Shaw, Jack Blades, and Michael Cartellone, and special guest Brother Cane, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Cobo Arena, 1 Washington Boulevard, Detroit. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 396-7600
- **OVERTURE RECORDS SHOWCASE** With Solid Frog. Oriental Spas, and Mary Stuart, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock/adult alternative) (313) 996-2747
- . LEE ROY PARNELL With Sunset Blues Band, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn. (country/blues) (313) 593-1234
- . ROBERT PENN 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues).
- (810) 334-7411/(313) 581-3650

RIGHTEOUS WILLY

and older. (rock)

(313) 259-1374

(313) 961-MELT

(810) 543-0917

(313) 875-6555

(313) 961-MELT

SPEEDBALL

SPANK

THE SKOLARS

- THE PLUMBOBS With Backhanded, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-8555
- POUR MAN'S ORCHESTRA With Slum Village, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT
- REGGAE AMBASSADA 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (reggee) (313) 996-8555

10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Roadhouse, 6761 S.

Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Soup Kitchen Saloon,

1585 Franklin St., Detroit. Free. 21 and older.

With Grumpy John and Blanket, 5:30 p.m. Sun-

day, Dec. 31, The Shelter below St. Andrew's

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Memphis Smoke, 100 S.

With Jes Gru and Restroom Poets, 9 p.m. Sat-

With Hoarse, Big Block and Plain, 9 p.m. Sun-

day, Dec. 31, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Con

gress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and older.

urday, Dec. 30, Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck.

Main St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older.

\$5, 21 and older. (roots rock/rock)

Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6.50 in ad-

older; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, Memphis

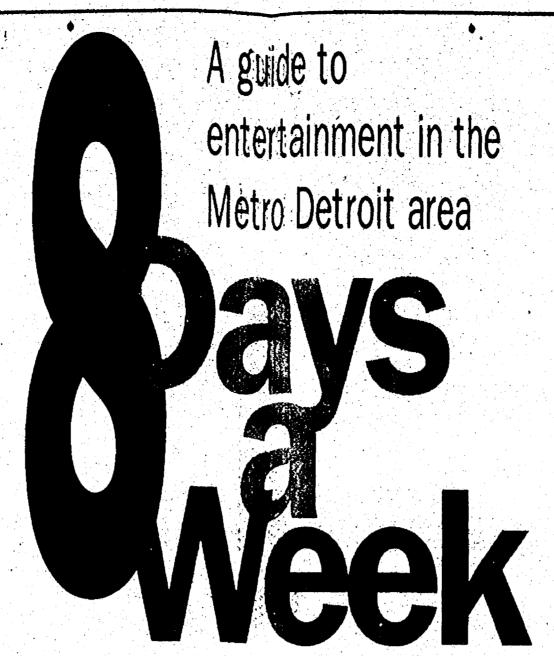
(810) 625-4600/(810) 543-4300

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42100 Grand River, Novi. (rock) (810) 349-9110

. WILD SHEEP RIDERS 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Crow Bar, 309 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and old-

er. (country rock) (313) 668-0111

NEW YEAR'S EVE

FIRST NIGHT

Alcohol-free New Year's Eve festival of the arts showcasing over 30 performers of all ages 5 p.m. to midnight, downtown Birmingham. Admission is a \$7 button. Headliners include jazz trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, planist and "human juke box" David Syme, the Michigan Opera Theatre and Jazz sensation Straight Ahead. (810) 540-6688

SECOND CITY

Dinner at Risata and show packages still available, 2301 Woodward, Detroit. Early package begins with 5 p.m. dinner and show at 7:30

show at 10:30 p.m. with an afterglow to ring l the new year. (313) 965-2222

. DINNER THEATER R. Deihl Productions presents the zany comedy "Roomies" by Jack Sharkey, Allen Park Motor

Lodge, 14487 Southfield, Allen Park. Cost \$75 per couple includes prime rib dinner, one drink, champagne and party favors. Cocktails 7:30 p.m., dinner 8 p.m., show 9 p.m. (313) 277-1982

NEW YEAR'S EVE, OLD SCHOOL JAM Sponsored by New Venture Productions and Detroit Edison to benefit THAW, a program which helps struggling families keep their heat on, 7:30 p.m. at the Music Hall Center, Detroit. Show features The Dramatics, Zapp & "Roger," Shirley Murdock. Tickets \$55 and \$45, includes drink and party favors. (313) 963-2366 or (810) 645-6666

. NEW CENTER STAGE New Year's Eve Party featuring the original cast in a live performance of "Beatlemania," 39940 Ford Road (1-275 and Ford Road), Canton. Tickets \$38 in advance, \$43 VIP seating. Includes hors d'oeuvres, dancing, champagne; party favors. Tickets on sale at T.C.'s Music Emporium, Rick Alan Music, and Dearborn Music. (313) 729-4000

7TH HOUSE Jon Lucien ---- jazz standards, colorful rendi-

tions of Caribbean and Brazilian arrangements originals, doors open 9 p.m. with ginner buffet prior to concert. On Up Republic opens show, ages 21 and older welcome. Tickets \$57 single. \$95 per couple, in the Arts Building; 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (810) 335-8100

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Night in Old Vienna" 9 p.m., New Year's Eve gala featuring the DSO, soprano Karen Clift, professional ballroom dancers and the Mack Pitt Orchestra, Tickets \$20 to \$85. (313) 833-3700 or (810) 645-6666

MAYFLOWER HOTEL

D.L. Tumer and "Southern Son," upbeat, adult contemporary music, 8 p.m., \$95 per couple, Includes steak & lobster or steak & chicken dinner. The hotel is at 827 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call for reservations. (313) 453-1620, Ext. 414

BIRD OF PARADISE The Ron Brooks Trio plus Shahida Nurallah, \$50 couples, \$35 singles includes buffet, champagne toast, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. (313) 662-8310

MOOSE PRESERVE

(810) 852-0550

Dinner, D.J. dancing, party favors, \$30 per person, or \$10 per person without dinner, 2395 Woodward, Bloomfield. Call for reservations. (810) 858-7688 MURDOCK'S

Norma Jean Bell & the Allstars, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills,

AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER New Year's Eve Dinner dance 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. Cost \$60 per person includes dinner, dancing, snacks and refreshments. Music by Akord. Oplatek, traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinner with program and dinner 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. American Polish Cultural Center. Cost \$15 adults, \$8 children under 12. (810) 689-3636

HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOWS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE Season of Light, holiday planetanum program presented Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 31 and weekdays Dec. 28-29 at 1:30 p.m. Cost \$1 per person, plus museum admis sion. For ages five and up. The Institute is at 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (810) 645-3200.

LIGHTFEST

Nightly through Jan. 1 (closed on Christmas) from 7-10 p.m., \$5 per car, (including vans and recreational vehicles), \$20 for limousines and small buses and \$50 for full-size buses. Traffic enters Hines Drive at Memman in Westland. proceeds east, one way, and exits at Warren, just east of Telegraph. (313) 261-1990.

WILD LIGHTS Detroit Zoo, 5:30-8 p.m. through Saturday, Dec. 30. Admission is \$3 adults and \$1.50 for children. Parking is free. The zoo is at Woodward and 10 Mile, near I-696, in Royal Oak.

DOMINO'S FARMS Open 6-10 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31.



Family fun: A holiday train display, planetarium shows and one last chance to experience "It's All In Your Head: An Exhibit about the Brain" await at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Avenue in Bloom field Hills. Call (810) 645-3200 for more information ...

There is a minimum donation of \$5 per vehicle, with the proceeds going to charities around the state. After driving through the display, visitors can enter Lobby B of Domino's corporate headquarters to view more than 40 decorated holiday trees and a display of creche scenes from around the world, Refreshments, Including pizza, are available. Domino's Farms is on Earhart Road off Plymouth Road, about a half-mile east of U.S. 23. (313) 668-1800

Bloomfield.

HOLIDAY FUN

TOY AND TRAIN SHOW Features"The Magical World of Lionel Trains," Dec. 29-31, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Hours 5-9 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m, Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. (313) 455-2110

HENRY FORD ESTATE "The Spirit of Christmas" through Dec. 31,

campus of University of Michigan-Dearborn, (northwest comer of Michigan Ave. and Evergreen). Schedule of events include: Candlelight tours, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 26-28 (\$7 per person). Call for more information, reservations. (313) 593-5590

LOOK AT THE PAST "Traditions of the Season" a holiday filled with

the sights and sounds of American history awaits at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Hands-on exhibits, Santa, holiday lights, decorations. (313) 271-1976

CONCERT

Presented by the Yale Whittenpoofs, 7:30 p.m. (cash bar reception), 8 p.m. (concert), Saturday, Dec. 30, Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Tickets \$15 per person, \$15 for Yale alumni graduating 1991 or later, current Yale students, free. (810) 644-4832

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

GREENFIELD VILLAGE THEATRE COMPANY "Rumpelstiltskin" 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 28-30, Anderson Center Theatre, Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Tickets \$5.75, reserved. (313) 271-1620, Ext. 383

MARQUIS THEATRE Musical comedy "The Wizard of Oz" through Jan. 14, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Tickets

\$6.50. Children under 31/2 will not be admitted (810) 349-8110 SATURDAY FUN FOR KIDS

Three concert series for children opens 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan: 20. at Meadow Brook Theatre with Norman Foote. "The Great Dinosaur Mystery" puppet musical follows on March 23. Songwriter/comedian Al Simmons concludes the series on April 27. Tickets \$6 per show and \$15 for the series. All seating reserved.

(810) 377-3300 THEATER

MEADOW BROOK "Camping With Henry and Tom," Jan. 3-28. (810) 377-3300 or (810) 645-6666

THE GEM Comedy whodunit "Shear Madness," set in a unisex hair salon with local Detroit references, through Dec. 31.

(313) 963-9800 MASONIC TEMPLE

Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," continues to Jan. 28 at Detroit's Masonic Temple. For information, call (313) 832-2232. (810) 645-6666

THEATRE

' 'A' My Name is Still Alice," through Dec. 30 at the New Center Theatre, 7339 Third St., De troit. Shows 8 p.m. Thursday & Friday; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday (313) 875-8284

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Passed Over" by Alexandra Branyon, Jan. 11 to March 17, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. (313) 868-1347

COMMUNITY THEATER .

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Postmortem" by Ken Ludwin Jan. 11-14 and 17-21, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays. and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$9, \$7 on Thursdays, senior discounts Sundays. Ticket price includes an afterglow of sandwiches, cookies and coffee, 205 W. Long Lake Road,

(810) 988-7049 DINNER

THEATER STARCLIPPER DINNER TRAIN

Nostalgic train ride, dinner, and mystery & cabaret evenings. "Murder Madness," Tuesday, hursday and Saturday evenings; "Who Shot the Sheriff?" Wednesday evenings; Oldies Cabaret Friday and Saturday evenings; "Hot-

Time Clipper Cabaret". Sunday evenings. Call . for reservations, show times. (810) 960-9440 .

KINGSLEY INN DINNER THEATRE RJO Productions presents "Mass Appeal" by Bill C. Davis, Saturdays through Jan. 27, at the inn 1475 Woodward (south of Long Lake) Bloomfield Hills, Dinner 7:30 p.m. followed by show. Cost \$29.95 per person.

(810) 642-0100

ALLEN PARK MOTOR LODGE 'Roomies'' by Jack Sharkey, 7 p.m. Friday and Saturdays Jan. 5 to Jan. 20. Dinner and show \$20.95 per person, includes choice of entree. Brunch 12:30 p.m. Sundays Jan. 14 and 21, \$18.50 per person.

(313) 277-1982 JAZZ

JIMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA Swings down memory lane 8 p.m. Saturday, Dea 30. Orchestra Hall. Detrolt, on-stage dance party follows concert. Tickets \$15-\$60, (313) 833-3700 or (810) 645-6666

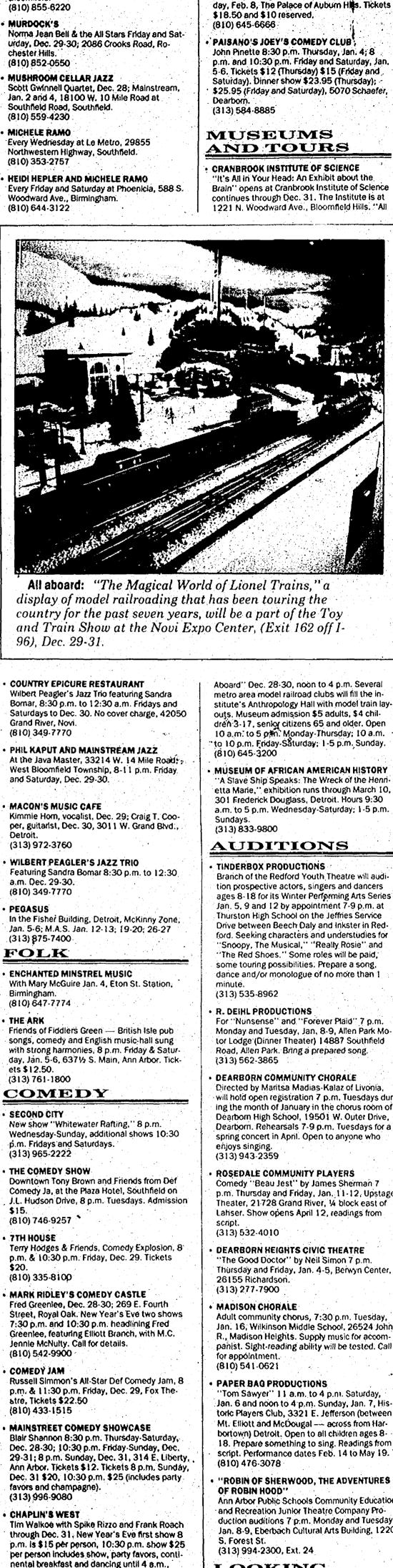
NORMAN'S ETON STREET STATION Mel Rencher at plano Tuesdays, Twin Tower Top 40, 50s 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; Mimi Harris, blues, 7:30-11 p.m. Thursdays. New Year's Eve favors and

dinner, 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham, (810) 647-7774 PEABODY'S Paint Creek Jazz Society performs Thursday

Friday and Saturday nights, 154 S. Hunter, Bir-(810) 644-5222

. ENVOY CAFE

Calvin Brooks, 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday, De 28: Tim Flaherty Trio featuring Nancy k. 9 p.m. to midnight Dec. 29-30 and later on New Year's Eve, 33210 West 14 Mile Road, West



(313) 533-8866

16890 Telegraph, Detroit.

GEORGE CARUN At the Michigan Theater, 603 Liberty Ann Ar-

bor, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, Tickets \$20. (reserved) Call (313) 668-8397 for Information. metro area model railroad clubs will fill the institute's Anthropology Hall with model train layouts, Museum admission \$5 adults, \$4 children 3-17, senior citizens 65 and older. Open 10 a.m. to 5 pm. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Săturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday

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Also performing with Dennis Blair 8 p.m. Thurs-

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY "A Stave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie." exhibition runs through March 10. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. Hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m.

Branch of the Redford Youth Theatre will audition prospective actors, singers and dancers ages 8-18 for its Winter Performing Arts Series Jan. 5, 9 and 12 by appointment 7-9 p.m. at Thurston High School on the Jeffnes Service Drive between Beech Daly and Inkster in Redford. Seeking characters and understudies for "Snoopy, The Musical," "Really Rosie" and 'The Red Shoes." Some roles will be paid; some touring possibilities. Prepare a song, dance and/or monologue of no more than 1

For "Nunsense" and "Forever Plaid" 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan, 8-9, Allen Park Motor Lodge (Dinner Theater) 14887 Southfield

Directed by Maritsa Madias-Kalaz of Livonia, will hold open registration 7 p.m. Tuesdays during the month of January in the chorus room of Dearborn High School, 19501 W. Outer Drive, Dearborn. Rehearsals 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays for a spring concert in April. Open to anyone who

Comedy "Beau Jest" by James Sherman 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 11-12, Upstage

Theater, 21728 Grand River, ¼ block east of Lahser. Show opens April 12, readings from

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 4-5, Berwyn Center,

Adult community chorus, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R., Madison Heights. Supply music for accompanist. Sight-reading ability will be tested. Call

"Tom Sawyer" 11 a.m. to 4 p.ni. Saturday, Jan. 6 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson (between Mt. Elliott and McDougal --- across from Harbortown) Detroit. Open to all children ages 8-18. Prepare something to sing. Readings from script. Performance dates Feb. 14 to May 19.

"ROBIN OF SHERWOOD, THE ADVENTURES

Ann Arbor Public Schools Community Education and Recreation Junior Theatre Company Production auditions 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Jan. 8-9, Eberbach Cultural Arts Building, 1220

LOOKING AHEAD

PLYMOUTH ICE SPECTACULAR

Ice carving event, Jan. 10-15, downtown Plymouth. Festivities include 24 hourlight show, gingerbread display, carving competitions.

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'Four Rooms' hardly worth visiting It probably **TICKETS** sounded great on PLEASE paper: take four AMERICAN PRESIDENT (PG13) IN DOTAL SOUND hot young writer/ 105, 349, 625, 925 directors, give STOR STER NEW YORK them each 20 Nº MR. HOLLANDS OPUS (PC) minutes of 77MONEL NOVE TICKETS screen time to Star Winchester fill, check them 11365 Ecceser 22 Woodeser Mail into a Hollywood hotel on New 12/22 - 12/28 Year's Eve, then JOHN NP WAITING TO EXHALE (II) let them run MONAGHAN 11.45, 215, 445, 7 81, 9551 wild. NOVETOELS The resulting "Four Rooms" is NP DEACULA: DEAD AND LOYING IT 11 20, 130, 3 20, 5 20, 747, 947 VOV2TOUTS NP BALTO (C) 1650, 145, 415, 6251 downright embarassing. NP CUTTHROAT ISLAND (PG-13) 15, 245, 515, 7555, 10-255 Tim Roth links these TOM AND HUCK (PG) 1232.232,432,642,355 CASENO (1)" COLDENETE (PG 13) 1245, 345, 6551, 9251 TOY STORY (G) 00 1200 100 200 300 400 500 500 700 800 902, 1000 1NOT SHOWN ON TWO 12-24 baroque to retro modern. United Artists Theatres Exclap Mathem Dany 13-75 for all shows satirateon 500 AV ร์การประวัฒน (เอราะ 24) "=he VIR (des acepts). United Artists Fairlane Farare Town Center 313-593-4790 been gaine is more than happy to comply. NY WAITING TO EXHALE (R) Weird to be sure, the segment 2855 DOMERTAD OF THE ON TADICKENS 电气管 化连续运动 42.265.452.735.1629

hardly worth a visit. Though full of strange moments and a few chuckles, the individual segments range from mildly amusing to

MOVIES

sequences as Ted, a British bellboy stuck on desk duty alone. The hotel, a favorite of movie stars during Hollywood's golden age, hasn't changed its ambience much: the bellboy still wears a brocaded uniform and pillbox hat while the rooms range from Deco

In the first bit, directed by "Gas, Food, Lodging's" Allison Anders, a coven of witches (including Madonna and Ione Skye) enlists Ted's help to provide a missing ingredient, sperm, for their smokey cauldron. The bellboy, after some initial hesitation,

lets us know off the bat that "Four Rooms" is as far from Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" as you can possibly get.

And while it comes off fairly



pointless, it's a far sight better than the second sequence, where Ted becomes an unwitting player in a psychodrama between a gangster and his bound-and-gagged wife. Ted's accused of all sorts of things as he tries to inch his way toward the door.

The director this time is Alexandre Rockwell, who shows the same self-conscious goofiness that made his art house entry "In the Soup" such a disappointment.

Only "Desperado's" Robert Rodriquez leaves these rooms with his reputation intact. His contribution, "The Misbehavers," opens with Antonia Banderas as a tuxedo-clad Latin lover out for a night on the town. He leaves his two young children, a boy and a girl, in the hands of a reluctant Ted.

The bellboy tries bribing, cajoling, threatening, and finally ignoring the kids, who get into every conceivable type of mischief. Clever editing and playful snatches of music by Esquivel and Nino Rota make this one almost worth the effort.

The end of the film belongs to "Pulp Fiction's" Quentin Tarantino, fitting since he orchestrated the project. He also stars, playing a film director who indulges in the kind of things you'd probably expect Tarantino to do on New Year's Eve: rhapsodize about vintage television and Jerry Lewis

movies. Tonight's fixation is an old "Al-

fred Hitchcock Presents" episode where Steve McQueen bets his pinky finger that he can light his trusty Zippo 10 times in a row. They want Ted to play the Peter Lorre part, suspending a meat cleaver over the hand of a pal who thinks he can reproduce the trick.

Tarantino orchestrates the first 10 minutes in one continuous shot but doesn't use the gimmick to much effect. The end of his little vaudeville has a wonderful twist, though it's hardly worth the 20 minutes it takes to reach it.

If nothing else, the movie will hopefully put an end to Tarantino's acting ambitions. It's difficult to think of any actor who couldn't have played the part better, including Bruce Willis, who has little to do in the film besides talk on the phone and stumble around drunk.

It's movies like "Four Rooms" that will undoubtedly send Tarantino down the same road as late '80s wunderkind David Lynch (coincidentally he also tried an old hotel anthology). Tarantino needs a new gag as moviegoers wise up and discover that his initial originality has quickly degenerated into self-parody.

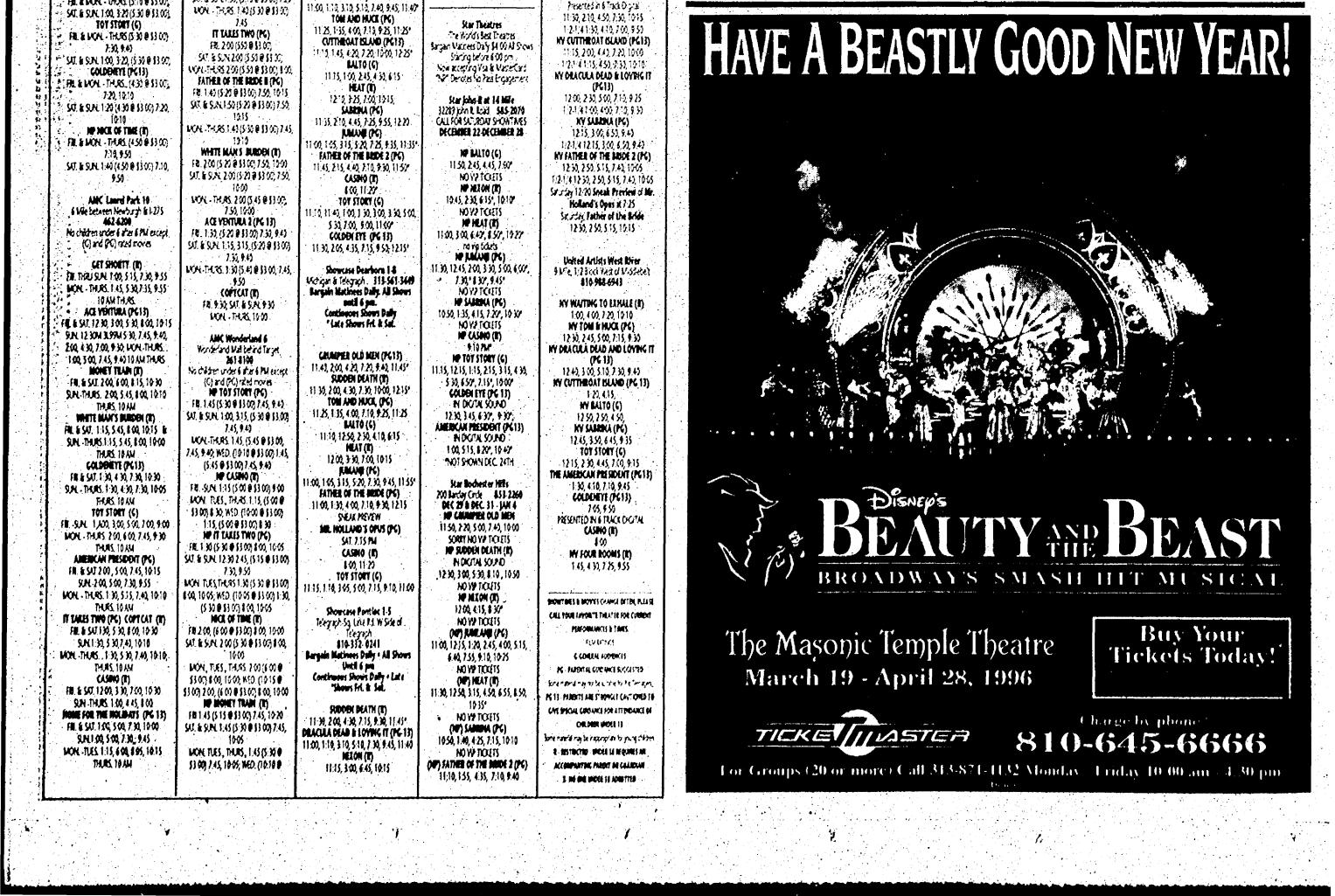
To leave a message for John Monaghan, dial 953-2047, mailbox number 1866, on a touch-tone phone, fax him a note at 591-7279, or write him in care of Entertainment, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



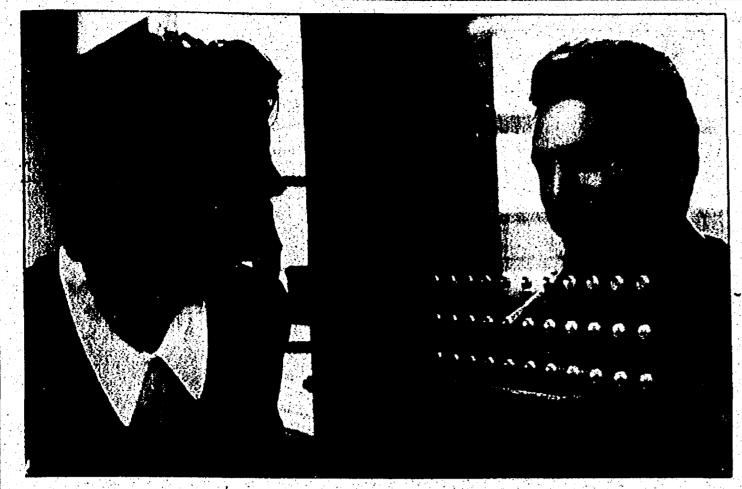
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COMING ATTRACTIONS



GRAMERCY PICTURES

True story: Sister Helen (Susan Sarandon) and Matthew (Sean Penn) share a light moment in the Tim Robbins film "Dead Man Walking," opening Friday, Jan. 12 exclusively at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak.



OPENING FRIDAY, DEC. 29

"OTHELLO" Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. The classic Shakespeare tragedy starring Laurence Fishbume, Kenneth Branagh, Irene Jacob, Nathaniel Parker and Mi chael Maloney.

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"12 MONKEYS"

Sci-fi thriller about a convict who could be pardoned if he successfully defeats a deadly virus that would make the planet uninhabitable.

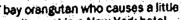
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"CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY" Based on the novel by Alan Paton, The story of the reconciliation of two men, who have each lost a son to the violence of South Africa - one black, the other white. Stars James Earl Jones, Richard Harris.

"TWO IF BY THE SEA"

A dark comedy about a hapless thief and his smarter, more ambitious girlfriend, who find themselves stuck on an elegant Cape Cod island as they attempt to fence a stolen painting. Stars Denis Lary and Sandra Bullock.

"DUNSTON CHECKS IN" Comedy about a young boy and a



excitement in a New York hotel. Stars Jason Alexander, Faye Dunaway,

"BIODOME!

Comedy about a pair of misfits who get locked inside a massive, selfcontained biosphere that is supposed to remain sealed for a year. Stars Pauly Shore, Stephen Baldwin, William Atherton, Patricia Hearst.

"DEAD MAN WALKING"

Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. True story based on the experiences of a New Orleans nun and her relationship with a death row inmate. Stars Susan Sarandon, Sean Penn,

"EYE FOR AN EYE"

A revenge thriller about a woman. who takes justice into her own hands after her daughter's rapist/ killer is set free. Stars Sally Field, Ed Harris, Kiefer Sutherland, Joe Mantegna, Beverly D'Angelo.

"LAWNMOWER MAN 2: SEYOND CYberspace"

Five years after the original, using computers and virtual reality a doo tor rebuild's Jobe's mind and restores him to his former power. Stars Patrick Bergin, Austin O'Brien, Matt Frewer, Ely Pouget.

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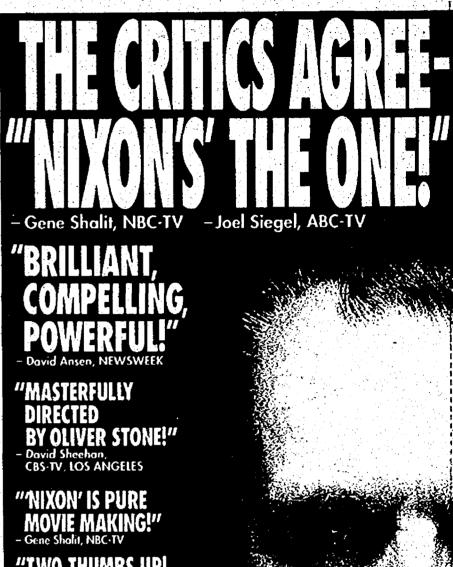
"TWO BITS"

Warm-hearted coming-of-age stor that revolves around a loveable but felsty grandfather and his grandson. Stars Al Pacino.

OPENING FRIDAY, JAN. 26

"RESTORATION"

The moving story of the irrepressi ble Robert Merivel, who eagerly embraces the high living and low moral standards of the court of Charles II. When Merivel falls from grace, he must create his own spi itual and social restoration. Stars Robert Downey, Jr., Meg Ryan.



MOVIES

Sense and Sensibility' glorious ode to anticipation

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

MAGIC BAG THEATRE

22918 Woodward (north of 9 Mile), Ferndale, Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$6)

"Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation." 8, 11 p.m. Dec. 30; 8 p.m. Jan. 1-2. An odd way to spend the holidays, this annual compilation of contemporary animation is a perverse companion piece to the recent festival at the DIA. Compiled by the same California-based madmen who first foisted "Beavis and Butthead" on an unsuspecting public, the current lineup includes old favorites like "No Neck Joe," along with the alien nightmare "Abducted" and worm-obsessed "Smush."

MAIN ART THEATRE

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

"Sense and Sensibility" (Britain - 1995). In yet another film adaptation of a Jane Austen novel (and one of the best films of the year), tragedy changes a family's circumstances and alters the romantic aspirations of its daughters. Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, and Hugh Grant star in a script written by Thompson and directed by Ang Lee ("The Wedding Banquet").

"Leaving Las Vegas" (USA -1995). Just in time for the holidays, Nicolas Cage plays a suicidal alcoholic who finds his soulmate in a Las Vegas call girl (Elizabeth Shue), Well-acted, relentlessly downbeat, and definitely not for all tastes.

"Othello" (USA - 1995). Laurence Fishburn stars as the murdering Moor in a new adaptation of Shakespeare's classic tragedy. Starts Friday.

MAPLE THEATRE

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

1995). Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon team once again as old coots whose libidos are jump started once again, this time by Ann-Margret and Sophia Loren.

"Nixon" (USA - 1995). Anthony Hopkins stars as the fallen president in Oliver Stone's challenging new film. As usual, the director employs quick editing techniques and varied film stocks, resulting in a movie both tedious (at almost three-and-a-half hours long) and fascinating. Ed Harris and James Wood co-star.

"The American President" (USA - 1995), Michael Douglas plays the widowed Commander in Chief who tries to balance his job and a blossoming romance with an environmental lobbyist (Annette Bening). Another crowdpleaser from director Rob Reiner.

MICHIGAN THEATRE

603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 668-8397. (\$6; \$5 students/ seniors)

"Restoration" (Britain - 1995). Through Dec. 31 (call for showtimes). In the court of King Charles II. a notorious womanizer and drunkard (Robert Downey,

Jr.) is suprised to find himself falling in love with his latest conquest. Hugh Grant, Sam Neill, and Meg Ryan co-star.

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M ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills (810) 851-5100. Films are open to the community at no charge, and followed by coffee and discussion.

"When the Laughter Starts, The Crying Stops," 1996 film se-ries will feature "Yidl Min Fidl" 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 and "Annie Hall" 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan, 21. Both films will be introduced and discussed by Ira Konigsberg, Professor of Film and English at the University of Michigan. Konigsberg is author of "The Complete Film Dictionary," which has gone into its 10th printing.

"Yidl Mitn Fidl," starring Mol-ly Picon, a Yiddish performer, is one of the classic works of Yiddish cineam. About a young woman who disguises herself as a man so that she can join a group of Klezmer musicians, this film bursts with engergy, gaity and music.

"Annie Hall," considered by many the best of Woody Allen's



Mixing sense with sensibility: Elinor (left to right, Emma Thompson), Marianne (Kate their new home in "Sense Winslet) and Mrs. Dashwood (Gemma Jones) get used to and Sensibility."

films, is about the relationship between a Jewish comedian and a non-Jewish woman. "Annie Hall' presents a hiliarious and expansive view of American culture and society in the 1960s and 1970s. MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN

17360 Lahser Road, Detroit (313) 537-2560. (Movie tickets \$2.50, Friday nights 7:30 p.m. organ overture, film 8 p.m. Saturdays organ overture 1:30 p.m., film 2 p.m.).

"Top Hat," Jan. 12-13, starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Guest organist Brian Carmody.

SCREEN SCENE

"Sense and Sensibility" is now playing exclusively at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak. BY PATRICIA BIBBY AP NEWSFEATURES

Jane Austen knows a thing or

tor Ang Lee knows a thing or two about capturing Austen in all her delicate nuances. With this work, Lee has crafted a loving and gloridelicious fruit that waiting can bring.



This is one of those rare films that seems to be magnificent and

triarch, Henry Dashwood (Tom Wilkinson), is forced by law to leave his palatial estate to his son, John (James Fleet), and his wife, Fanny (Harriet Walter),

there is an annuity to be paid to them," she says through pursed lips.

Fanny settles in to the family home — more like a sprawling

hardly a small thatched-roof affair), where the tempestuous Marianne falls (literally) for the ex-

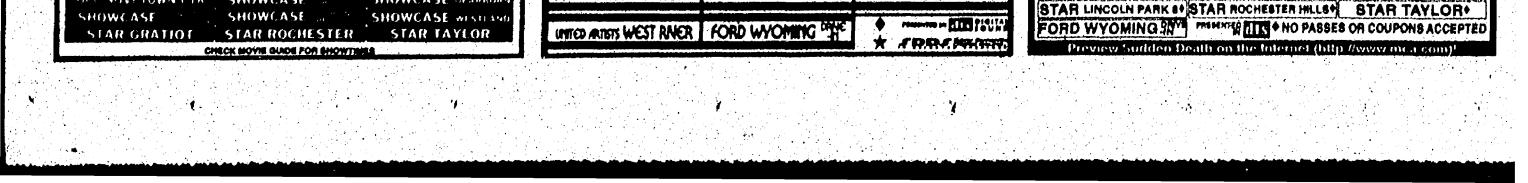
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DINING Charming Cleopatra's serves delicious Lebanese dishes

BY RENBE SKOGLUND SPECIAL WRITER

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Cleopatra's, like its namesake, is charming - from its pleasing soft blue decor and hand-crafted chandeliers to its personable hosts, Tony and Nauf Abou-Dib. Located off of busy Wayne Road just north of Westland Center, this small, attractive Lebanese restaurant has a loyal following.

There're no customers at Cleopatra's, only "guests." The Abou-Dibs know most of their regulars by name. Nauf, who acts as both hostess and a waitress, said, "People sometimes complain if I'm not waitressing their table. I'm the owner. I understand what they want."

Tony and his mother-in-law. Labibe, do all the cooking in the spotlessly clean kitchen Tony built when he bought the restaurant 21/4 years ago. Although they each have their own "duties." Tony lays claim to the popular lamb shanks, which he simmers with onion, cinnamon and bay leaf, then bakes in a special tomato sauce until fork-tender.

"He does the best lamb shanks and baked chicken," Nauf said. "Friday is the lamb shanks and Thursday is the baked chicken." Both specials are served with rice pilaf and oven-roasted potatoes and carrots.

Cleopatra's Where: 7988 Wayne Road, Westland, (313) 427-2100 Menu: Lebanese Prices: Appetizers \$1.50-\$15.95 (Special Maza for Two): soups, salads, sandwiches, \$1.50-\$6.95; entrees, \$6,95-\$13.95 (Luncheon menu is less, with many daily specials.) Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 11

before his natural passion for cooking overwhelmed him, managed a Lebanese restaurant in Paris for several years before coming to the United States. Parisians approach dining more leisurely, and many appetizers are placed on the table before the main meal is served.

Special Maza for Two is Cleopatra's adaptation of this dining custom. It consists of nine different appetizers, from hommus with tahini and baba ghannouge: (Labibe's delicious specialty) to grape leaves, meat pies and kibbeh balls. "People really love it," Nauf said. "Usually they just order this."

Tony's penchant for fresh yege, sends him to the market every patra's. day. "They know me at Randaz-

a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. Will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Mostly non-smoking Most major credit cards accepted

Suggestion: Try the thick, sweet Turkish coffee flavored with cardamom. Delicious but very strong. Not for coffee wimps.

said. He also uses only kosher meats and fresh olive oil.

"This is a second life for me," he said. It's obvious he's delightfully enamored with his profession. He loves to talk about food. "We make a great hommus and baba ghannouge. There are delicious dishes on the menu all the time, like the chicken kebabs (Sish Tawook) and the Sish Kafte.'

The menu also includes a number of vegetarian entrees, including Stuffed Grape Leaves and Greek and Lebanese Spinach Pie. Judge Charles Bokos of the 18th District Court in Westland was dining recently with his friend and court officer, Andrew tables borders on obsession. It Spisak. They're regulars at Cleo-

"I come here two or three times Tony, a barber and beautician zo's like they know the flag," he a week. This is an outstanding

Taste of Lebanon: Tony and Nauf Abou-Dib inside the dining room at Cleopatra's. This small, attractive Lebanese restaurant has a loval following.

place. This place is a jewel," said Bokos over a fresh fattoush salad and a baba ghannouge appetizer.

pita bread toasted that Chuck is a

Saturdays at the Moon Dusters, Farm-

ington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. Cof-

fee and snacks. Admission \$4.25. Mar-

Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and

older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every

Friday in the Northwest YWCA, 25940

Dressy attire, no jeans. Married couples

Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia.

ried couples welcome. Ladles; date

style clothes and men; coat and ties,

good customer," Spisak said. Spisak, a potato lover, ordered the Baked Potato Kibbeh, two layers of mashed potatoes stuffed

pine nuts and served with stewed vegetables. "It's always good. And their lamb shanks are just fabulous. This is a place waiting to be discovered."

ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SINGLES CALENDAR

Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; or fax to (313) 591-7279.

DANCE PARTIES

HOLIDAY DANCE

Farmington Single Professionals along with the Metropolitan Single Professionals will host the "Holiday Single Mingle Dance" 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29 at the Marriott Hotel (Main Ballroom), 6 Mile east of I-275 in Laurel

Grand River, north of 8 Mile In Farmington Hills. Attire is dressy. There will be an hors d'oeuvre buffet, hats, noise makers, party favorites, champagne toast, D.J. and cash bar. Tickets are \$42. RSVP in advance. Mail check to FSP; P.O.Box 3162; Farmington Hills 48333. (810) 851-9909.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

A "New Years Eve Party" will be 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia. There will be a catered buffet dinner, dancing, non-alcoholic beverages, games and a countdown to midnight. Singles, cou-

tire. Must be 21 or older. Admission \$5 (\$3 before 8:30 p.m.) (313) 981-0909

BALLROOM DANCING

. BALLROOM CLASS A "Ballroom Class" will be 7-8:30 Monday, Jan. 8, at Jane Addams Elementary School, 14025 Berwyn, Redford. Cost is \$22 for 10 weeks. 471-4168.

Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers

meet 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the

Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Sta-

dium Blvd. Live band, Admission \$4,50

per person. Dance lessons available 7-

(313) 930-1892, (313) 665-6013 or

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"Ballroom Dancing" 8:30-11 p.m. eve-

ry Thursday, at Bishop Foley K of C Hall,

15800 Michigan Ave., (3 blocks west of

Greenfield). Popular live bands, couples

welcome. Cost \$4. Dance lessons by

dancing specialist, Terry Babenko, 7-8

p.m. for \$2. If you attend lessons, you

receive \$1 off your admission ticket.

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8 p.m. for a fee.

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church-affiliated. The group is open to. those age 21 and older. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for volunteers. Snacks are served at each meeting. (313) 996-0141.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

A nonprofit social group for singles ages 25-40, who share common interests and want to form new mendships. It's not limited to the Farmington area and members participate in more than 200 activities per year. (810) 478-9181.

Church, on Newburgh south of Five

- Jack Mastan (313) 840-8824.
- SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles that sponsors sem-Inars, brunches, speeches and varied activities. 422-8700.
- SELECTIVE SINGLES SOCIAL/TRAVEL CLUB Selective Singles Social and Travel Club comprises 600 + interesting, educated singles ages 25 and older, in the extended tri-county area. Many ongoing



Park Mall, Livonia. There will be a D.J., cash bar, and hors d'oeuvres. Admission \$6/non-members. Attire is dressy, men must wear a coat and tie. (810) 851-9909.

WARM UP DANCE

Tri-County Singles will hold a "holiday. warm up dance" 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at Burton Manor, 1-96 and Inkster, Livonia. Admission \$4, or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Dressy attire required and you must be 21 or older. (313) 842-7422.

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

Tri-County Singles will hold a "New Years Eve Dance" 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at Royce Hotel, I-94 and Merriman Exit 198, Romulus. Admission \$10. No reservations required. Dressy Attire required and you must be 21 or older. (313) 842-7422.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY/DANCE

Farmington Singles, along with several other single groups from the area, will hold its Annual New Years Eve Party and Dance beginning 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Historic Botsford Inn (in the Coach House Ballroom), 28000

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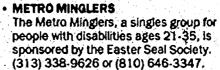
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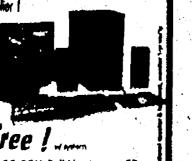


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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1995



Badger trio drafted

hree players from NCAA men's soccer champion University of Wisconsin were recently drafted by the National Professional Soccer League.

Forward Travis Roy (Livonia Stevenson) was taken by the Milwaukee Wave where ex-Badger Jeff Gold (Plymouth Salem) now plays.

The Tampa Bay Terror selected defender Scott Lamphear (Livonia Churchill) and midfielder Mike Gentile (Churchill).

The Detroit Rockers, featuring former area standouts Lars Richters (Stevenson/Yale University) and Dominic Scicluna (Redford Catholic Central/Oakland University), return to NPSL action, 7:30 tonight at Cobo Arena to face the Kansas City Attack. They will also meet the Wichita Wings, 7:05 p.m. Saturday at Cobo.

Saturday's game features the Rockers Four-Pack Deal — four reserved seats, four hot dogs, four Cokes, one game program for \$29.

Individual tickets are priced at \$15 reserved and \$9 general admission, and may be purchased at any Ticketmaster location, by phone at (810) 645-6666, or at the Joe Louis or Cobo box offices on the day of the game.

Fans can also take advantage of discounted group rates (20 or more) at \$9 reserved and \$6 general admission by calling the Rockers office at (313) 396-7070.

Youth soccer champs

anton Quest, an under-13 Premier League girls soccer team, recently captured the under-13 first division session at Total Soccer in Southfield and the under-14 first division indoor session at Worldwide Sports Center in Ann Arbor.

Members of Quest, coached by Ellen Schroeder and Pat Hogan, include: Stephanie Altepeter, Rachell Berezak, Beth Burgess, Lacey Catarino, Jade Fukuda, Liz Gizicki, Brandi Groves, Leslie Hogan, Stephanie Johnson, Katie Kelly, Emily Lambros, Amanda Lentz, Meghan Meier, Kelle Mullin, Sarah Pack, Danielle Portelli, Terry Schroeder and Ashley Williams. The team manager is Scott Weiger. ■ Observerland sports fans had much to celebrate in the last year, including state champions, team and individual, and even four national champions.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Before we welcome the New Year and of course, the second semester (OK, some of you aren't looking as forward to that) — let's take a look back at the top sports stories for 1995.

1. Four former Observerland soccer stars from Livonia are NCAA national champions: Maybe Livonia, long a hotbed of soccer in the state of Michigan, will now be known nationwide for its prowess in the sport.

Livonians Travis Roy (Stevenson), Mike Gentile (Churchill) and Scott Lamphear (Churchill) started for the University of Wisconsin's NCAA Division I national champion men's soccer team. Ragen Coyne (Stevenson) contributed to Notre Dame's national crown on the women's side.

Gentile assisted on the lone goal in a 1-0 semifinal win over the University of Portland. The Badgers went on to defeat Duke, 2-0, in the final.

Lamphear anchored a defense that didn't allow a goal in five NCAA playoff games and drew an assist on one of the goals against Duke.

Coyne had one goal and eight assists this season for the Irish, who completed a 21-2-2 record and their championship run with a 1-0 win over the University of Portland in the final.



DAN DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matmen earn medals

ayne Memorial wrestlers took home six medals at the 14-team Gibraltar Carlson Invitational on Dec. 16. Juniors Patrick Grzecki (215 pounds) and Richard Watson (130) each took thirds; Mark Kennedy (171) and Sean McInerney (160), fifth; and Nate Garrison (125) and John Nichols (119), sixth.

Sunday Health Club

Choolcraft College will have a Sunday Health Club Jan. 7 through March 31. Individual and family memberships are available. Members may use the swimming pool, handball, paddleball, racquetball, wallyball courts, two gyms for basketball, volleyball and jogging, weightlifting equipment and saunas.

Call (313) 462-4413 to join. Sixteen-week court reservations also are available throughout each week for handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball courts. Call (313) 462-4413 for specific dates and times.

There also is a sign-up for mini co-ed recreation volleyball leagues, held 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 7 throug Feb. 11. Call (313) 462-4413.

Winter recreation sports

he Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its winter session of men's recreational basketball for Canton residents only. The 10-week program will be held at Field Elementary School. Canton residents intereated may register in person or write to Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Mich. 48188. The phone number is (313) 397-5110.

Deadline for registration is Monday, Jan. 8. A Teen (ages 13-18) Ski Trip to Alpine Valley, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will be held Friday, Jan. 19. There is no residency requirement.

Cost for teens with their own equipment is \$22. Cost for those needing rental equipment is \$29. Fees include bus transportation, all area lift tickets and rental equipment (if needed).

The bus leaves the Canton Township Administration Building parking lot at 5 p.m. and returns approximately at midnight.

Registration begins Monday, Jan. 8, and ends Thursday, Jan. 18. Register in person or by mail at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Mich. 48188. Call (313) 397-5110 for more information.

Avery Baseball Clinic

very's All-Star Baseball Camp will be held five consecutive weekends beginning Jan. 6 at Madison Heights Bishop Foley High School. The camp director is Mark Avery.

There is a camp for catching (ages 11-18) and hitting (with wooden bats, ages 13-18). Cost for catcher's camp is \$200; cost for hitter's camp is \$140. Former Detroit Tigers bullpen catcher Dan Whitmer is on staff for the catcher's camp; Jamestown Tigers head coach Bruce Fields is one of the instructors for the hitter's camp. Call (810) 268-0707 for more information. 2. Livonia Stevenson junior swimmer Anne Aristeo, double state champion, Olympic hopeful: What a year she had, even before the girls high school season started in the

fall. Aristeo's outstanding summer qualified her already for the Olympic Time Trials, to be held in March. She qualified by finishing seventh in the 200 meter butterfly, one place behind 1992 Olympic medalist Summer Sanders, and 11th in the 400 IM at the nationals last summer.

As for her season at Stevenson? All she did was win two events at the state meet for a second consecutive year, leading the Spartans to a fourth-place finish in the team standings.

Despite a sore shoulder, Aristeo won the 200-yard individual medley relay with a time of 2:05.01, 56 better than her winning time in '94, and the 500 freestyle in 4:59.26, more than seven seconds slower than her winning time the year before.

3. Ken Johnson goes out a winner at Plymouth Salem: The Plymouth Salem boys soccer team gave Ken Johnson the best retirement present he could ask for: a state championship.

Johnson, who announced plans to retire before the boys season started, finished his farewell tour with a 22-3 record. The Rocks beat Portage Northern 1-0 in the championship game. A brawl took place after the game as Northern players weren't thrilled about getting caught in the middle of Salem's celebration.

Two previous Salem boys teams reached the state final without winning the title.

Johnson also retired as coach of the Salem girls team, which gave him his only other state title in 1987. The Final letdown: Redford Bishop Borgess seniors Maxann Reese and Adriane Bryant (No. 24) console each other following the Spartans' surprising loss in the Class C final against Lansing Catholic Central.

1995 Salem girls also provided Johnson with fond memories, advancing to the state final before losing to favored Birmingham Seaholm, 4-2.

"It was a fairy-tale ending, like I wrote my own script," Johnson said. "I didn't realize we could do it until halfway through the season when the team started jelling."

4. Redford Bishop Borgess upset in its bid to win a third-straight Class C girls basketball championship: It seemed improbable that anyone would stop Redford Bishop Borgess' quest for a third-straight Class C state championship in girls basketball, but Lansing Catholic Central managed just that.

The Spartans, who had won six previous state tournament games by an average margin of 37 points, lost to-CC, 51-46, in the championship game at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

It was the 700th career win for CC's Paul Cook, who won 635 as a boys coach. CC held Borgess' Miss Basketball winner Maxann Reese to nine points, and the Spartans missed their last 11 attempts at the free-throw line.

"These girls are so special, I can't even begin to describe the feeling," said Cook, 68. "This ranks right up there with the '80 state championship (as coach of Lansing Eastern), the '57 upset of East Lansing and Art Brandstatter. Games you are never supposed to win."

5. Craig Martin wins his secondstraight Class A state individual wrestling championship: The Livonia Stevenson senior won his final 88 consecutive high school matches and closed his career with his secondstraight state championship, this time at 215 pounds.

He was the 189-pound champion in 1994. Martin's prowess helped the Spartans advance to the Final Four for the first time as a team, finishing fourth overall.

"At first, it's just every kid's goal," Martin said after his 4-3 win over Brighton's Scott Niles in the finals. "To win it a second time, it's just an unbelievable feeling. When I first started wrestling, it was kind of a farfetched dream. I had some great coaches and it just worked out."

6. Redford Catholic Central senior cross country runner Joe Leo leaves 'em behind: Leo capped an already wondrous high school cross country career by placing fifth at the Foot Locker National Championships in late November. Leo was invited to the national tournament after a second-place showing at a Midwest qualifier.

He was a two-time regional champion and this year won the Class A state team race in a time of 15 minutes, 42 seconds.

7. Redford Catholic Central finishes an undefeated football season and wins a Class AA state title: The Shamrocks beat Holt, 24-0, at the Pontiac Silverdome to cap a 13-0 season and win their third Class AA state championship in the last six years.

CC, which beat Sterling Heights Stevenson, 29-13, in the semifinal round, enjoyed a 313-49 edge in total yardage. Senior fullback John Spolsky led CC with 109 yards on 22 carries and one touchdown. The Shamrocks were ranked 10th in the final USA Today national poil that came out this week.

"I kept telling myself before the game, don't think of fancy plays, just give it to John," CC coach Tom Mach said. "He was the man we rallied around. We needed to give it to him."

Did Mach, the master of conservative play calling, really tell himself that?

The Shamrocks had to overcome some anxious moments the first two rounds of the playoffs.

In a 14-6 first-round win over Livonia Stevenson, the Shamrocks made a goal-line stand and drove 92 yards for a late touchdown in the fourth quarter to hold off the gallant Spartans.

A week later, in the regional final played in rain and freezing temperatures on a muddy field at Pontiac Wisner Stadium, CC's decision to insert junior tailback Greg Alcala into the starting lineup after several weeks on the bench paid off.

The Shamrocks scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, including a long run by Alcala, to rally for a 21-14 win over defending champion Troy, the state's preseason No. 1 team.

8. Borgess' Maxann Reese named Miss Basketball for 1995: Reese became the first player from Observerland to win Miss Basketball since 1987, when Plymouth Salem's Dena Head earned the honor. Reese won in a landslide, collecting 629 votes to 395 from her nearest competitor.

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McDonald scores 23 in CC's win over OLSM

BY NEAL ZIPSER

Redford Catholic Central boys basketball coach Rick Coratti received one of the things he wanted from Santa — a perfect 5-0 start for his team.

The Shamrocks won their fifth straight game Friday with an impressive 55-49 victory at Orchard Lake St. Mary's in a Catholic League crossover game.

"One of our goals was to be 5.0 at Christmas," Coratti said. "We're a veteran team with seven or eight players coming back who played a lot last year. I thought we'd be a good team."

The Eaglets, who dropped to 2-1, posed CC's biggest challenge of the young season. But the Shamrocks shut down highly-touted Kylo Jones. The sophomore guard scored 19 points, but only five in the first three quarters.

Jones was coming off a 31-point performance in a win over Birmingham Brother Rice. Much of the credit for shutting down Jones went to senior guard Justin Hoener, according to senior guard Chris Misiak. "You can't stop a player like Kylo but you can contain him and Justin did a great job on him," Misiak said.

The key point of the game was the third quarter which CC dominated. The Shamrocks, who held a slim 24-23 advantage at halftime, outscored St. Mary's 17-8 in the third quarter.

"I thought our transition defense was very poor in the third quarter," St. Mary's coach Dennis Butcher said. "We talked about it at halftime but to Catholic Central's credit, they got the ball down court quickly."

CC opened the third quarter with a 10-2 run, sparked by consecutive baskets by senior center Michael Jordan.

The Shamrocks extended their lead to 41-31 at le the end of the third quarter on a three-pointer by junior guard Marc McDonald. St. Mary's put on a late charge but never came closer than six points. A triple by CC senior forhe ward Richard Turk (seven points) with 3:56 re-

maining stopped a 6-0 St. Mary's run and gave the Shamrocks the cushion they needed.

McDonald led all scorers with 23 points - 10 coming in the first quarter. Jordan added 13.

"Marc is a good shooter and we're always trying to get him the ball," Misiak said. "Everybody has been scoring for us and we've been getting good balance. If Marc isn't hitting, someone else usually is."

In addition to Jones' 19, Juan Pegues, Brian. Caddieth and Sterling Mintzer chipped in with eight each for the Eaglets. Pegues also grabbed 18 rebounds.

After leading 16-15 after one quarter, St. Mary's offense sputtered in the second and third quarters as the Eaglets scored only 15 points while shooting 26 percent from the floor (six-of-23).

The Shamrocks tightened their man defense, led by Mislak who collected five first-half steals.

"They put us in a half-court game offensively which we don't want to be in," Butcher said. "We want to push the ball but they forced us to play half-court. They did a good job controlling the tempo."

BASKETBALL

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Reese earned respect despite not having staggering statistics: 14.6 points, six assists and 4.5 rebounds per game as a senior.

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

9. Garden City resident Greg Ryan makes the 1995 United States Junior Olympic baseball team: The Dearborn Divine Child standout won a medal as a member of the U.S. Junior Olympic baseball team. Ryan earned a spot on the team with a strong showing on the North team at the Olympic Sports Festival in Colorado Springs, Colo.

10. Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Glen Donahue sets state record for wins: First-year Schoolcraft College coach Glen Donahue became the winningest college basketball coach in state history when he notched career win 518 on Nov. 25 with a 104-101 victory against Siena Heights.

Donahue won most of his college games while at Highland ment later in the spring. Hoenes

Park Community College from the late '60s to the mid-'80s. He also spent several years as coach of St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake before the school voted to drop the basketball program following the 1992 season.

"It was elusive, because you wait 31/4 years to get it," said Donahue, who coached the last three seasons at Redford Bishop Borgess.

Some more to remember

Jack Reardon retires as Livonia Stevenson football coach: The only varsity head football coach in the history of Livonia Stevenson announced his retirement in early February. Reardon had a 168-97-1 overall record, guiding the Spartans to 13 division or league titles, two state playoff berths and two undefeated seasons.

His last team was one of his best as the Spartans finished the 1994 season with a 9-2 record, losing in the Class AA regional final to Westland John Glenn.

"His trademark was discipline, his honesty and straightforwardness," Stevenson Athletic Director Roger Frayer said. "They don't make guys like that anymore."

Observerland lost another longtime coach, Westland John Glenn's Norm Hoenes, to retire-





Craig Martin

took his team to three Final Four appearances, including consecutive trips in 1993 and '94.

Lloyd Carr named University of Michigan's head football coach: The former Westland John Glenn football coach from the '70s was named interim coach at U-M in the spring after the removal of head coach Gary Moeller due to an incident in a Southfield restaurant.

Carr, the father of former CC quarterback and current U-M reserve signal caller Jason Carr, led the Wolverines to a 9-3 overall record and a berth in the Alamo Bowl. He was rewarded late in the season with the job on a full-time basis.

Western Golf & Country Club (Redford Township) professional Ray Bolo wins his second-straight Michigan Seniors PGA title: Bolo made a Jack Nicklaus-like charge in the last two holes to win his secondstraight Michigan PGA Seniors Tournament Championship in July at Silver Lake Country Club in Rockford.

Bolo saved par after a poor tee shot on the 17th hole and eagled the 18th hole to finish the 36-hole tournament at 2-under par 142 (70-72).

The Plymouth Canton and Salem athletic departments undergo major changes: Two longserving members in the Plymouth Canton and Salem athletic departments, Paul Cummings and Gary Balconi, retired. Brian Wolcott — a former All Big Ten pitcher while at Michigan State University, who most recently worked in the Birmingham School District - succeeds Cummings as director of athletics of both schools.



Anne Aristeo

"It was touch and go at first," her mother, Fran Rowland, said. "Now, I really think it's a miracle.'

Within several weeks Rowland was in physical therapy at the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital. She plans to finish her high school degree, then attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Garden City's boys basketball team upsets Westland John Glenn in the first round of the Class A district at Belleville: Westland John Glenn reached the Class A state quarterfinal game in 1994 and was poised for a return trip before a team of overachievers from Garden City defused the Rockets, 68-59, in a 1995 district semifinal at Belleville.

The Cougars' defense held Glenn's 6-11 center Guy Rucker, bound for the University of Iowa, to 12 points. Junior guard Ryan Males led the Cougars with 24 points.

Glenn bowed out at 16-4 overall, while Garden City finally got above .500 with the win for an 11-10 record.

Sophomore guard Lorenzo Guess leads a team of underclassmen at Wayne Memorial to the Class A state quarterfinal game: A group of underclassmen left Wayne Memorial fans wondering what's in store for the future as the Zebras won district and regional boys basketball titles before losing in overtime to Kalamazoo Central, 87-79, in a Class A quarterfinal at Lansing Eastern. Sophomore guard Lorenzo Guess finished with 26 points before fouling out with 5:04 left in the fourth quarter and Wayne up 65-63. Junior guard Jameel Wooden also had 26 points, including six three-point baskets. "I told them, 'It's state time; you can do it; you have to step up,' " Guess said. "I thought they would pull it off and win in regulation. The ball just bounced the wrong way." CC baseball team: The Shamrocks were another team led by underclassmen, but still advanced to the semifinal round of the Class A state playoffs. The Shamrocks' ending wasn't as suspenseful, as they lost 19-9 to Rochester Adams, another team loaded with underclassmen. Madonna University and Schoolcraft College win regional championships in women's volleyball: Madonna's second trip to the NAIA national tournament in the last three years was led by first-team All-America Kelly McCausland, a junior from Redford Union. The Crusaders, who finished 47-11 overall under coach Jerry Abraham, managed to win one match in San Diego, the



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

On pace: Livonia Stevenson sophomore Kelly Travis placed fifth in the individual race to lead the Spartans to a second-place finish in the team race at the Class A state meet.

site of the nationals.

Schoolcraft College coach Tom Teeters also guided his team to a regional championship and a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament in Miami, Fla. Livonia Franklin's best boy soccer season: The Patriots, behind All-Observer first-team players Eric Bowman and Roberto Vega, upset Redford Catholic Central and Livonia Churchill en route to their first-ever Class A district championship. It finally took Livonia Stevenson to knock off the Cinderella Patriots, masterfully coached to a 15-7 overall record by Dave Hebestreit. The death of Dan Krueger, former CC wrestling star: The CC and Plymouth/Canton communities mourned the loss of Krueger (son of Plymouth Salem. wrestling coach Ron Krueger), who died in an auto accident in September. Krueger was a freshman wrestler at Eastern Michigan and a runner-up at the 1994 state meet.

Kelly Travis was fifth individually to lead the Spartans.

Bernie Holowicki returns to coaching: The former CC coach took wer an Madonna men's coach, replacing Bull Sharpe, who was fired.

Balconi's replacement as Salem's athletic coordinator, meanwhile, is John Robinson, whose latest position was as coordinator of district athletic trainers for the Farmington school system.

Another change occurred in the fall of '95 as Sue Heinzman took over as Canton's athletic coordinator when Jim Finn left.

City Garden senior swimmer/soccer player April Rowland makes great progress after going into a coma following an automobile accident: On the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 26, Rowland was involved in a twocar accident on her way to school with a classmate. She suffered fluid on the brain, a broken pelvis, gashes on her leg and was in a coma six days.

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Lutheran Westland, Livonia Stevenson cross country teams: The Lutheran Westland boys cross country team and the Livonia Stevenson girls cross country team finished second in Class C and Class A, respectively, at the state meet.

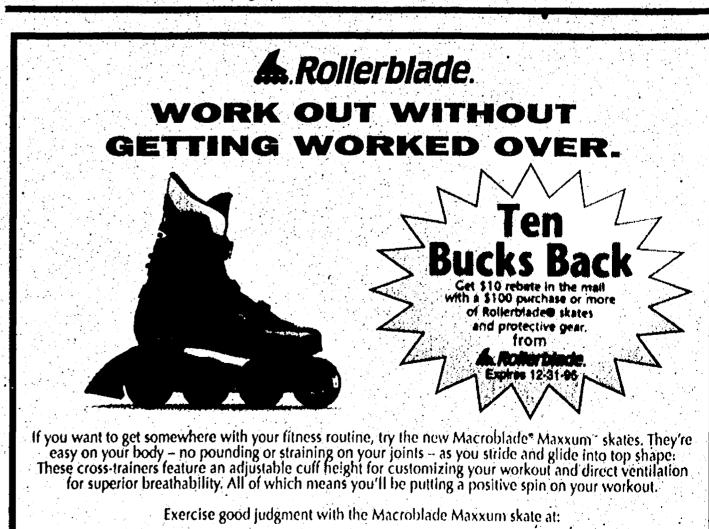
Brad Polkinghorne was 13th individually to lead the Lutheran Westland boys and sophomore

Farmington Hills Harrison shut out of playoffs: The Hawks won another Western Lakes title but uncharacteristically were shut out 40-0 by eventual Class A state runner-up South Lyon in the first round of the playoffs. It was the Hawks worse loss in nearly three decades. They were trying to win their third straight state title.

Livonia Ladywood volleyball team: The Blazers beat the area's second-best team, Plymouth Salem, soundly in the Class A district and advanced to the semifinals before losing to Port Huron Northern.

Redford Union's new hockey program: RU, aided by its Extracurricular Task Force, announced the first season will be 1996-97 with Pete Mazzoni as the head coach. With Farmington opening a new arena with two rinks, talk was the Farmington schools will start a hockey program.

Plymouth Canton boys basketball team: The Chiefs opened the 95-96 season with an upset win over Wayne and are undefeated heading into the Christmas Break. Will they be the headline makers in '96? Only time will tell.



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The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited is offering two courses in fly tying. The classes begin Jan. 22 and will be held at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Registration begins Jan. 2. Call (810) 647-1400 or (313) 359-4149 for more information.,

SHOWS

CAMPER SHOW

The Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel and RV show will be held Jan. 24-28 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

I OUTDOORAMA

MUCC's Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 23 through March 3 at the Novi Expo center.

SEASONS

E BASS Statewide through Dec. 31.

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SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

The rifle and pistol range at the **Bald Mountain Recreation Area** is open 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

The range at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is open 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays through Sundays. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Bob Mitchel, recognized field tester and outdoor writer, will be the guest speaker at the Jan. 3 meeting. Mitchel will give a presentation on the new hot spot for walleye and steelhead in Erieau, Ontario. Call (810) 477-3816 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday

of each month at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-2965 for more information.

FISHING BUDDY

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

Fishing Buddy Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll-free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

SLEIGH RIDES

Dash through the snow in a horse-drawn sleigh weekends at Kensington Metropark.

II FULL MOON WALK

A naturalist-led hike under the light of the full moon begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Stony Creek.

WOLF MOON

Learn about wolves, owls and animal tracks during an evening hike under the light of a full moon, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Indian Springs.

WINTER WEEDS

A naturalist-led hike through the meadow to learn some of the uses of wildflowers by humans and animals, begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Stony Creek.

MANIMAL TRACKS AND T-SHIRTS

Learn to identify animal tracks and make track designs on Tshirts during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Indian Springs.

E STORIES IN THE SNOW

Look for animal tracks and animal signs during this naturalistled hike, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Kensington.

II 1996 PERMITS

The 1996 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle permits and annual boat launching permit are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle permits are \$15, \$8 for senior citizens. Boat launch permits are \$18, \$9 for seniors. Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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ation area offices, (313) 953-0241.

CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS

Campsite reservations for the 1996 season are now being accepted. Call 1-800-5432-YES, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m.,to 5 p.m. weekends to make your res-

SPORTS ROUNDUP

served tickets for \$37.50 and \$25 are on sale at the Palace box office and all TicketMaster centers, including Hudson's Harmony House and Blockbuster Music. Special Superfan seating is also available. Children 12 and under and seniors 62 and over receive \$3 off all non-Superfan tickets. Tickets may also be charged by phone to American Express, Visa MasterCard and Discover by calling (810) 645-6666. Groups of 15 or more can receive \$4 off all non-Superfan tickets by calling the group sales office at (810) 377-0100.

Warriors rally to win; **PCA remains perfect**

Lutheran High Westland set its alarm clock a little late, but woke up in time to earn a 46-42 boys basketball victory Friday over visiting New Boston Huron.

The Warriors erased a 35-27 third-quarter deficit with a 19-7 run in the final quarter.

Senior guard Sam Patterson's three-pointer with 1:22 left tied it at 41-all and senior guard Bruce Williams gave Lutheran Westland the victory when he connected on a pair of free throws with 22 seconds remaining.

'We turned up the defense and started pressuring the ball . . . we were complacent up to that point," said Lutheran Westland coach Scott Wiemer. whose team is 3-2 overall at the holiday break.

Sophomore forward Brad Woehlke led Lutheran Westland in scoring with 11 points. Junior forward Joe Pruchnik added 10 points.

Lutheran Westland won despite making only 11 of 26 free throws (42.3 percent), while New Boston was nine of 19 (47.3 percent).

BASKETBALL

Senior guard Brian Wehrs, scored a game-high 14 points to lead the Chiefs, who fail to 1.4.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 47, HURON VALLEY 45: Jamle Neil scored a game-high 20 points, including the game-winning basket with only 45 seconds remaining Thursday to give unbeaten Plymouth Christian (5-0) the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-3).

Jeremy Hsia added 16 points for the Eagles, who finished the night making 22 of 34 free throws (64.7 percént).

Scott Ohlsson led Huron Valley with 15 points, while Jeremy Zahn contributed nine.

Huron Valley, which was only 20 of 42 from the line (47.6) percent, made just four of 13 in the decisive final quarter.

The Hawks couldn't hold a 28-19 halftime lead as Plymouth Christian rallied with a 18-11 run in the third quarter.

"We struggled with ther press in the third quarter and just couldn't convert from the line in the fourth," Huron Valley coach Tod Bartholomew said. "Our condition has to get better and I think the team's legs got. tired at the end.'

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each at state park and state recre-

ervation.

Items for the Sports Roundup must be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition)

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Dec. 29 S'gate Aquinas Tourney, 6 & 7:30 p.m. Wayne at Birm. Bro. Rice, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Friday, Dec. 29 (Schoolcraft College Classic) Flint Mott vs. Spring Arbor JV, 6 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP HOCKEY Thursday-Friday, Dec. 28-29 Liv. Stevenson at Cleveland, Ohio Classic Tournament, TBA.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Dec. 28 LIV. Stevenson at Bedford Inv., TBA. Friday, Dec. 29 Liv. Ladywood, Liv. Churchill, Red. Thurston, F.H. Mercy at UM-Dearborn Tourney, 8 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30 Schoolcraft Holiday Classic, 1 & 3 p.m.

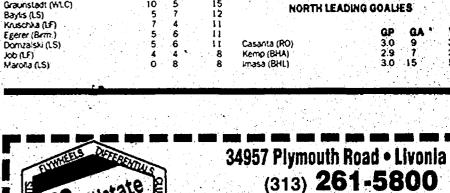
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and 5 p.m. Friday (for Monday edition). Items run once only.

STARS ON ICE

Tickets are on sale for the Discover Card Stars On Ice 1995-96 Tenth Anniversary Tour, which comes to the Palace at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10.

Past Olympic and world champions Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton, Paul Wylie and Katarina Witt plan to perform. Re-

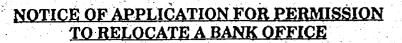


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Any person who desires to protest the application must, pursuant to section 30 of the Michigan Banking Code of 1969, as amended, MCLA 487.330; MSA 23;710(30), file a written notice of protest with the commissioner of the Financial Institutions Bureau, P.O. Box 30224, (333 S. Capitol Avenue, Suite A), Lansing, MI 48909, and with the applicant not later than January 10, 1996.

The application is on file with the commissioner and may be inspected during regular business hours.

This notice is published pursuant to section 30 of the Banking Code of 1969, as amended, being section 487,330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; as amended by Act No. 524 of the Public Acts of 1978, which sets forth the procedures for processing applications and the manner in which protests of applications may be made.

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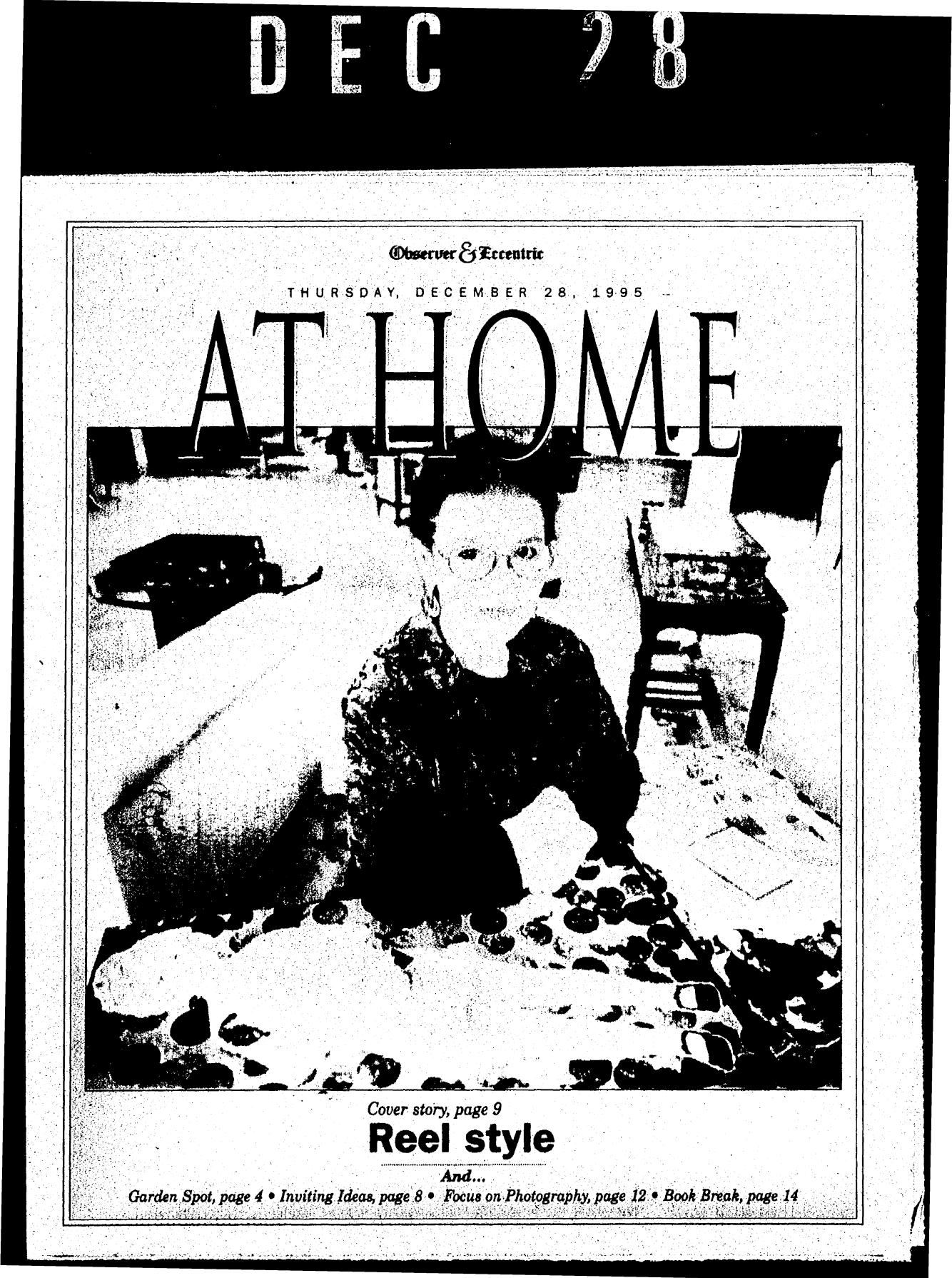
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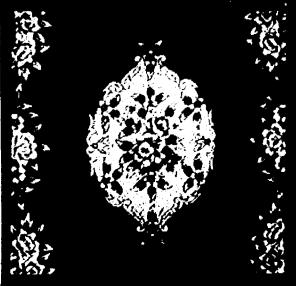
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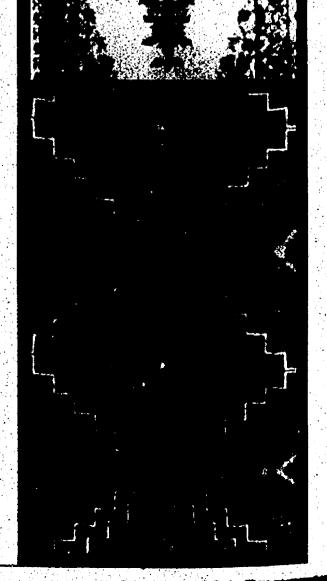
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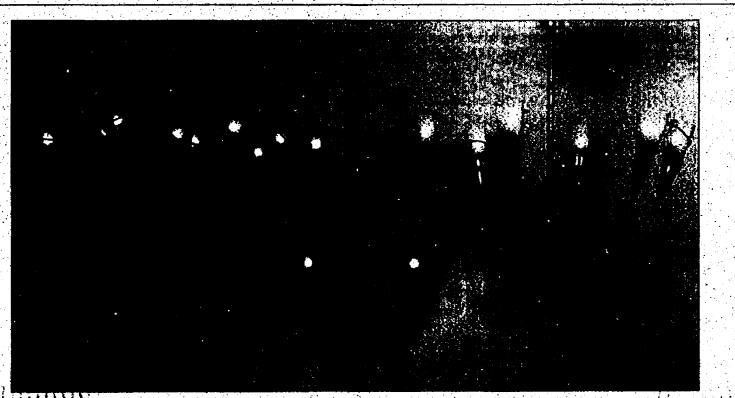






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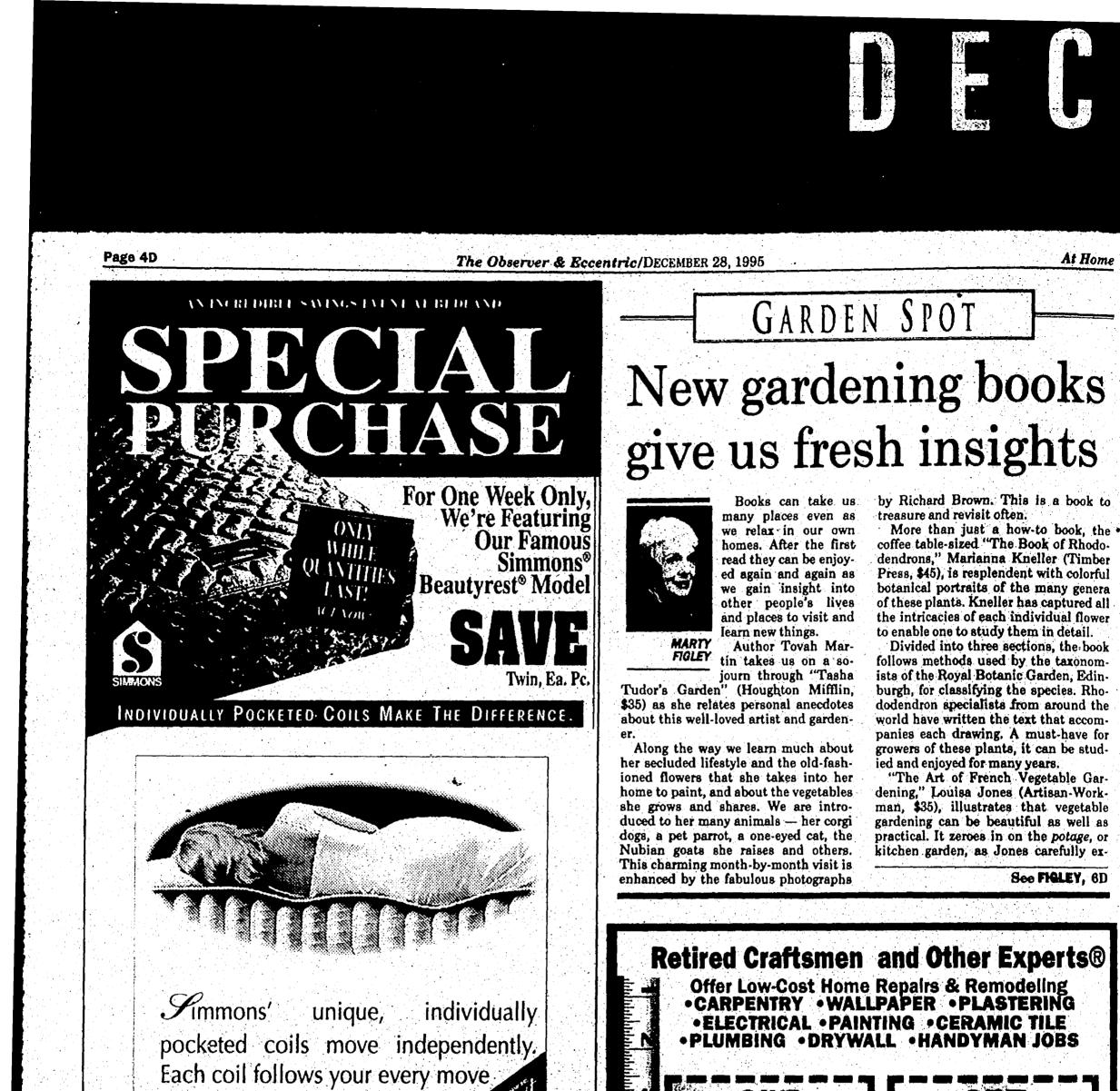
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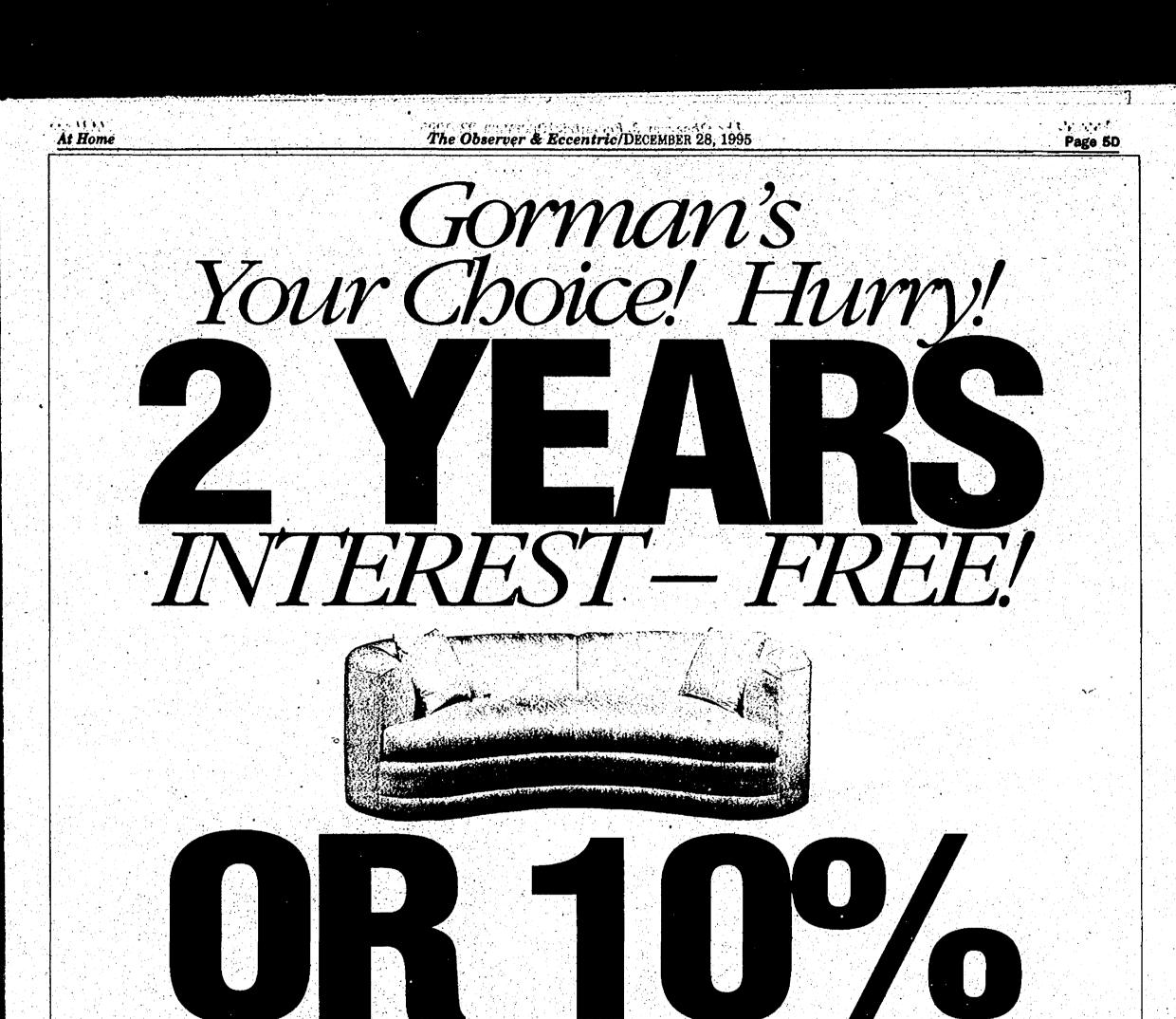
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plains how to achieve a garden that enriches the eye as well as the palate. This book will inspire new thinking when vegetable gardens are planned.

Formal (in neat arrangements) and Romantic (often small with less structure) vegetable gardens were visited and photographed throughout France where the gardeners shared their growing expertise. The thorough appendix includes quick, classic French recipe suggestions as well as a list of gardens that are open to the public. Great reference.

Guides

"The Garden Tourist '96: A Guide to Garden Tours, Garden Days, Shows and Special Events," Lois Rosenfeld (The Garden Tourist Press, \$14.95), gives the latest information about these events in our country and around the world. Listings are arranged by state; also other countries. This will be the first "ticket" you'll need to discover exciting garden happenings.

Order from: The Garden Tourist, 330 W. 72nd St., Suite 12B, New York, N.Y. 10023 (phone (212) 874-6211). Include \$2.55 for a single copy; wholesale inquires are invited.

Speaking of tours, three new "Eyewitness Travel Guides," Amsterdam, Ireland and Great Britain (Dorling Kindersley, \$22.95, \$24.95 and \$29.95, respectively), are filled with what to do and see, where to stay and eat, and more. Each book is lavishly illustrated with details that enable the traveler to pinpoint specific interests. Cutaway drawings of buildings, castles and historic sites eliminate the need for additional guides. Information about using local currency, telephones and public transportation ensure a smooth transition from one country to the next. Well done.

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"The Gardener's Guide to Britain," Patrick Taylor (Timber Press, \$19.95), has also been a great resource for me as I have prepared my trip to Great Britain next May. Each region of the country details the many places to visit and explore. Maps are included.

Interest is growing about our trip to Great Britain May 20-29, 1996. We will travel to London, Cardiff and Edinburgh. This 10-day, custom-designed tour includes two nights in each of these capital cities so that we will have to explore and enjoy their hospitality. As we travel through these beautiful countries we will stop at designated sites to enjoy additional gardens, manor houses and castles.

Visit the Chelsea Flower Show or choose another option — we want you to enjoy this first-class trip.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.



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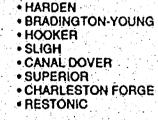
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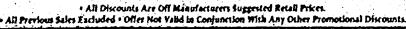
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Moss' Grandfather, Harry Chernick, founded the business in Detroit in 1920. Chernick's son-inlaw and the current president, Ron Moss, joined in 1957. Advance expanded to Walled Lake in 1990 when it purchased Franklin Plumbing Supply.

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Plant to show special bloom

After 20 years of growth, the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens' Agave pedunculifera is finally preparing itself to bloom in the Desert House of the gardens' conservatory.

This succulent is an unusual plant. Instead of blooming yearly, it grows for 20 years or more before it sends up a flowering stalk.

First noticed in early October by the Botanical Gardens' horticulturist, the quick-growing stalk, now nine feet tall, can grow several inches in a day. Depending on the species, these flower stalks may be from six to 30 feet tall. There is one sad note to this exciting occurrence. Once the plant has blossomed, the mother plant dies. All of its available energy is spent producing the towering flower stalk. Future plants grow from seeds, bulbils and vegetative offshoots called pups.

The agave may be viewed 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Admission to the conservatory is \$2 for adults, \$1 for schoolage children, free for preschool children. Complimentary admission is offered 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Saturday.

To get to the gardens, take US-23

north and exit on Plymouth Road. Turn right, take Plymouth Road east one mile to Dixboro Road and turn right. The gardens are ¼-mile on the left side of Dixboro Road.

Mature agaves don't automatically bloom when they reach a certain age. The prevailing weather plays a role in stimulating flowering. When the conditions are likely to allow successful reproduction and set seed, the plant will bloom.

Agaves grow in habitats that lack abundant rainfall, or in which water drains away quickly.



tional seminars this January and February on topics ranging from winter survival for house plants to do-it-yourself landscaping.

The weekly seminars, open to the public, will take place 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple. For more information, call (810) 851-7506.

Topics, speakers and dates are: "Winter Survival for House Plants," Diane Tuccini, Jan. 10; "Attracting Birds to Your Yard," Bill Stafford, Jan. 17; "Arranging Silk Flowers and Plants," Donna Matte, Jan. 24; "Herbs/Seed Starting," Katie Krisko, Jan. 31; "Using Ornamental Grasses in Your Garden," Kevin Collins, Feb. 7.





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INVITING IDEAS

Shake the shivers with savory soups, stews



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Watch your footing, it's winter in Michigan! We relish the thought of returning home to the warmth of our surroundings, and a meal that restores our confidence in the knowledge that winter is just one of the four seasons.

JOHNSTON Seasons. Perhaps it is our environmental desire to formulate body temperature through palate. One-dish winter warmers, soups and stews then become the perfect fix for cold winter nights. These meals can be easy and almost complete within themselves add some piping hot bread and you're ready to eat.

My favorites are meaty stews and thick soups — the kind you can almost walk through. At any given time you will find in my freezer at least 30 French jars with plastic lids filled with scrumptious soups and stew — winter and summer.

Having these one-dish meals handy eliminates any excuse my husband may find for eating something naughty something that's not within the framework of his diet — or saying, "there's nothing to eat!" In the winter my stash of soups are great to pop into the microwave and heat up. Eating on the run, or entertaining last minute guests is no problem. These are meals on their own.

Sometimes for a special treat I'll use shrimp, scallops or combine them with fish. You can make the base for this soup (the tomato portion) ahead and freeze. Then add fish or seafood when you are ready to uss.

FISH SOUP

1 ½ tablespoons light olive oil, butter or margarine

- 2 large Spanish onlons, chopped to 1-inch dice
- 1 cup celery (also the leaves) chopped to 1-inch dice

3-4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

- 64 ounces (2 plus cans, 28 ounces each) seasoned diced tomatoes, preferably Del Fratelli
- I cup dry white wine (table wine will do)
- 1 cup fresh parsley, minced
- Sea Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 14 teaspoon crushed fennel seed 2 pounds fish of your choice (cod and sole are nicely mild, partially fro-
- zen so you can cut the fish into 1inch dice)

In a large heavy casserole French oven, Dutch oven or stock pot over medium heat, melt or heat oil, butter or margarine and saute the onion, celeryh and garlic until the onion is transparent and celery is tender.

Add to the pot; the diced seasoned tomatoes (liquid included), wine, parsley, sea salt (to taste), pepper, thyme, and fennel. Cover the pot with a lid and simmer for 30 minutes. This soup base can be cooled and frozen at this point to be used at a later date.

If serving immediately, add fish and continue to simmer for 10 minutes or until fish is opaque and flaky.

If adding cooked shrimp do not cook for any length of time. Just let it warm through. If adding frozen shrimp or seafood make sure tomato mixture comes to a boil, add shrimp and let it boil again. Remove from heat and let stand for a minute or two. Serve hot with piping hot crusty bread smothered with garlic butter. Serves 8-10.

Look for Dei Fratelli tomatoes at Shopping Center Markets and Strawberry Hills.

This interesting stew has a subtle hotness and gets its thick chewy texture from the posole (a type of hominy). Serve topped with chopped green onions and homemade combread croutons. You can substitute beef or venison for the bison.

BLUE CORN POSOLE BISON STEW

- 12 ounces blue com posole (available at gournet food stores)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (for water)
- 1 ½ tablespoons light olive oil 1 medium Spanish onion, peeled and
- cut into ¾-inch dice 3 garlic cloves, peeled and minced

2½ pounds bison/buffalo meat cut into small cubes

- 4 fresh Jalapeno chilies, stems removed, seeded and thinly sliced (wear rubber gloves)
- 1 28-ounce can seasoned diced tomatoes (Del Fratelli if possible)
- 3 tablespoons sun-dried tomato paste
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) light beer
- 3 tablespoons dried cliantro
- I teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Sea sait to taste
- Juice of one fresh lime (1½ to 2 tablespoons)

Tabasco or other hot sauce (optional) Chopped green onion for top (optional) Rinse the blue corn posole and soak it for 24 hours (in enough water to cover the blue corn). After soaking, rinse again and place in a large casserole (French oven, Dutch oven or stock pot) with enough water to completely cover the posole. Add ¹/₄ teaspoon of salt and cook over medium heat for two hours. Turn off heat and let posole remain in the water until ready for use.

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Heat the olive oil over high heat in a large casserole. When the oil is hot, add the onion and minced garlic. Cook until transparent.

Add the meat and lightly brown. Remove any liquid and discard. Add the sliced jalapenos and mix well. Add the tomatoes (liquid included).

Drain the blue corn posole thoroughly and add it to the meat. Add the tomato paste, 6 ounces (¼ bottle) of light beer and the cilantro, oregano, cayenne and salt. Cover the casserole with a lid and cook over medium heat until the meat is tender (depending on what cut of meat you use, this could take from 1-3 hours).

During the cooking process, add the other 6 ounces of light beer and the lime juice. When the meat seems fork-tender, readjust spices and add any additional salt or Tabasco to taste, Serves 6-8.

Recipe from: "The Buffalo Cookbook," (Hancock House Publishers, 1995).

Blue corn posole — natural blue corn kernels, can be purchased from gourmet food and specialty shops or directly from: Los Chileros de Nuevo Mexico, P.O. Box 6215, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502, (505) 471-6967.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave a Voice Mail message for Ruth, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

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Redecorating a home doesn't have to be expensive

Home Depot offers some quick remodeling tips for your home.

"The biggest misconception is that decorating is expensive," said Troy Cipriani, Home Depot store manager. "A \$2 brass switch plate and a \$10 window valance can make a room look totally different."

■ Add romance to curtains. Scarf valances, the yards of fabric you see draped around curtain rods, can turn your formal "Don't sit in that chair" living room into a comfortable and romantic living space. They range from \$39 to \$270.

Homeowners with bigger windows and budgets can try the fancier swags

CLARIFICATION

The woman in the photo in the Dec. 7 At Home cover story should have been identified as interior designer Kasey Werner-Pierson. and jabots, which range from \$150 to \$200 per window.

■ Rail against boring walls. For less than \$100 you can add chair railing to an average size dining room. Not only will it give the room a traditional feel, but it will protect your walls from dings and dents caused by chairs and other objects.

■ Reinvent your walls. What can you do with walls? Add a fresh coat of paint or a couple of new pictures? Wallpaper borders are easy and transform drab walls into something from a designer showhouse. A 15-foot spool sells for about \$4.

For a bold, rich feeling, install crown molding along the seam between the wall and ceiling. It sells for about \$1.50 a foot.

Add class with brass. Improve the look of your dining room by installing brass fixtures. Start by replacing your plastic or wood switch plates with brass models, ranging from \$2 to \$20 each. Check your dining room light fixture. Chances are it isn't in the same time or design period as the rest of the room. For a more timely and elegant look, replace your existing fixture with a brass chandelier.

You don't need to spend a lot of money. Polished brass chandeliers with five lights cost about \$60. Bigger rooms can handle a nine-light, crystal chandelier with gold plating for about \$800.

Dress up windows. Apartments usually come with the standard miniblinds. Most of us don't even consider adding to this. Twenty minutes is all it takes to hang balloon valances alone or over, existing blinds. Depending on the size of the window and the brand of the valance, the price range could be as little as \$10 to \$20.

Don't stop inside your home. Even if you plan to be in your home for another century, try one simple exterior project. Replace the front door. Changing the design or just the color will make a big difference. Insulated steel doors can be bought for less than \$200 each.



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Designs have reel style

Movies inspire furnishings by area artist

BY MARY KLEMIC AT HOME EDITOR

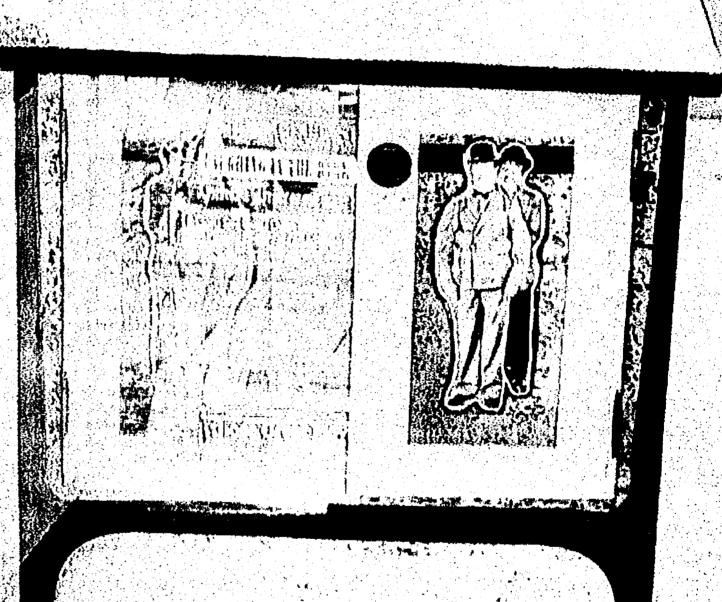
Naomi Siegel has assembled a roster of movie stars and other entertainers that would make studio heads drool and fans converge in an instant.

Such greats as Shirley Temple and Laurel and Hardy aren't on the silver screen this time. Their images adorn a variety of furniture and accessories designed by Siegel, who has put her artistic talent and her love of movies to creative combinations.

"I think film all the time," Siegel said from her Bloomfield Hills home, which is filled with samples of her movie-inspired items. Siegel's pieces include book-

shelves, tables and chairs and are works of art in their own right. One table bearing a large Shirley Temple paper doll figure is a comment from Siegel.

"Shirley lived for most of her years as a paper doll. I thought of writing a book about her but this



was more run.

Finding an obituary about Bill "Bojangles" Robinson inspired another table; this one featuring a collage of photos of and articles about the dancer.

"I research probably everything that I work on."

Siegel has many talents. She is a painter, cinematographer and coowner of Telespot Productions, a public relations agency. Formerly she was the public information director with the Oakland County Health Department, and held similar posts with the Michigan Cancer Foundation and WWWW radio. Siegel was president of the Detroit chapter of American Women in Radio and Television in 1971-72, The artist sees the world through multicolored glasses. She can turn the ordinary into the special. An example of her imaginative touch is how she painted the blades of a small electric fan so it resembled a flower. Her "Pandora's Box" is a painted box with slender drawers filled with meaningful items.



That's entertainment: And that's stylish, when Naomi Siegel puts movie motifs to decorative use. This cabinet features photos of Laurel and Hardy on the doors and a collage of other stars on the top.

"To make art sing and make you feel alive" is her aim.

"Tribute to George Gershwin" is a little chair with elegant tails as if dressed in a formal suit. A low cabinet features photos of Laurel and Hardy on the doors and a collage of other entertainment stars on the top. A beveled mirror called "Hooray for Hollywood" features fireworks like beams of light. Among the hues are magenta, blue, gray and black.

"Art deco colors are right for the era."

Siegel has used more recent

movies as motifs as well. A table was inspired by "Fiddler on the Roof." "The Gods Must Be Crazy" sparked an accessory bearing fabric with a leopard spot pattern, a tribal statue, a 35mm film canister and a Coke bottle.

"Some of it is just plain fun. I keep reading about the 1930s." For her furnishings, Siegel starts with quality furniture pieces. After her creative treatment they are dazzling but durable.

"One of my friends said put glass on (the top) ... He's not a homemaker." On the Cover:

STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN



Movies and movie stars have inspired Naomi Siegel of Bloomfield Hills in designing furniture and accessories that bear images of Shirley Temple and other Hollywood legends. Staff photo by Dan Dean. Page 10D

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Keep pets safe in winter

The Pet Practice encourages pet owners to follow these safety tips to protect pets from the harmful elements of winter.

■ Keep pets warm. The best way to do this is to keep them indoors; for outdoor pets, a protective shelter is necessary. The outdoor shelter should be supported three inches above the ground for ultimate warmth and should measure only a foot longer and three inches higher than the pet's body. This may appear too small for the pet, but making it snug allows the animal to warm itself from its own body heat.

Avoid freezing temperatures. Don't leave young animals outside during freezing temperatures. Carefully observe pets when they are outside and watch for behaviors like shivering to make sure they don't exhibit signs of distress. Older pets in particular are more susceptible to cold weather dangers because their temperature-regulating mechanisms worsen as they get older. All pets are at risk during the winter, but younger pets, older pets and pets with thinner hair have the greatest risk during cold weather due to decreased insulation.

■ Increase pet's caloric intake. During winter months, consult a veterinarian about the possibility of increasing the pet's caloric intake. On average, pets need 50 percent more energy in the

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winter, which comes from the food they eat.

■ Feed cats a diet low in magnesium. A diet low in magnesium prevents the buildup of crystals in the urine of cats, which is one of the causes of feline urinary syndrome, especially during winter months.

■ Prevent pet's water from freezing. Keep the pet's water supply replenished to keep it from freezing. During the winter, never let pets drink or eat out of a metal container. Instead, use a plastic container that will prevent an animal's tongue from sticking to the metal.

■ Keep antifreeze out of pet's reach. Hose down areas where an antifreeze leak may have occurred. A pet's contact with antifreeze can be deadly. If an animal drinks (or even licks) antifreeze, its kidneys could shut down. If a pet has ingested antifreeze, call a veterinarian immediately.

■ Beware of burning salt and icemelting chemicals. Avoid the pet's contact with these products, as they burn feet or paws. Be sure to wipe or wash the pet's feet immediately if they are exposed to salt or chemicals.

Clean the snow out from between the pet's toes. Prolonged periods of snow in between a pet's toes while playing outdoors can lead to frostbite.



Adopt-a-pet

Max: Max is a 9-month-old male-neutered Shepherd mix. He is a very sweet dog who is already housebroken. He still likes to jump up sometimes so he would be best suited for a home with children over age 10. He loves everybody he meets and will show you much affection. Max (No. 62689) and other pets are available at the Michigan Humane Society Rochester Hills shelter, 3600 Auburn Road. Call (810) 852-7420 between noon and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

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or provide a scene as attractive as a landscape.

Begin by analyzing the character of the room and selecting its most important features. In a house, it may be a curved staircase or a vaulted ceiling with dramatic beams. In a public building, look for a row of columns, a marble statue or perhaps a painted fresco.

Select a vantage point that best shows the interior. Maybe it's from the bottom of the stairs looking up at an unusual angle or looking down from an upper balcony.

Most often, a wide angle lens between 17mm and 28mm is in order. They not only enable you to get more of the interior in the viewfinder, but they give you the all-important advantage of tremendous depth-of-field. This way, you can place foreground subjects such as a vase of flowers or figurine in the foreground to add extra interest to your shot and fill the empty space at the bottom of the

Make sure if shooting across a room that the camera angle is perpendicular to the walls. This way, vertical lines won't converge, they'll be straight up

The best lighting for dramatic interiors is natural light coming in from windows and skylights. Be sure to use daylight balanced color film in your choice of slides or prints.

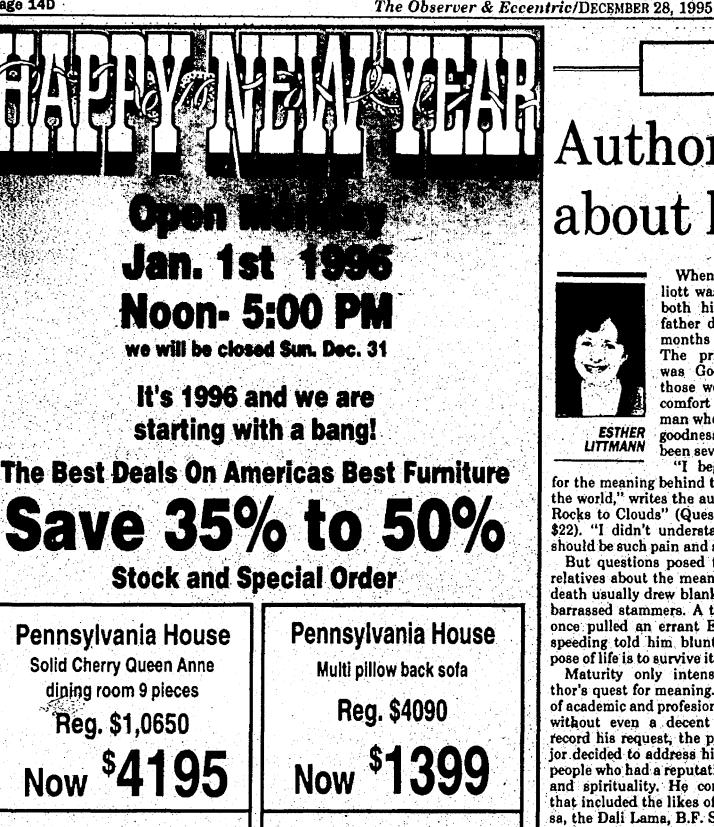
If there is no window light to illuminate your interior, artificial light is reouired. Use either flash or tungston lights and make sure you're using the right film for proper color balance daylight with flash and tungston film with tungston lighting.

The keys to effective interior photography are composition and selecting the best camera position. As in all good photography, you want to produce a meaningful photograph with impact. Try to capture the essence and personality of the interior you are photographing.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.



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Author asked the wise about life's meaning

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When William Elliott was 12 years old, both his mother and father died within six months of each other. The priest said, "It was God's will," but those words gave cold comfort to a young man whose trust in the goodness of life had been severely shaken.

"I began to search for the meaning behind the workings of the world," writes the author of "Tying Rocks to Clouds" (Quest Books, 1995, \$22). "I didn't understand why there should be such pain and suffering."

But questions posed to friends and relatives about the meaning of life and death usually drew blank stares or embarrassed stammers. A traffic cop who once pulled an errant Elliott over for speeding told him bluntly, "The purpose of life is to survive it."

Maturity only intensified the author's quest for meaning. As yet devoid of academic and profesional credentials, without even a decent typewriter to record his request, the psychology major decided to address his questions to people who had a reputation for wisdom and spirituality. He composed a list that included the likes of Mother Teresa, the Dali Lama, B.F. Skinner, Rabbi Harold Kushner, Norman Vincent Peale and a host of others.

Whether nervy or just plain naive, Elliott dared to ask each person on his list for a personal interview. Some greeted his request with silence; others with refusals, pleading illness, time constraints or lack of interest. Yet as positive replies began to trickle in, Elliott organized his life accordingly. To raise money for travel, the wouldbe author worked the night shift in a psychiatric hospital, moved into a trailer park to cut expenses and sold his blood for needed cash. "Tying Rocks to Clouds," subtitled "Conversations with Wise and Spiritual People," is a compilation of Elliott's interviews, representing a wide spectrum of religious and philosophical thought, from Eastern mysticism to Western rationalism. In addition to the luminaries already mentioned, Elliott spoke with Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work with death and dying; Robert Schuller, minister of California's Crystal Cathedral and Sunday telecast "The Hour of Power"; Swami Satchidananda, founder of the Integral Yoga Institute; and Albert Ellis, author and creator of the Institute for Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy. Besides the fundamental questions about the purpose of life and the origin of evil, Elliott approached his interviewees armed with a battery of 24 insightful questions: "If you were on your deathbed, what advice would you give to your son or daughter? Do you think

there is a basic difference between maleness and femaleness, besides the body? What are the three greatest problems in life? What do you feel life still has to teach you?"

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The responses from world-famous thinkers and doers are thought-provoking and uplifting. Yet there is much more to Elliott's book. Interspersed among the interviews is the story of the author's gradual emotional and spiritual transformation. It begins with the image of a self-effacing hero worshipper, content to dissect life rather than live it, and ends with a man confident of his worth, able to acknowledge that the alienation he feels from life can be overcome only when he no longer needs to question its meaning.

Paraphrasing Zen philosopher Toni Packer, Elliott writes, "When there is no feeling of separation, then there is just living, just life, no one standing outside of it and worrying about the 'meaning of this.' "

"Tying Rocks to Clouds" is a bedside book, not to be read in one sititng, but to be sampled and savored a bit at a time. The metaphor of its title reveals the author's intention: to connect the real with our vision of the ideal. The "wise and spiritual people" of this book give no pat answers; they stress the need for each of us to embark on a personal spiritual journey. And perhaps, as Elliott and others have reminded us, the best answers are in the quesitons themselves.

From the book:

"The only thing that counts in life is love — not just how much love we can ive, but we must learn how to receive it, because we can only give as much as we allow ourselves to receive." Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross "Religion is not so much a matter of having the right answers, but of being part of a community through which we grow to be human," Rabbi Harold Kushner "Do everything for God . . . God has given you many gifts - use them for the greater glory of God and the good of the people." Mother Teresa "We don't do anything because of what is going to happen; we do things because of what has happened." B.F. Skinner "Humans take their preferences, desires, wishes, wants and likes (almost all of which are fairly legitimate), and they foolishly change them into Jehovistic commands, demands, shoulds and oughts, which really don't exist in the universe." Albert Ellis Esther Littmann, a resident of Bloomfield Township, is a lecturer of English and German at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. As an only child, Littmann grew up regarding books as substitutes for siblings. You can leave her a message from a touchtone phone at (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1893. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.



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Auction, preview set

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A three-day preview will be noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday, Jan. 5 and 8. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9. For more details, call (810) 332-1500.

The auction will feature property belonging to the estates of Professor Ferdinand Mauser of Detroit, Fern Gearhart of Charlotte, Mich., and Dr. Ellen Haines of Detroit, as well as numerous other estates and private collections.

Included will be a very large collection of more than 500 items of 19th and 20th century American and European glass, furniture, paintings, sterling silver, walking sticks, rugs, decorative arts, Steuben glass and collectibles.

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Dembs at NAHB meet



Manny Demba of MJ Group I Ltd. in West Bloomfield recently attended the seventh annual Custom Builders Symposium in New Orleans sponsored by the National Association of Home

Manny Dembe Builders.

More than 500 builders gathered to share ideas, learn new marketing and management concepts and attend seminars on creative designs and innovative, cost-effective production techniques.

Schostak adds staff

Schostak Brothers & Co., a diversified, full-service real estate company in Southfield, has added three sales associates to its brokerage department.

Giancarlo D. Pinterpe, a Troy resident, will specialize in the industrial area.

Prior to joining Schostak, Pinterpe was project manager for GCI Construction. He's a Ferris State graduate:

Harry L. Cohn, a Farmington Hills resident, will specialize in the retail area.

Cohn formerly owned a property management/apartment rental company in Chicago. He graduated from the University of Arizona.

Randall S. Thomas, who lives on Commerce Lake, also will specialize in the retail area. Thomas previously served as director of secondary marketing at Sterling Bank & Trust. He graduated from Michigan State.



New president: Gilbert "Buzz" Silverman takes over as president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

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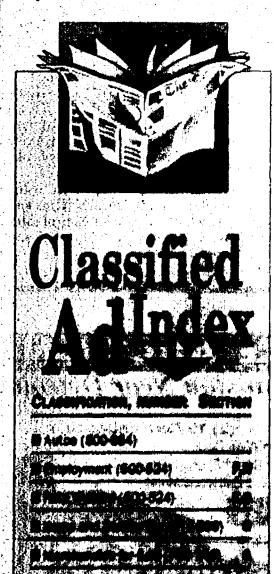
Marilyn Snyder and Carol Copping, agents with the Real Estate One office in Northville, have received the professional designation of Certified Buyer Representative.

Copping has exceeded \$5 million in sales during the past two years combined, Snyder \$3 million during this her first year in the business. Both are on the Real Estate One Relocation Specialist Team.

Peterson named

Kenneth W. Peterson of KW Peterson & Associates, Bloomfield Hills, has been named among the top "Megabrokers of the Midwest" by Unique Homes, a national magazine of luxury real estate.

Peterson, with 26 years of professional experience, specializes in the listing and sales of medium to highend residential properties with an emphasis on new construction.



BIA president plans to be liaison

BY DOUG FUNKE

Gilbert "Buzz" Silverman, a thirdgeneration builder, has big plans for the Building Industry Association, one of the largest professional associations of builders in the nation, when he becomes its president next week. "I think customer satisfaction is the most important thing our essociation

ultimately does," Silverman said. The bottom line is customer satisfaction through industry advancement, builder education and customer service programs."

BIA, founded in 1928 and currently headquartered in Farmington Hills, has nearly 2,000 members including developers, builders, remodelers, contractors, suppliers and financial institutions.

Silverman, 40, is president and CEO of the Silverman Companies, which builds houses starting at about \$150,000 and luxury spartments.

"I think there are four areas of industry involvement I have specific experience in through our corporate divisions _ land development, multifamily apartment development, single-family and remodeling or renovation," Silverman said.

"My job is to focus on key insues facing our constituency or members in all four of those areas.

"I would see my role as government hisison for the building industry with the state in the area of environmental issues and low-to-moderate incomeaffordable bounding," he said.

The effectiveness of any organization hinges on its leadership. The annual changing of the guard is about to occur with the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan

"I think the association's role is to facilitate growth of real estate development in the city of Detroit as an industry objective and an independent business objective," he said.

"Nineteen ninety six should represent the biggest year for housing development in Detroit in something like 25 years between the Empowerment Zone and Mayor Archer's outreach program."

The incoming president also wants to establish a home page on the com-puter Internet for BIA members to have another communication forum.

Silverman said he's especially honored to serve as BIA president because his father, Gilbert, was president in 1968, and his grandfather. Nathan, was a builder.

Silverman is married to Jan and dad to Jessica, Lesley and Michael. They live in Bloomfield Hills.

"What makes me tick? Balance between business, family, recreation and friends," Silverman said.

"We have an exciting business. I consider myself fortunate to be a housing specialist firm in 1995 and '96 with the lowest unemployment rate in the state of Michigan since I can remember coupled with the lowest mortgage rete.

"Recreation, I play a lot of tennis,

and I'm an assistant coach on several teams for my kids," Silverman said. "I have a number of friends around the country, having gone to school out West,

"Family is top priority. Although my schedule is extremely busy, we take a number of family vacations throughout the year as well as weekend family outings in order to spend quality time.

"My wife organizes everything with our family and really provides me the opportunity _ a better way to put it is keeps me involved on a daily basis and is a big supporter of my business activities."

He readily acknowledges that he can't and won't be a one-man operation.

"The staff at BIA are some of the most professional, organized and dedicated people I've come in contact with," he said. "Because of the quality of organization in my company, it made it possible for me to have time available to pursue important outside objectives."

Silverman's colleagues have confidence in his capabilities.

"He's a very hard-working young man, very conscientious," said Janet L. Compo, outgoing BIA president. "His intelligence is outstanding, I

commend him for his abilities, charis-ma and willingness to serve."

"He's been a very active builder, and that gives a certain insight from a business perspective," said Rex Rosenhaus, a Southfield builder. "When you combine that with his being a volunteer member of our association for so long, you have a nice example of personal essence."

Although busy wich several projects including the Preserve in Commerce Township, Lake Waldon Village in Independence Township and Indian Lake Village in Lake Orion, Silverman says he's ready to take on BIA leadership responsibilities.

"A key ingredient for me is maintaining and improving the public perception of the building industry," he said. "I think our reputation is good and can always improve."

Other BIA officers for 1996 are: 🖬 Scott Jacobson, president, S.R. Jacobson Development, Birmingham, first vice president.

Mark F. Guidobono, chief executive officer, Cambridge Homes, Northville, treasurer.

Peter Burton, president, Burton/Katzman Development, Bingham Farms, secretary.

Vice presidents are David Kellett. Sr., president, Kellett Construction, Bloomfield Hills; Rex Rosenhaus, vice president, Uniland, Southfield; Stephen Slavik Sr., president, the Slavik Company, Farmington Hills; and Stephen Taglione, president, Heritage Residential Group, Farmington Hills.

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tion regarding a case involving

A. Yes. In a recent decision by the

New Jersey Supreme Court, the

court held that buyers of houses in

an abandoned landfill?

In that case, the plaintiffs alleged that the developers were aware of the existence and hazards of the landfill and that they suffered from odors and physical symptoms from exposure to gases caused by

and unknown and not readily observable to the buyer. The court extended this to off-site conditions, limiting the duty to disclose to "professional sellers. of residential housing."

Thus, the court held that a "builder, developer of residential real estate or a broker representing it" is liable for non-disclosure of off-site physical conditions known to it and unknown and not readily observable by the buyer if the existence of those conditions is of sufficient materiality to effect the habitability, use or enjoyment of the property and, therefore, render the property substantially less desirable or valuable to the objectively reasonable buyer.

The court also held that builders and brokers could face liability on the consumer fraud act, which prohibits both affirmative acts and acts of omission. As to the broker liability, the court seemed to equate the broker liability to that of the seller, since it held that the broker is under an equal duty to disclose.

Q. I am considering a move to the Washington, D.C., area, in particular, Georgetown, Are

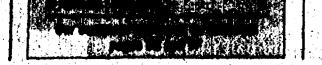
A. Based upon my analysis on a recent visit to the Washington, D.C. area, most of the townhouses that one finds in Georgetown are not formal condominium projects but are rather either individual units and/or are traditional townhouses with a party wall.

While there are certain condominiums or cooperatives in the area, most of the units are not established under any formal statutory regime. Whether or not that is beneficial for you depends upon your desire to have a structured association determining what rights and obligations you have.

Generally speaking, in the context of a townhouse of the type of Georgetown, it may not be necessary to be condominiumized to afford the parties the adequate protections one would normally require.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner,

Q. I have heard about a recent case in New Jersey which extended the obligation of disclosure on a seller well beyond what would normally be the case. Do you have any informa-



decomposition of waste at the landfill. the famous townhouses of Georgetown nor-30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, The court indicated that there is a duty to disclose mally condominiumized and, if so, what Michigan 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion. advantages would that give me? latent on-site conditions that are known to the seller

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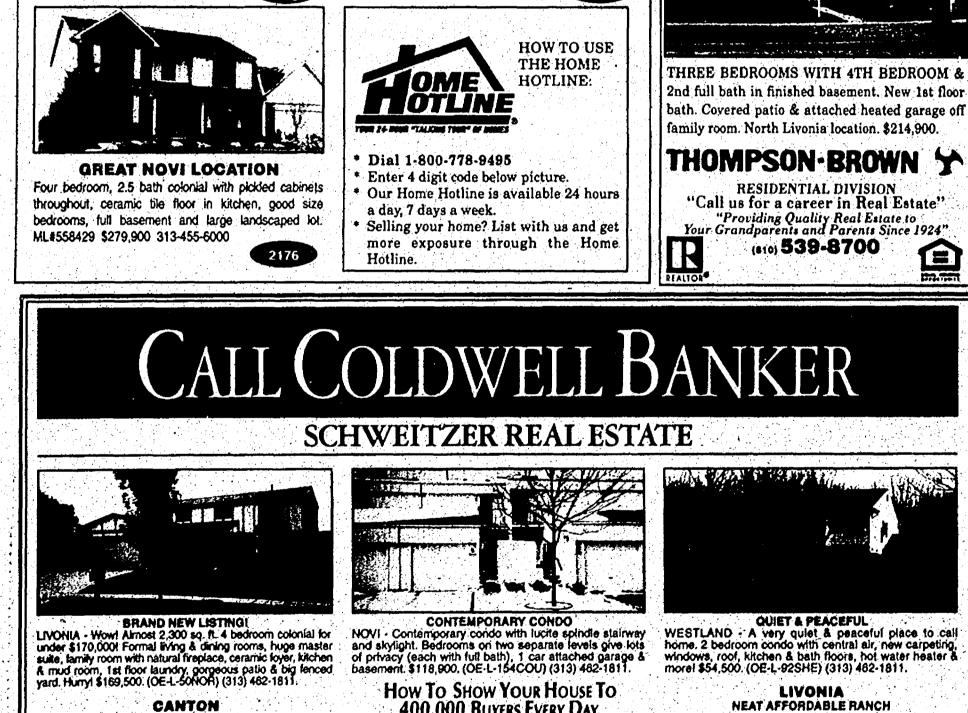


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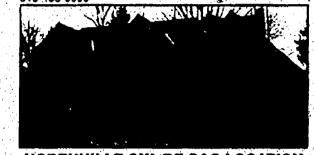
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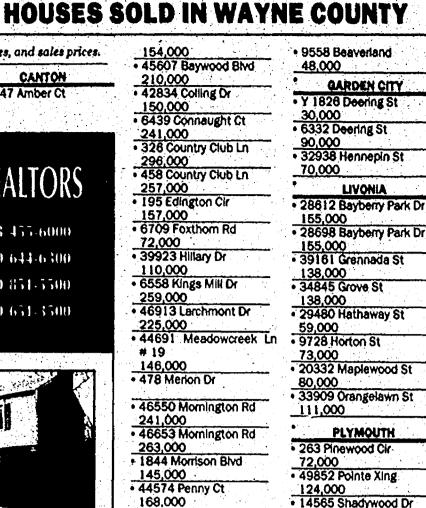


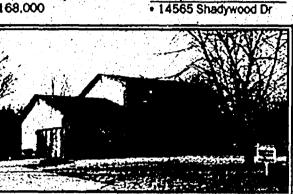
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Low down payment can yield big return

MORTGAGE long, cold winter SHOPPING drags on, one thing that may help you shake off the season's doldrums is the thought of buying a new home. Spring is tradi-tionally the time most people be-DAVID C. gin the process of MULLY looking for a new

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place to live and it's not too soon to start seriously thinking the move you'd like to make.

With interest rates continuing to remain low, many people find it's a great opportunity to purchase their first home or upgrade their residence to the home of their dreams. As you begin to consider the best choice for you, keep in mind that some of the accepted practices concerning buying a home have changed recently.

For example, one of the cardinal rules of home buying over the years has been to put as much money down on the house as you possibly can. This included buyers who were moving up to more expensive homes. The conventional wisdom said take all of the equity out of your first house and use it for the down payment on your second one.

This strategy is currently undergoing some rethinking. Many people feel that, due to changes in \$5,000 for closing costs, leaving you only \$5,000 when all is said and done. Let's assume at this time, you also have two car loans totaling \$20,000, with combined payments of \$525 per month at an interest rate of 12 percent.

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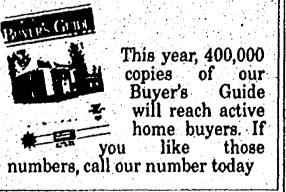
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the tax laws and current economic conditions, it may make better fiscal sense for buyers to hang on to some of their equity and make a lower down payment.

You may ask, "Why would anyone want a larger mortgage with higher monthly payments?" The reason is, since mortgage interest payments are one of the few tax deductions left for homeowners, you could come out way ahead in the long run.

Let's look at an example. You've lived in your present home for some time and now you're looking to move up. Finding a home you like for \$200,000, you sit down to calculate how much you can put down on the house. You find you have \$50,000 in equity from the sale of your first home, plus \$10,000 in savings for a total of \$60,000.

You could put 25 percent down on the house. This would use up the \$50,000, plus an additional candidate is a move-up buyer with a strong income, substantial cash reserves and good credit. This plan won't work unless you are committed to carrying it out.

If you have any questions about whether this strategy will work for you, contact your local real estate or mortgage loan professional. If it's right for you, the low down payment plan will allow you to get the home of your dreams while retaining your financial flexibility.

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New cabinets allow easy access

Cabinets are great places to store things. One of the main reasons people love them is because you can throw lots of things in. them and then close the door! This highlights, however, an important element to consider when buying storage products: access and function are just as important as providing the storage space.

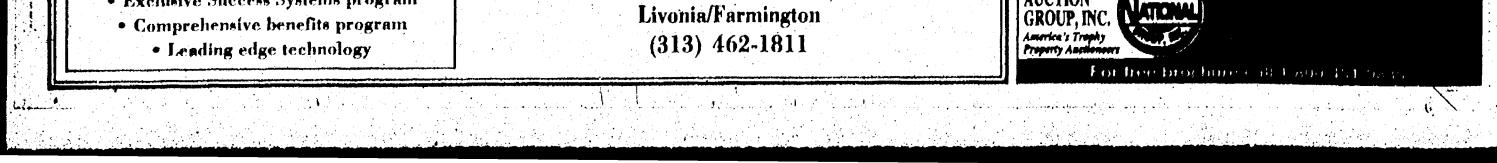
Closet Maid, the Storage Authority, is capturing and maximizing the storage space inside cabinets. The Vertical Glide is a prime example. The product is a vertical wall of wire that pulls out of a cabinet for easy access. It is available with hanging baskets or hooks for quick, practical storage of lids, sponges, grill equipment, hanging items and just about

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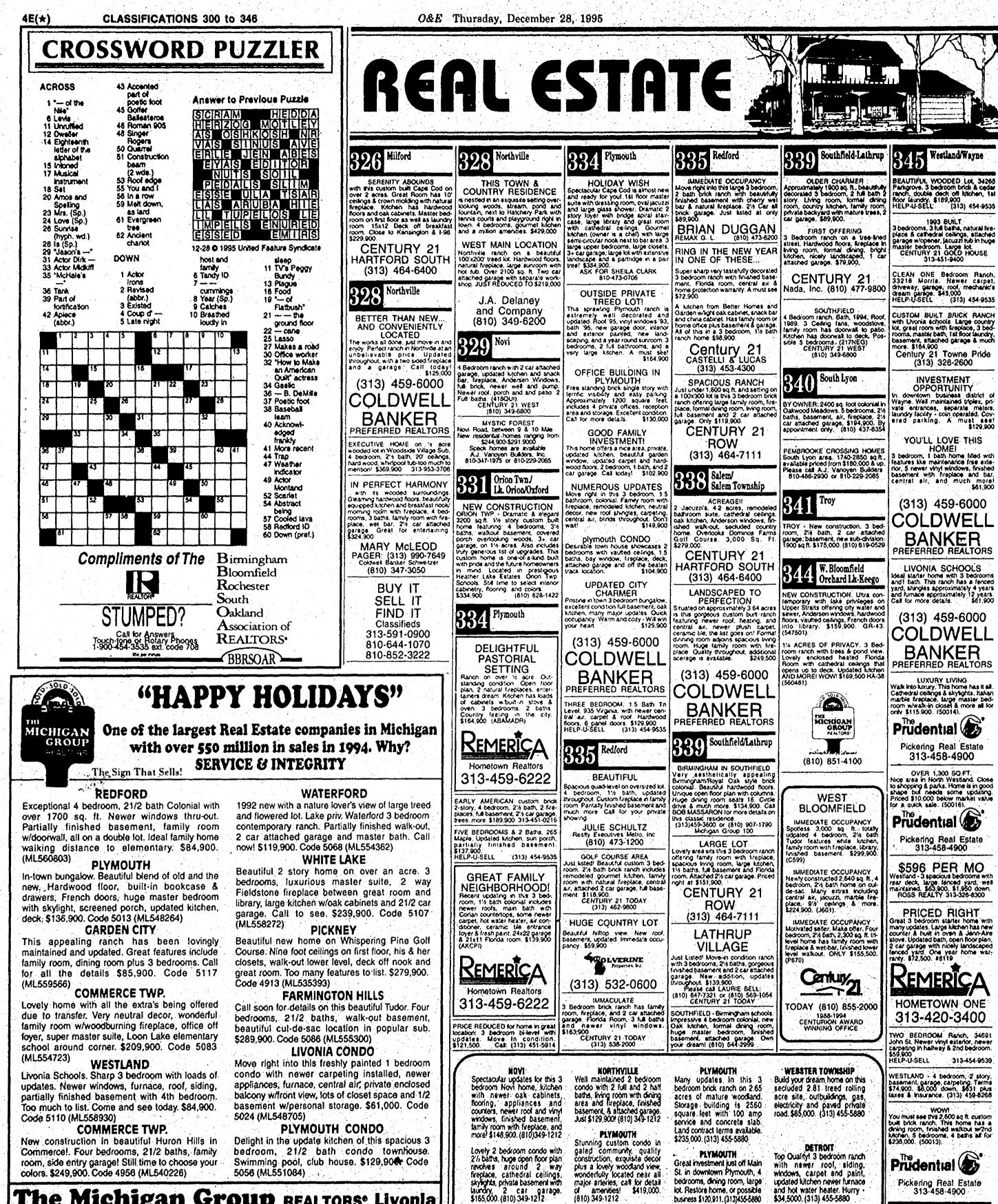
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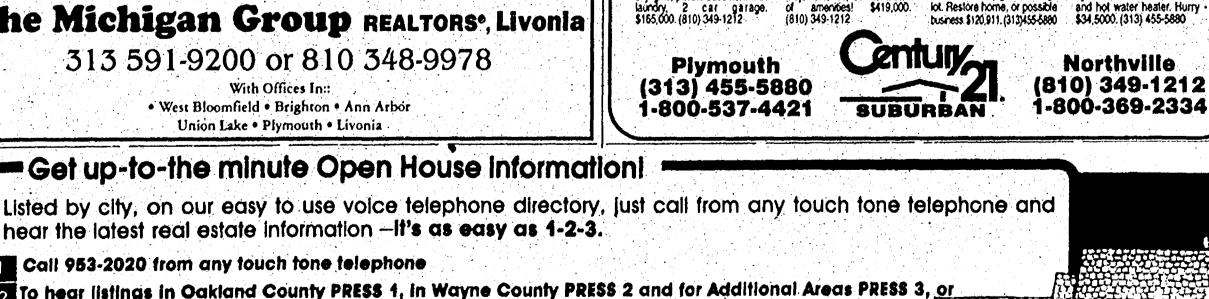


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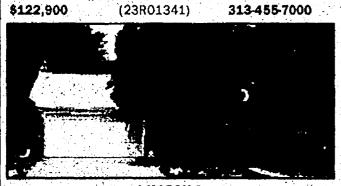




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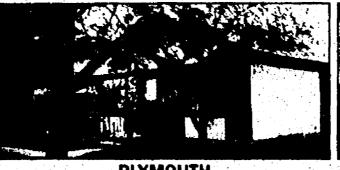
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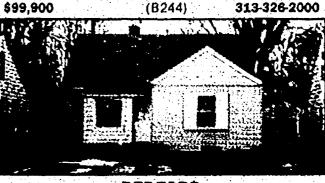


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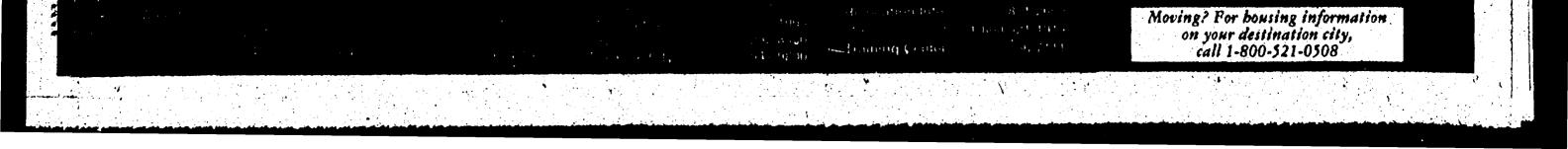


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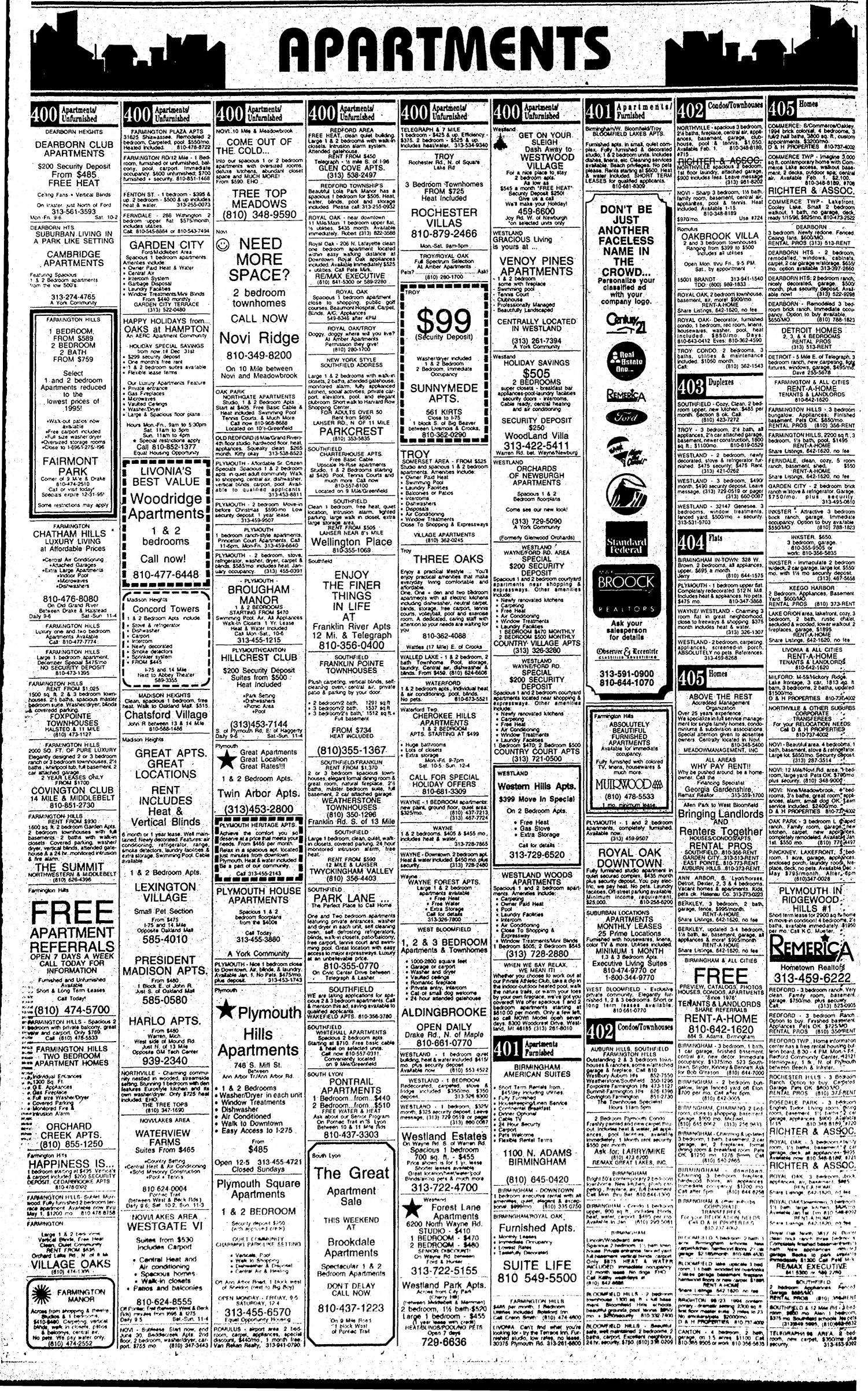
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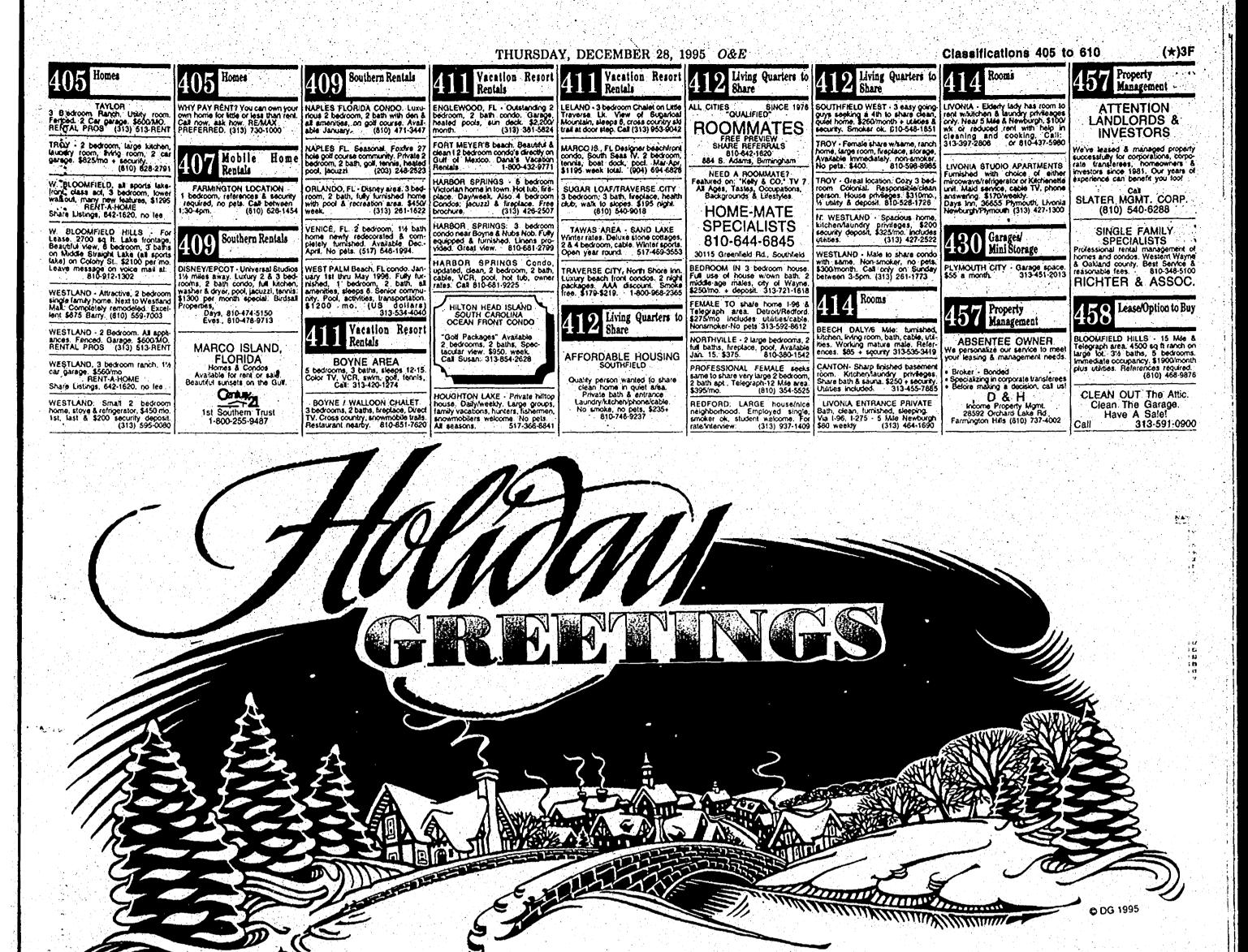
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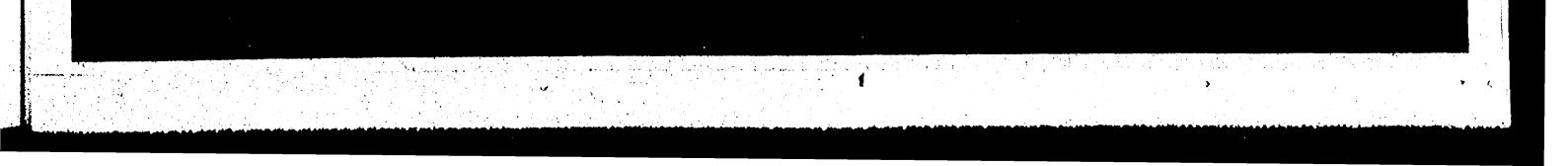
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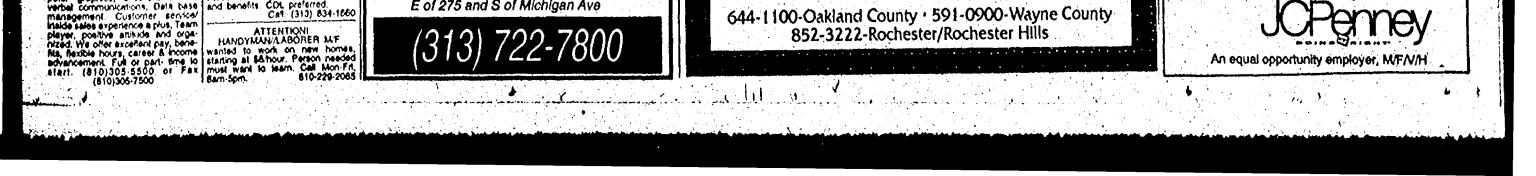
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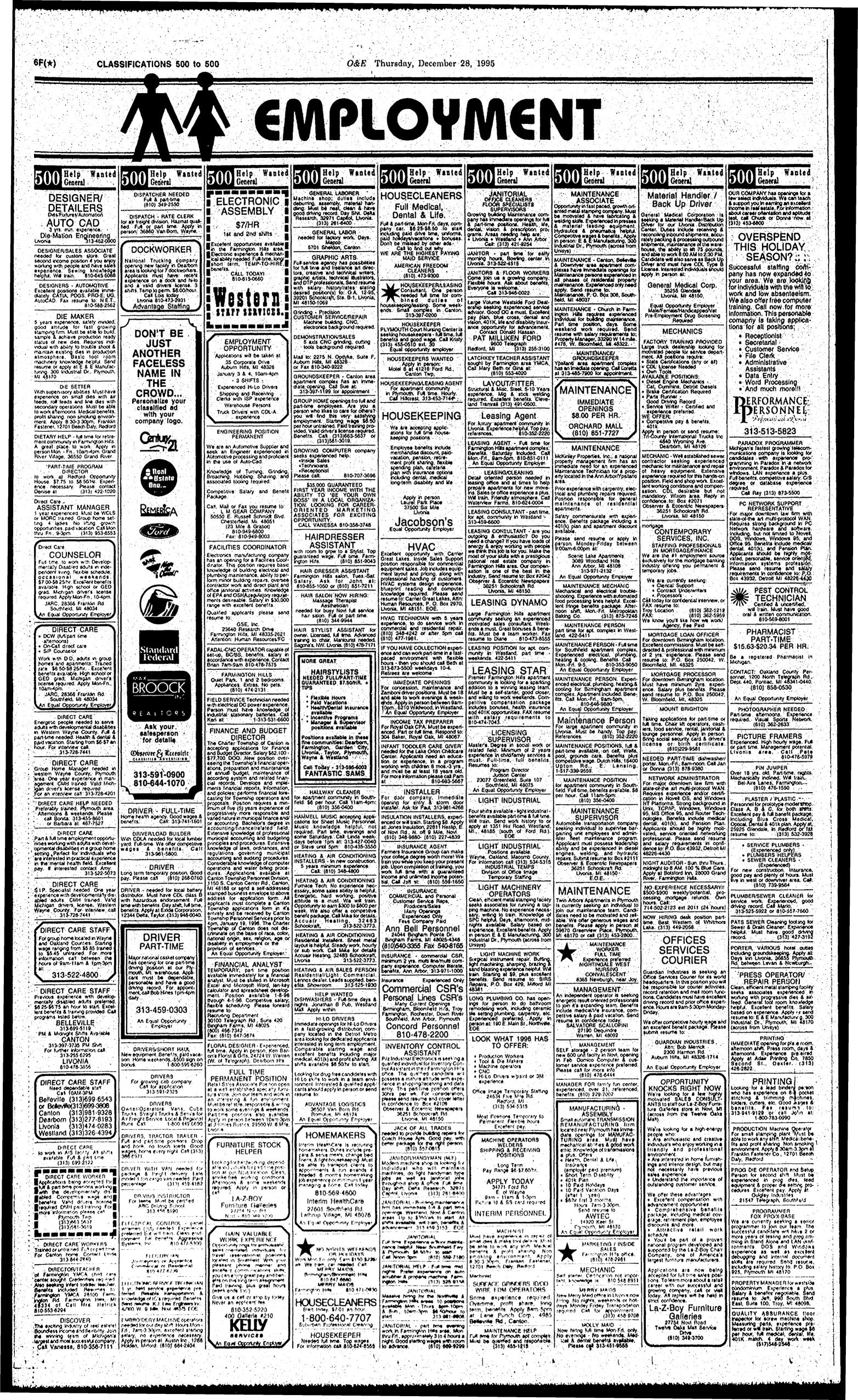


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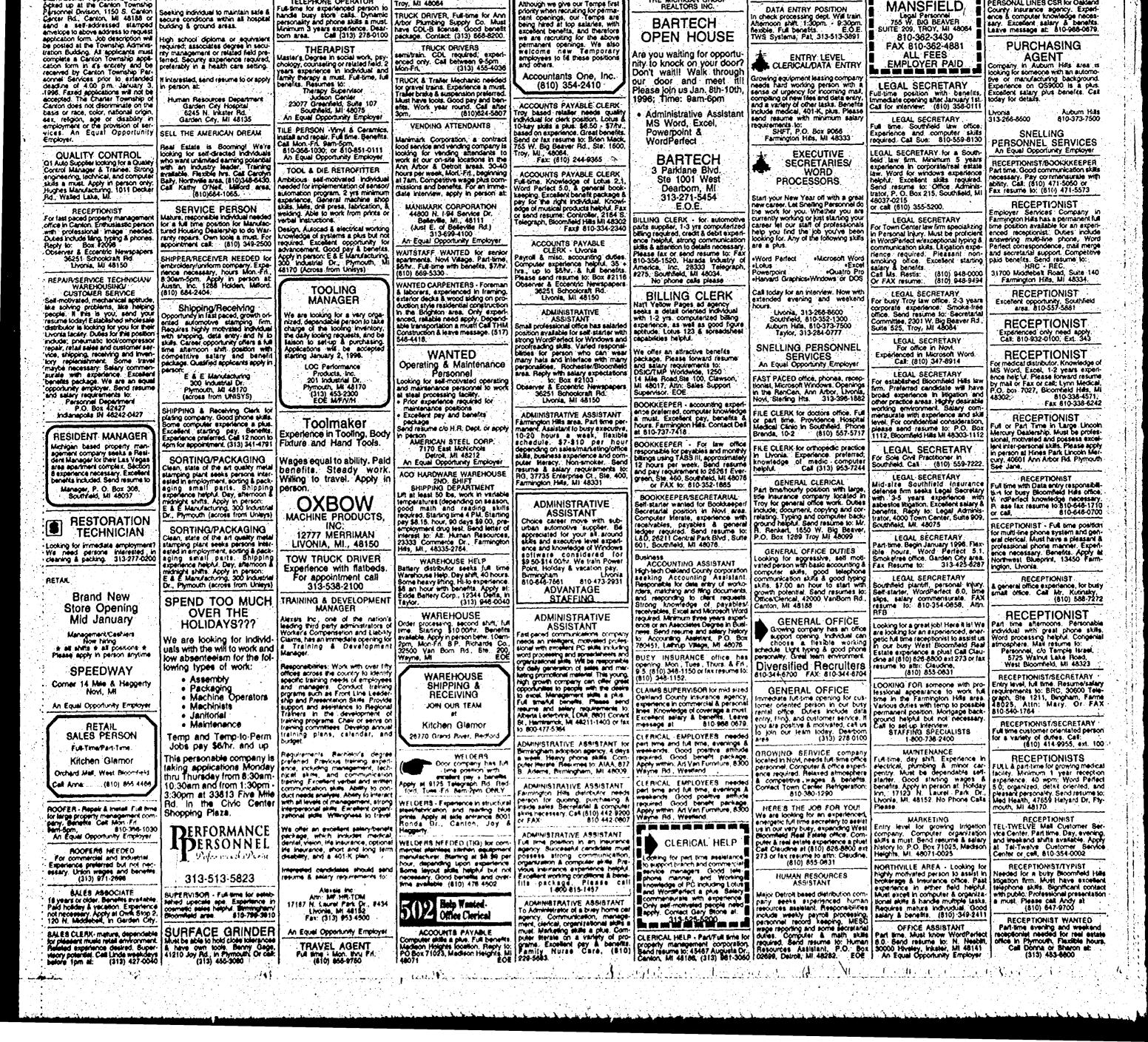


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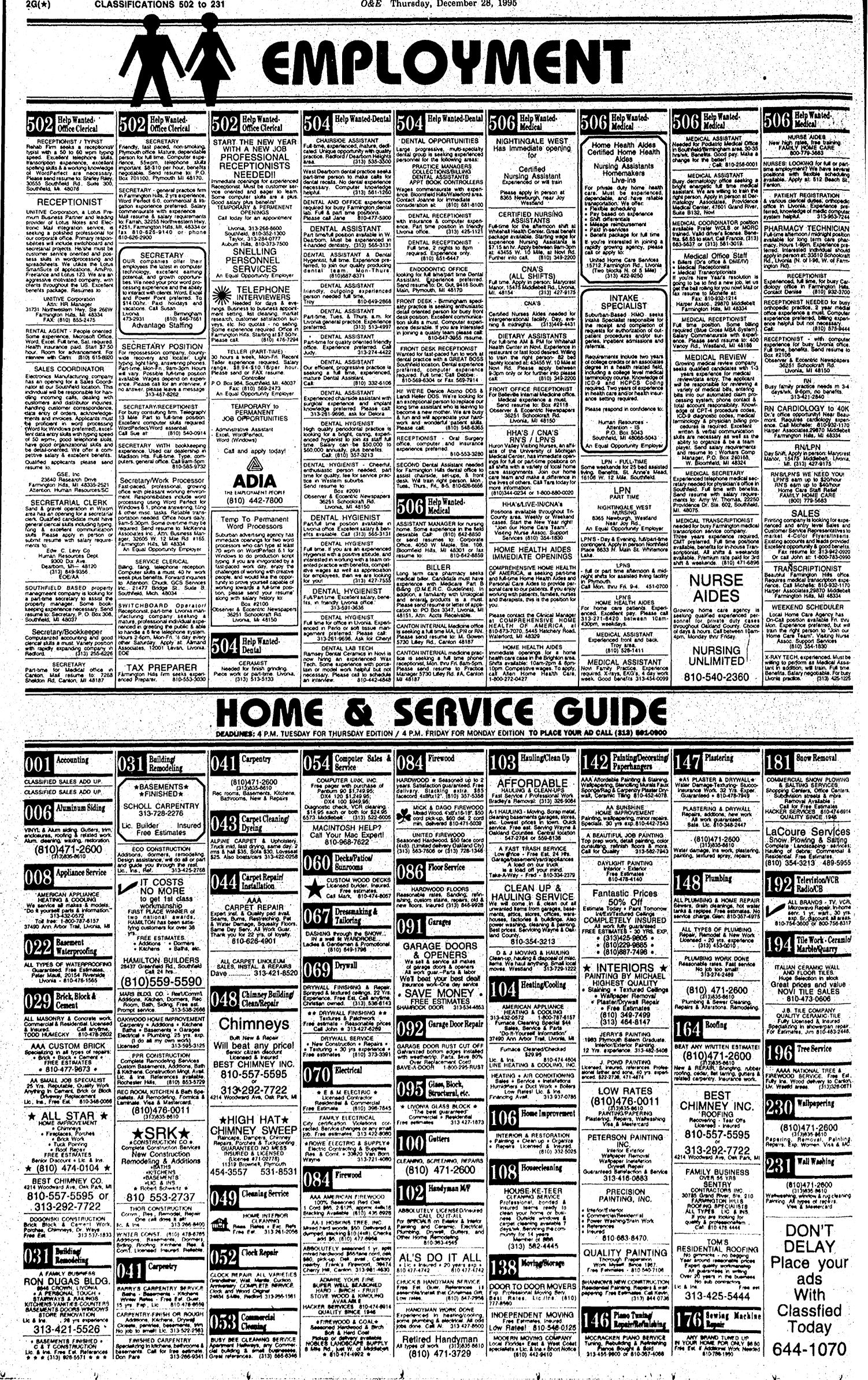
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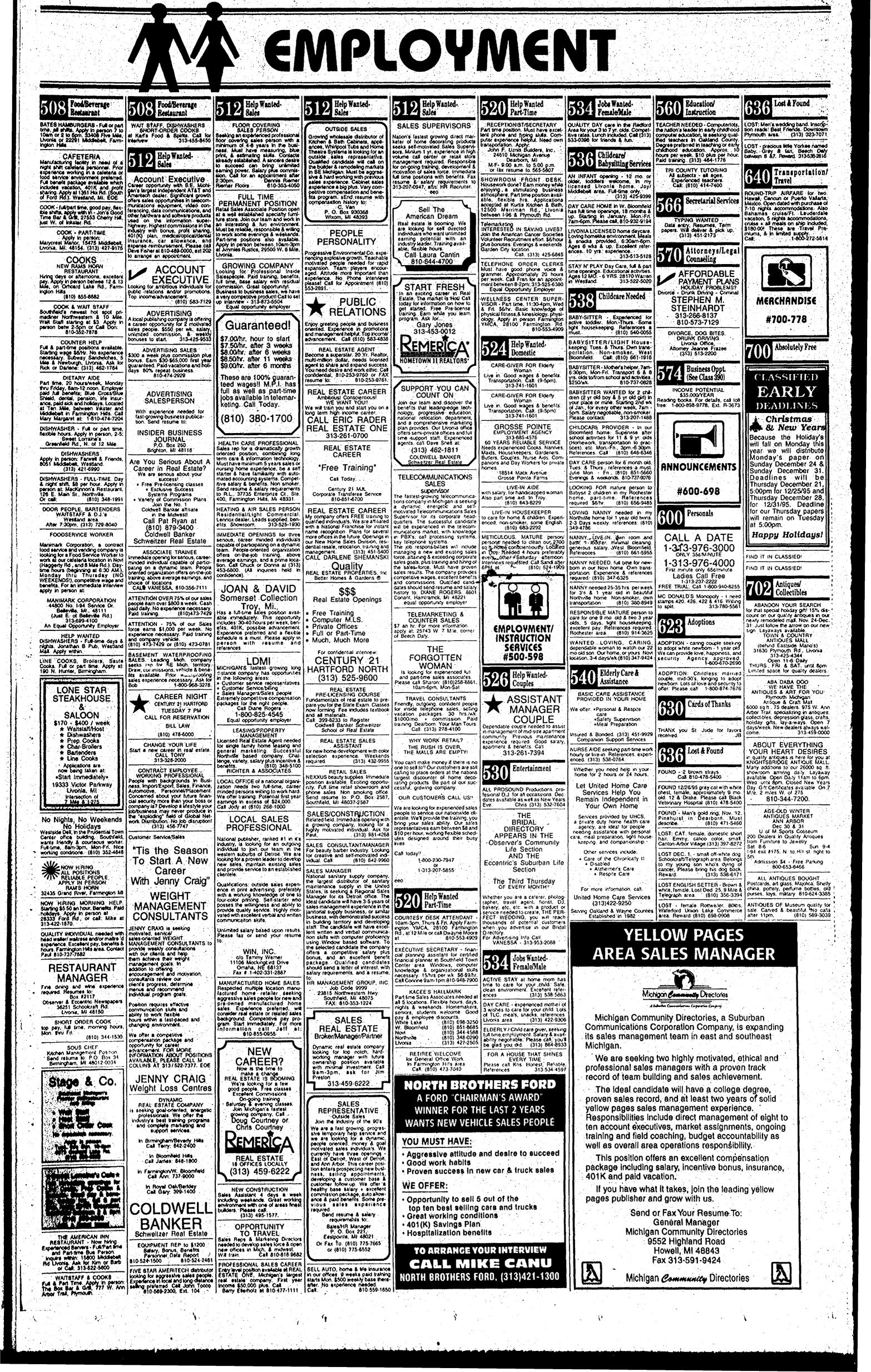
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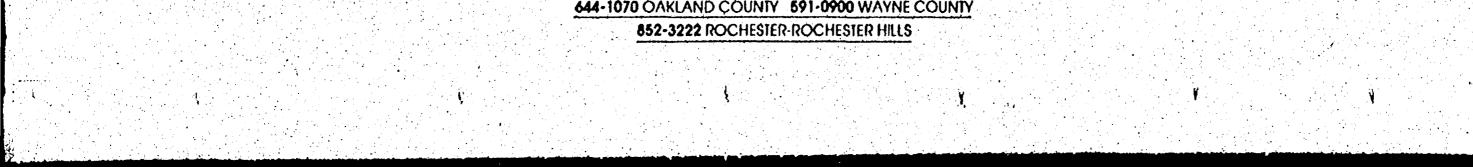


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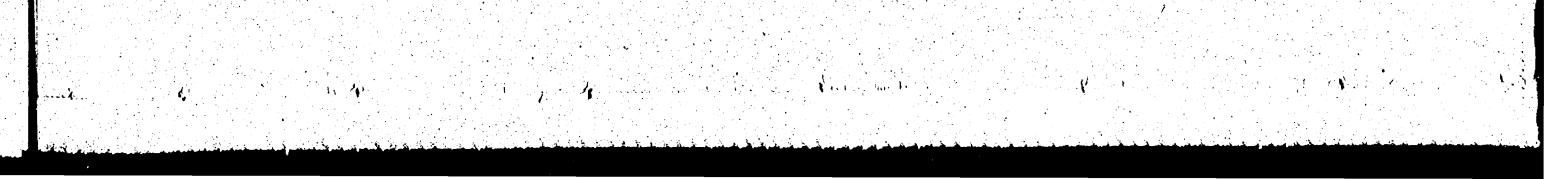
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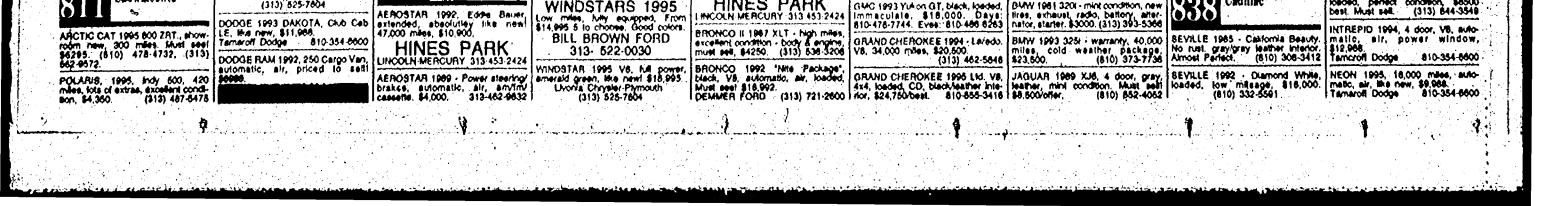
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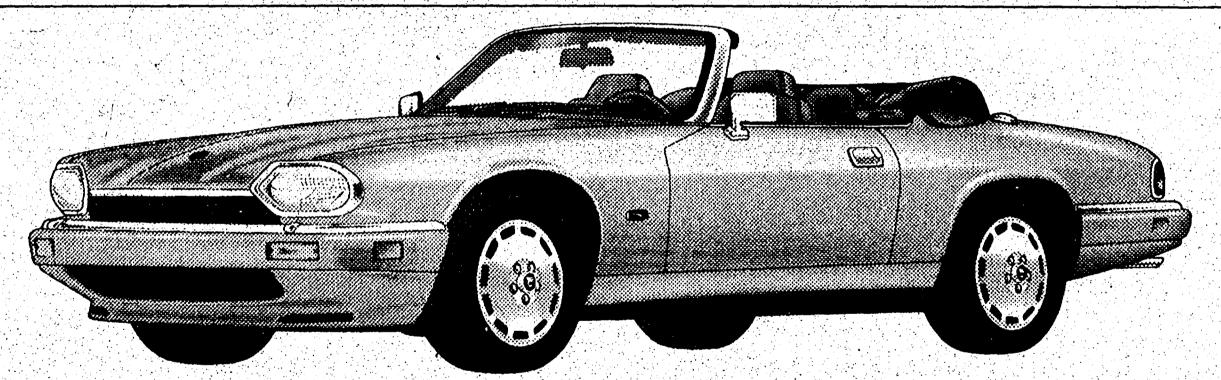
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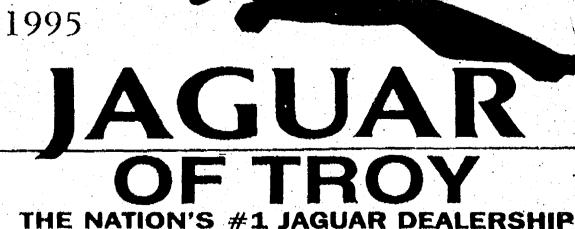
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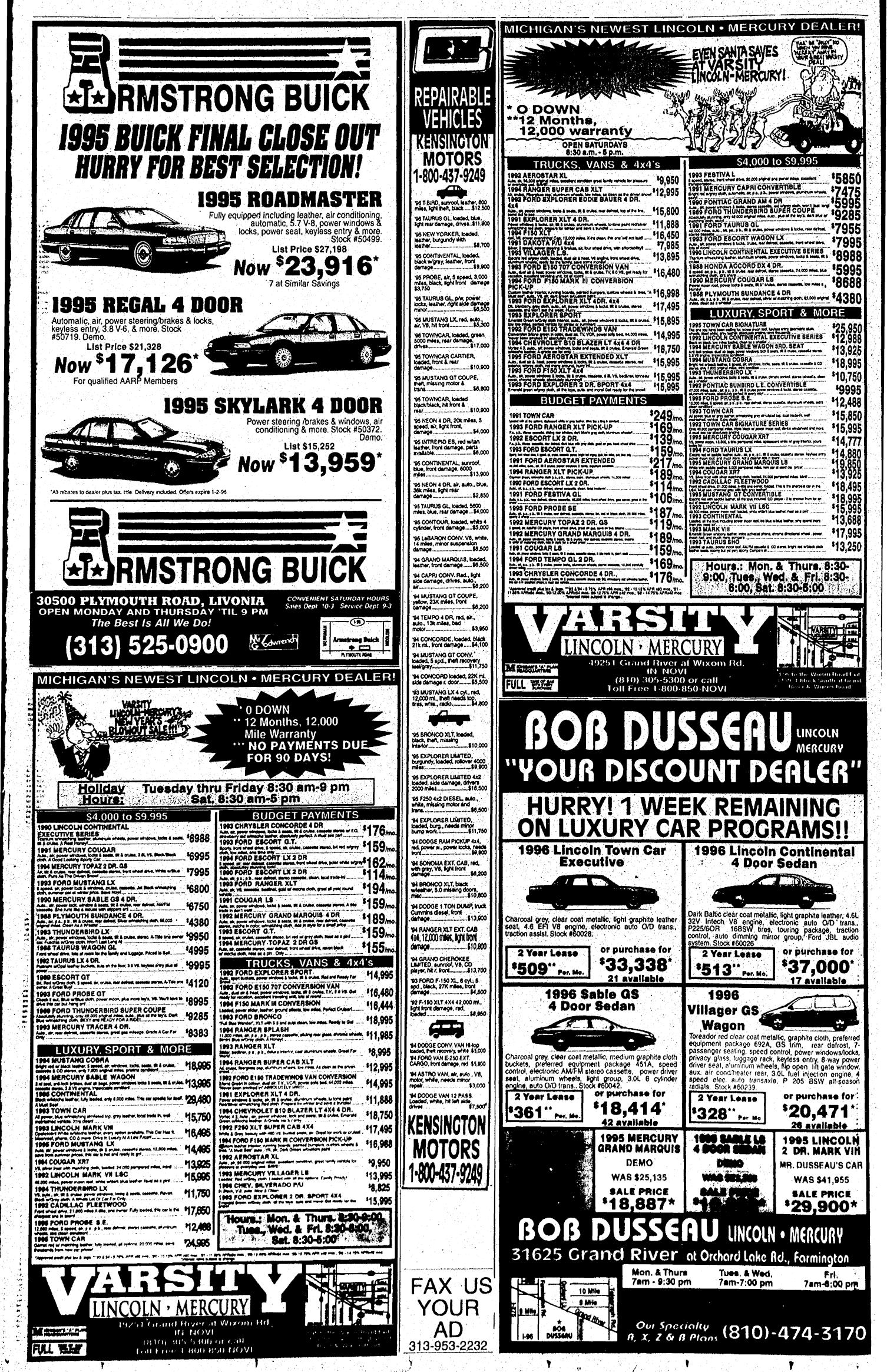
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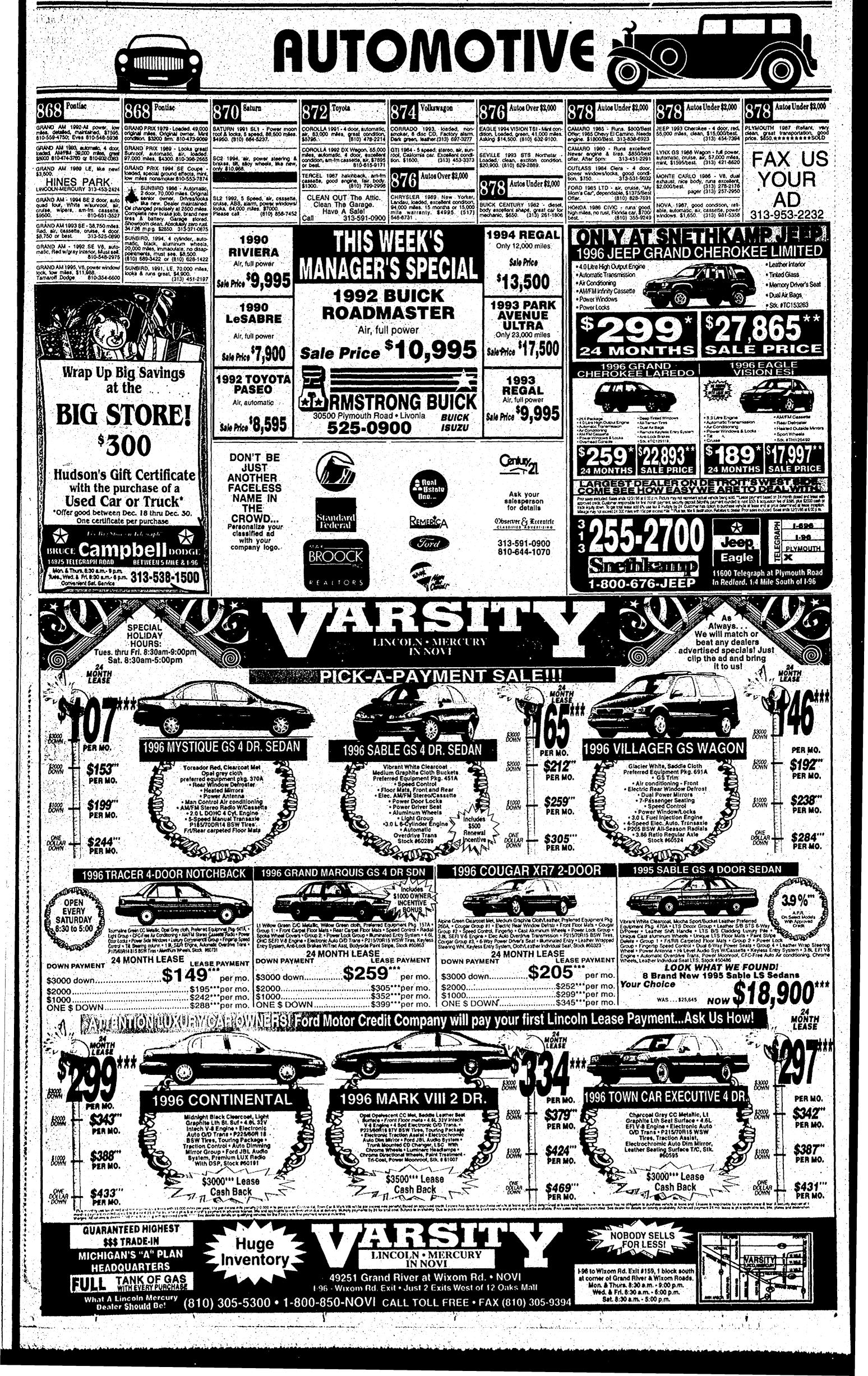
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New home buyers know what they want

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER

Sitting areas/rooms off the kitchen. Lots of windows. White cabinet facings. Special attention to wiring. High ceilings.

Those are some features prospective buyers of new houses specifically look for nowadays during their searches, builders and sales representatives say.

"People are really luxury conscious. What's amazing is they can afford it," said James Bonadeo, a Plymouth builder with 49 years experience in residential construction.

White is the popular decorative color.

"The hot thing this year is white cabinets," Bonadeo said. "Some are made of wood, some of compressed material, some plastic. It all looks the same. It's all expensive.'

White microwaves, ranges and sometimes faucets, too, complement the cabinets, Bonadeo added.:

"One thing people keep asking about is a sitting room off the kitchen," said Fred Capaldi, a Rochester Hills builder.

"It used to be called a nook where you could set up a table and four chairs. Now, it's more like a little room, maybe with a hexagonal-shaped ceiling," he said.

Some builders place a two-way fireplace between the kitchen and family room to accent the sitting area. Some call the space a hearth room.

"A lot of plans we're modifying because people want more living area in the kitchen area," said Ellen Whitefield, vice president for the Selective Group New Home

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> Fred Capaldi Rochester Hills builder

ting little bubbles out and they become good sitting areas."

Some buyers look for bonus rooms built over the garage to be used as a play room, exercise room or computer room.

"There's a lot more customized wiring done on a house - additional electrical outlets, computer plugs, additional phone lines," said Deen Hyde, marketing director for Pulte Homes. "Everyone has to make sure they have enough current to run their toys."

Plant shelves increasingly show up at at the foot and head of staircases and in the bath area of master suites.

Granite and marble countertops and brass fixtures also are on the increase. Volume ceilings are still popular. More and fancier windows add to a feeeling of spaciousness.

Other things jump out at housing providers.

"There's an increased demand. and I expect that to continue, for first floor masters or



Beautiful features: Volume windows, wood flooring and high ceilings are in demand by buyers of new houses.

Center in Southfield.

'People spend a lot of time there," she said. "Someone may be doing homework, someone may be cooking, someone may be working on a computer."

There is a flip side, apparently, to more space in the kitchen.

"Some rooms, like the living room, are getting smaller," Bonadeo said. "One reason, I think, is fewer people want to use them." Customers and builders have

an eye on making use of every nook and cranny.

"Window seating - it seems invariably someone asks, "Can I put a window seat in my little girl's bedroom?'" Capaldi said. "We're doing almost the same thing in master bedrooms, put-

ranches,"Hyde said. "Kids are leaving home and parents want to live on the first floor but still want extra room when the kids come back to visit.

"I'm amazed at the number of recessed light fixtures and paddle ceiling fans," Capaldi said.

"Oak stairs or oak stair ends have been a big thing with us this year," Bonadeo said.

"We're finding people tend to red in brick tones," Whitefield said. "For many years, people wanted white or gray. I think when they drive past older, estab-lished houses that have red brick, they equate that with quality.'

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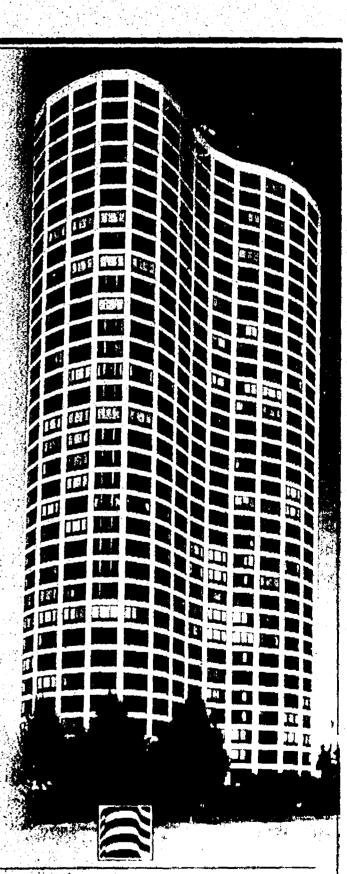
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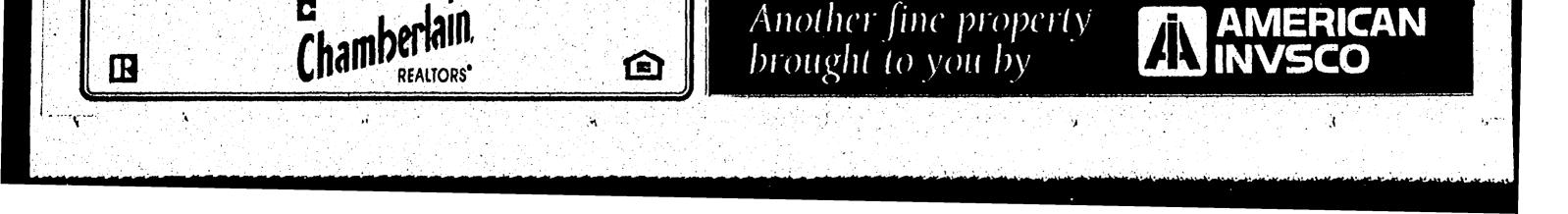
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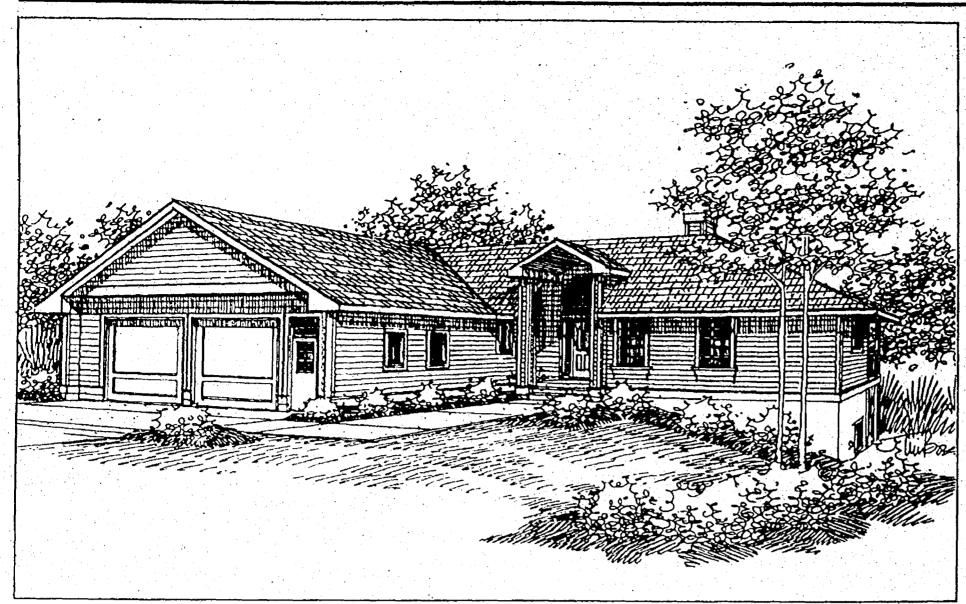
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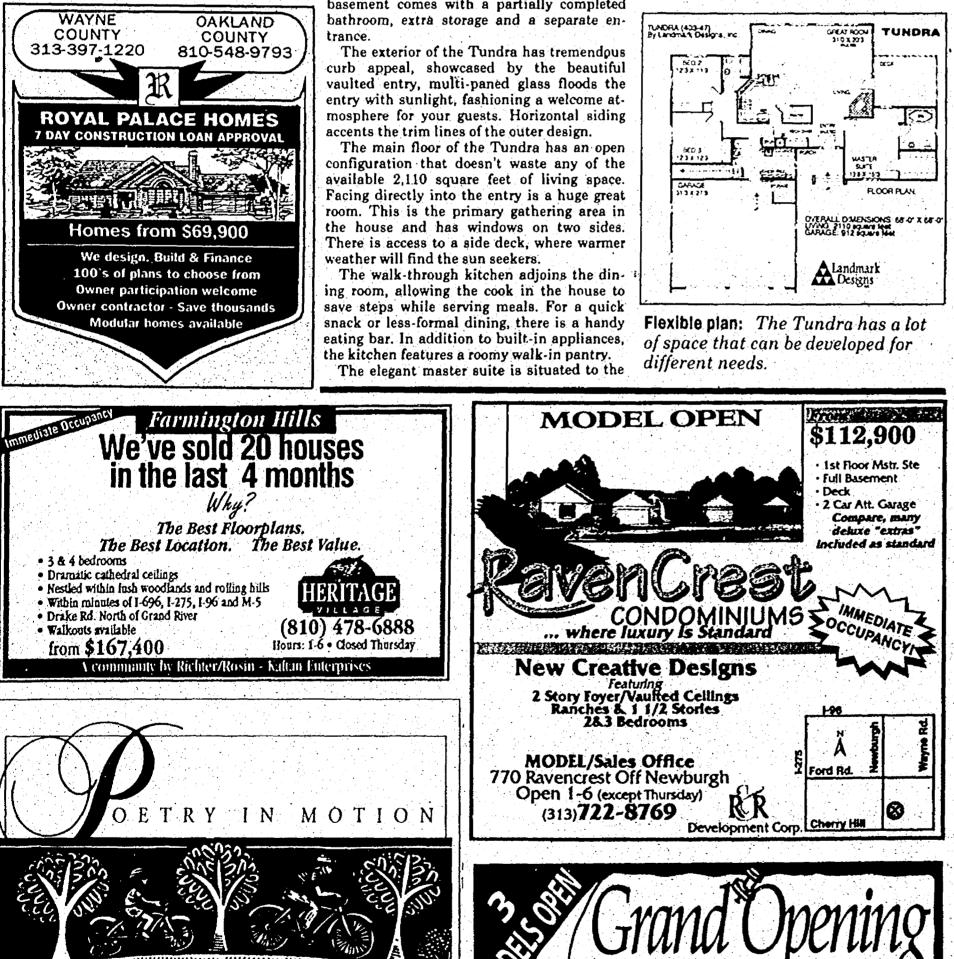


The Tundra: The exterior has curb appeal with a beautiful vaulted entry way.

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If you have been searching for a house design that has extra space for future development, take a good look at the Tundra.

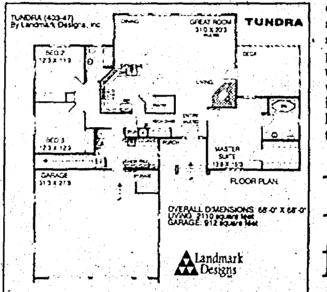


As your children get older, or your family increases, the Tundra provides an unfinished basement that gives you 2128 square feet to finish as you like. When the time is convenient, you can decide if your family needs more sleeping quarters, a game room or home office.

Perhaps the future will bring aging relatives into the house. In that case, a small apartment can easily be created, offering a safe environment while still providing privacy. The basement comes with a partially completed

left of the entry. Isolated for privacy, the master suite amenities include a large walk-in closet, vanity and private bathroom with an oversized spa tub. The two secondary bedrooms are at the opposite end of the house. Each has abundant closet space, and they share a full bathroom and linen storage.

A spacious utility room, with deep sink and freezer chest, completes the design. Placement of the utility by the garage is a big plus when it comes to unloading groceries.



Wood shake roofs are crowning glory of restored houses

(AP) - The crowning glory of an old-house restoration is a new roof of wood shakes or shingles.

The standard roofing material of Colonial times continues to be used today in many parts of the country. Originally, the type of wood used was dependent on what was available locally. For example, red cedar was plentiful on the West Coast, swamp cedar in the mid-Atlantic states, white cedar in New England and cypress in the South. Today you'll still find a variety of woods used to make wood shakes or shingles, such as red and white cedar, white pine and oak.

If it's installed and maintained properly, you can expect a wood roof to last a long time. Although 25.30 years is a good minimum, we've seen some 70-year-old roofs that are still functioning properly. Understanding what's involved for installation and maintenance will go a long way in helping you decide if a wood shake or shingle roof is the right choice for you.

One of the secrets of a successful wood-roof application is adequate ventilation. Because of the nature of the product, air must be able to circulate underneath it to prevent moisture buildup and its resultant rot. Historically, an open-sheathed roofing system was used, which accomplished this nailheads like this helps prevent objective very nicely.

method of installation. But keep should line up for three courses, in mind that the rough, uneven preventing nature of shakes demands some water from wearing a channel or extra protection. When installing path in the roof. shakes, the open sheathing should be interwoven with the felt check local building codes before paper so the tips of the shakes are reroofing to see what requireup underneath the felt. This pro- ments there might be in terms of vides extra protection from driv- products used. ing winds and rain, but still allows adequate ventilation at all times.

The felt paper interweave is usually not necessary with shin. gles, since they lie flat. If an opensheathed roof isn't a practical op. tion for you, the shakes or shin. gles should be attached to horizontal furring strips that allow an inch or so of air to move between the bottom of the shingles or shakes and the plywood or solid sheathing.

Another important factor is al. lowing for the natural expansion of wood. If space is not left for this and the shingles or shakes are butted up close together, you're likely to get a failure, or crack, in the nail line. Usually, leaving one-quarter-inch space or keyway between each shingle, and about one-half-inch space between shakes is enough to allow for any movement.

When actually fastening shingles, the shingle, ideally, should hang on its nails. The nailheads should be driven so they are just flush with the shingle surface. Don't dimple it or sink the nails in, as you run the risk of punching a hole which will allow the shingle to lift right off the roof. Two nails should be used per piece, placed about three-quarters-inch from each side, 1-inch above where the next butt line for the next row will be. Covering the them from rusting and staining Today, this is still the preferred the roof surface. The seams

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Buyers are looking for quieter houses

BY BARBARA MAYER AP NEWSFEATURES

It wasn't even noon and already Dana Hougland had fielded phone calls from two clients in search of some quiet. The owner of a large open-plan house in Aspen, Colo., was bothered by reverberating footsteps. The caller from Vail, Colo., wanted to minimize plumbing and heating noises so he could better enjoy his new home theater.

The scenario is repeated almost daily, says Hougland, an acoustical engineer in Denver, Colo., who leads the technical committee on architectural acoustics for the Acoustical Society of America.

A noisy home is becoming a nono. Whether an open-plan layout or overcrowded lives set nerves a. jangling, the need for the sound of silence is rising, especially among the affluent.

Floors that don't squeak, appliances that are seen but not heard and walls that don't talk are held up as models by those in pursuit of quiet homes.

Sometimes, it is even a matter of 'I don't want to hear my own teen agers,'" says Hougland, a principal in the firm of David L. Adams Associates.

Through the 1970s, a lot of the residential construction was aimed at first-time buyers, and speed and cost were factors. Today, the market is in luxury homes, and insulation against unwanted sound is important.

In a survey conducted for Owens-Corning Fiberglas in Toledo, Ohio, more than 40 percent of prospective home buyers said they would pay an extra \$500 for sound barriers in interior walls and floors. As a result, the company is promoting its thermal insulation as a sound insulation, too. Jim Schmledeskamp, a company spokesman, says a 1995 booklet titled "Quiet Please" refers to the insulation as a "comprehensive" acoustical control system."

Prior to the postwar building boom in the 1950s, Hougland says interior noises weren't much of a problem because walls were built of plaster on lath. That's far too expensive today and in some caseswouldn't meet modern building codes.

and metal channels for walls that decouple joists and wallboard.

The door, a first line of defense against unwanted noise, has also changed. Hollow-core doors replaced solid wood doors as an industry standard in the early 1950s because they cost less. Unfortunately, they filter out less noise.

Several companies now sell solid-core doors with a molded fiberboard filler for better sound insulation. Premdor, a Tampa, Fla., manufacturer, says prices start at about \$75, compared with about \$25for hollow doors. Solid wood doors start at about \$100.

Quieter appliances are other allies in the war against noise in the home. Older dishwashers can be loud enough to stop conversations. Upscale European brands such as Miehle and Bosch introduced the concept of the quiet dishwasher about five years ago. American makers were quick to follow.

"Quiet operation has become the main selling point for highend dishwashers in the last year or so," says Mark Buss, vice president of Jenn-Air Co, in Indianapolis.

Jenn-Air recently introduced three UQ - ultimate quiet models that the company says are 50 percent quieter than its other dishwashers. At around \$500 to \$650 each, they're about \$50 more than other Jenn-Air models,

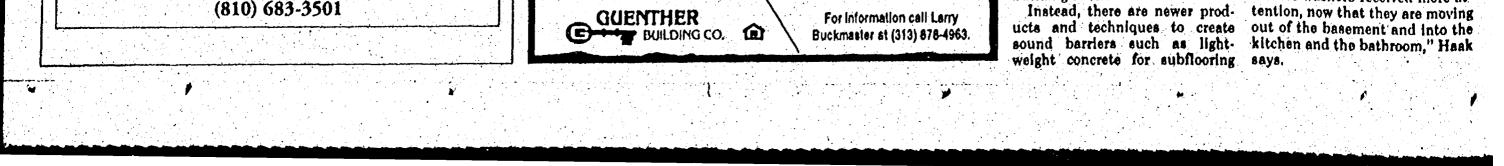
Although many new dishwashors are quieter than their predecessors, there's no industry standard to measure the differences, as there is with energy efficiency. measurements.

'At this point, consumers are at the mercy of the seller and manufacturer," Hougland says. "If they say it is quiet, you have to take their word for it."

Dishwashers may be quieter; but refrigerators are noisier than ever because of recent changes in condensers for greater energy efficlency, says Tracy Haak of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers in Chicago,

Other major appliances due to be shushed are home laundry equipment,

"It wouldn't surprise me if clothes washers received more at-



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Precision Tune shop owner stresses service

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

Kathy Spencer is moving her Precision Tune stores into the '908,

Spencer, owner of the recently. opened Precision Tune on Five Mile at Middlebelt in Livonia, is a veteran of the car-care business.

She opened the Precision Tune at Middlebelt and Warren 15 years ago. She owned 11 Precision Tune shops at one time, but has sold some. She now owns five: three in Detroit, one in Wyandotte and the Livonia store.

"Livonia has been a difficult place to penetrate," she said, in part, because no property has been available.

Spencer's also a regional manager, which means she troubleshoots at shops. She spends a day or two at each store as she makes the rounds. As a regional manager her area includes 13 shops.

She first got into the business with her now ex-husband. He was an engineer with General Motors and she was a hairdresser, managing a shop in Dearborn. Neither of them had a background in car repair.

But now she feels confident. "I can't fix cars, but I can often pinpoint the problem," she said.

Precision Tune services include anything under the hood plus the brakes. The shops don't do major engine work, mufflers or body work.

Things have changed in Spencer's years in car repair. Convenience and service are the watchwords these days.

Precision Tune is leaning more and more toward service to keep people coming back, she said.

Many people come in saying they are looking for a good mechanic. "I say to them 'I hope we're the one; "she said.

When the business started, it was only for tuneups. Now people bring cars in for maintenance. That service is usually performed in under two hours. Making the wait less painful is one of Spencer's goals. She tries to offer a customer-friendly waiting room. And rather than just waiting at Precision Tune, she plans to offer certificates, so cus-

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Years ago people didn't get their oil changed until the oil light came on, but people are starting to understand that maintaining a car is a way to keep it a long time, Spencer said.

Cars are complicated now. It may take a couple hours to find the problem, she said. Also a person can't really be a backyard mechanic now. "The average consumer doesn't understand the training that our technicians have," she said.

The industry has changed. Cars have changed. It used to be a repair shop followed the rule don't fix it if it's not broken. But in recent years the moye is toward maintenance and even warning customers when they are headed for a problem.

"I had a lady in the other day. She had no protection in her antifreeze," Spencer said, because she was worried the engine block would crack in the cold, Spencer said she practically begged the woman to have the work done. even if she took the car to another business.

It's also important to be community aware, she said. Along with that Precision Tune is working on a fund-raiser for local high



Getting in tune: Mike Ciesla. service manager, and Kathy Spencer, owner, have recently opened a new Precision Tune at the corner of Five Mile and Middlebelt roads in Livonia.

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schools and sponsors a local charity softball game between the Detroit Red Wings and area celebrities planned for Aug. 11.

She hopes all this goes toward bringing customers back. But, it's not enough to have a satisfied customer, you have to have a fan, Spencer said.



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Lack of balanced budget hurts economic growth



The government's forwardlooking gauge of the economy clearly has shown that the economy plunged to a 20month low in October. Federal Re-

serve Governor Susan Phillips

recently stated that fragile consumer spending should still create enough demand at current

levels of employment to fuel economic growth at about 21/2 percent through 1996.

If we do not get a budget accord in Washington in the near future what could that mean? "The reaction could be quite negative," said Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, predicting that even though the Federal Reserve reduced the federal funds rate from 5.75 percent to 5,50 percent on Dec. 19, mortgage interest rates and rates in other areas of the economy would rise if a budget agreement was not achieved.

The segments of the economy that might be most affected would include autos, major appliances and other consumer goods. This could further fuel the slowdown in the economy and eventually lead to a recession.

What the politicians in Washington do about the budget will have an effect on consumers. It could cost more to borrow for the purchase of big ticket consumer items such as cars, televisions and stereos. Reluctance on the part of the consumer to buy will

slow down the economy; which could result in higher unemployment."

Wall Street will also take notice. The prospects of a slowing economy translate into lower corporate profits and lower stock prices. Recent sharp downturns in the markets are a validation of this concern.

Short-term recent interest rate reduction and the fact that the parties in Washington are meeting, the economy and Wall Street should be stable. Long term, beyond 1996, lack of a balanced

budget accord in Washington could cause interest rates to reverse course. Higher interest rates could put a significant damper on economic growth.

As citizens in a country in which the vote counts, we should be writing or calling our senators, congressmen and president urging them to act responsibly and balance the budget. Their attention to fiscal matters in Washington has a great impact on all of us.

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No New Year's plans? Join celebration on-line



of month again — time clear off anto: other corner of my desk. Before tossing away another pile of messages and notes, let me pass on some of the goodies that haven't called for a complete col-

t's that time

umn but are worth sharing anyhow Are your New Year's Eve plans all made? I plan to spend the evening with friends and hope you have made similar plans. Whatever you do, don't spend New Year's Eve on-line; it's not healthy. But for those with a fixation, who insist on being sick anyhow, then you might as well check out First Night New York '96.

- First Night '96 is the New Year's Eve celebration with something for everyone. Whether you want to waltz in Grand Central Terminal, enjoy an evening of jazz in the New York Public Library, dance the night away to the music of the '60s through '90s in Bryant Park, or meet and mingle at New York's largest singles mixer, visit

Apple Computing Company's QuickTime Live! site will host "Bill Graham Presents San Francisco New Year's Eve on Dec. 31. The live, interactive SFNYE site will feature seven blocks of San Francisco waterfront and bands such as Santana and the Gin Blossoms. There also will be images from New Year's Eve at New York's Time Square taking advantage of QuickTime Livel's digital camera. Point to http:// live.apple.com.

There are times when the Internet can be far more useful and efficient than other means such as phone or car. A couple weeks ago I sent Christmas gifts to my nephew and niece in Illinois using United Parcel Services. This involved two deliveries to two different cities. On my receipt was two tracking numbers, one for each delivery, and the clerk said I can call to confirm delivery. It was a lot easier than that, using the Net.

I went to http://www.ups.com and chose the "Package Tracking" option. All I had to do was type in the tracking number from my receipt. Within 15-20 seconds the tracking information came back, indicating the day and time of delivery, the address delivered,

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address to skip the Home Page and go directly to the tracking page is http://www.ups.com/ tracking/tracking.cgi.

Politics by the Number is a site that takes a close look at the votes behind the Washington, D.C, rhetoric. Each week the site offers a new analysis of selected votes cast by members of Congress: Also provided are key votes on recent bills and resolutions and major votes of the 104th Congress. And there are links to other political information sites that have information on Congressional voting records, lobby group ratings of members of Congress, and other political information. Point your Web browser to http:// State of the World's Children 1996, UNICEF 50" page, The 50th anniversary of UNICEF is marked at this Website with a forward by Boutrous Boutrous-Ghali, secretary-general of the UN, a message from UNICEF director Carol Bellamy, a link on "Children in war," open on "Antiwar agenda," another on "Fifty years of children," and to statistical tables, to panels, regional spotlights, and references. If you aren't Scrooge, point to http:// www.unicef.org/owc96/contents.html. The Right to Die site also is a

very interesting site to visit, but you might to wait until after the holidays. The site, maintained by the World Federation of Right to

organizations in the world. The newsletter deals with euthanasia, assisted suicide, the Hemlock Society, Derek Humphry, Dr. Jack' Kevorkian, etc. When I visited, I found nothing on Dr. Jack but should we be surprised that he is elusive on the Net as well? What I did find was an article on "Ethics in Medicine," one on "Deciding How We Die," and another on "Medicine — A Divided Profession." There also were poll results from Canada and legislative action in New Hampshire. If you are not suffering from the holiday blues than on Dec. 26, point to http://www.efn.org/(tilde)ergo/

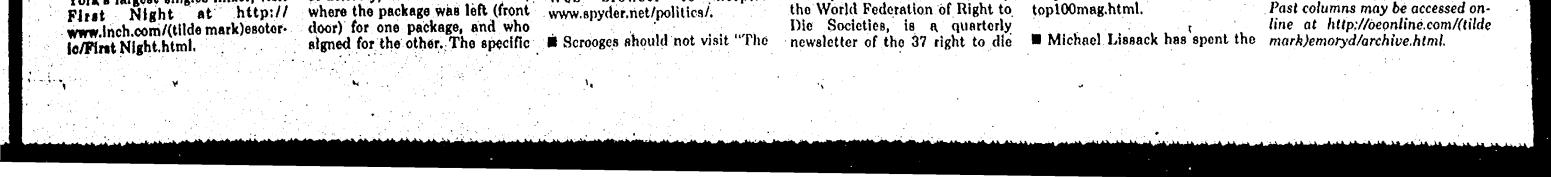
The Internet is filled with several computer-topic magazines (ezines). An easy way to access them is to visit a site I discovered that has links to the top 100 computer related WWW magazines and journals. Internet Valley offers a list of 100 computer-related ezines, including BYTE Magazine, Boardwalk, Info World, Information Week, Internet World, Mac Week, Net Guide, PC Magazine, PC World, UnixReview, UnixWorld, WebMaster Maga-

last year uncovering a \$1 billion fraud involving major Wall Street firms in the municipal bond business. He spent 14 years as an investment banker at Smith Barney where he helped finance the activities of state and local governments through the sale of tax exempt bonds. He now is working on a doctorate in business administration at Henley on Thames in England, Europe's largest management school with more than 6,500 MBA students.

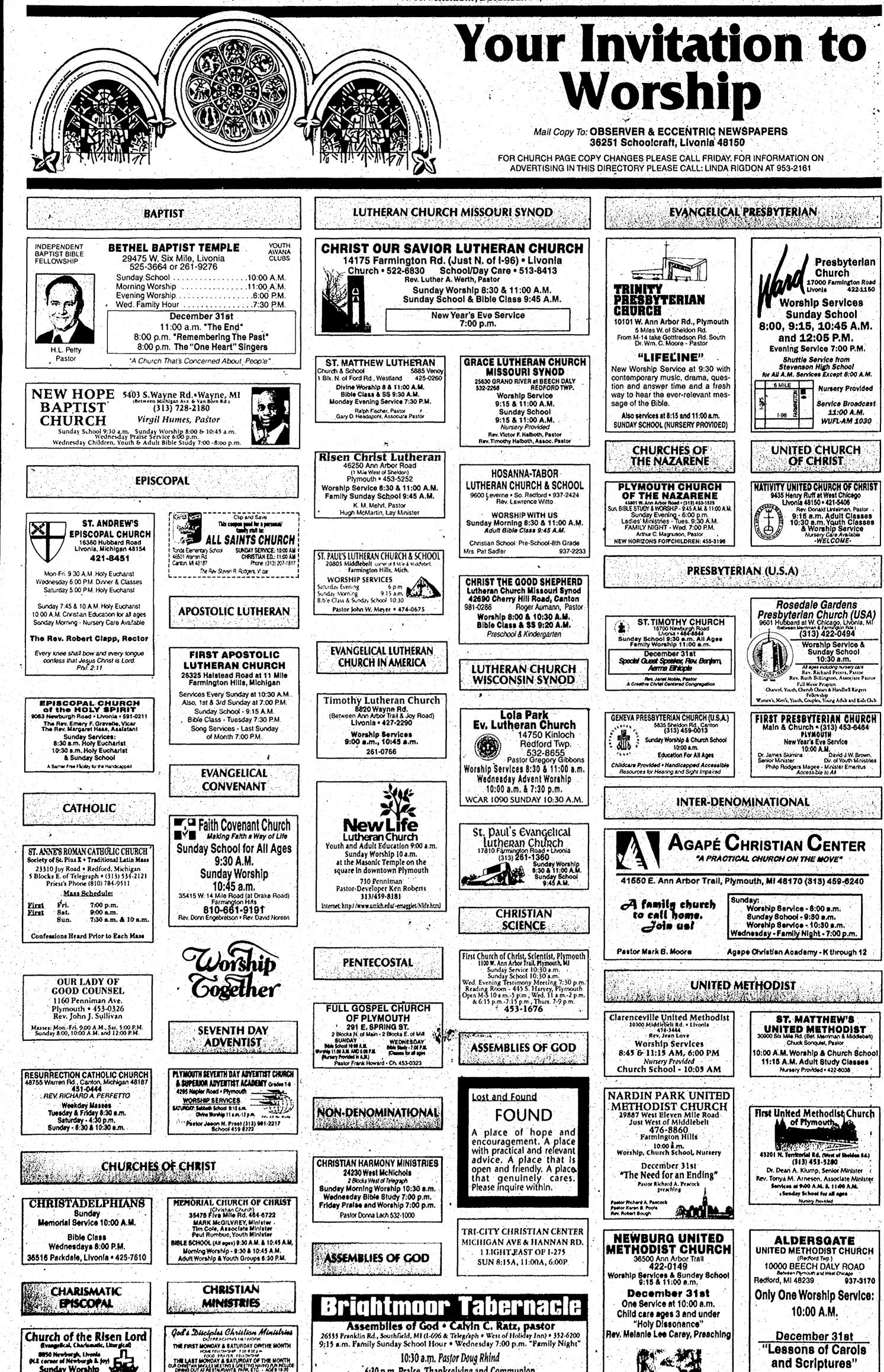
Anyhow, Lissack is writing a dissertation on how information overload is dealt with in the context of decision-making, and is working on a book with Mark Rose ntitled "The Whistleblower." If you point to http:// home.navisoft.com/munibond/index.htm you will find news clips, articles and related documents on scandals in the municipal bond market maintained by Lissack.

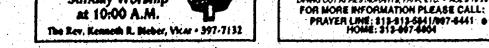
You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by c-mail with emory@veonline.com or fax number 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313) 591-0903, at zine, Wired, and 87 more. Point to "log-in" prompt type "new" and http://www.internetvalley.com/ at "Key:" prompt type GL6NY2. Past columns may be accessed on-

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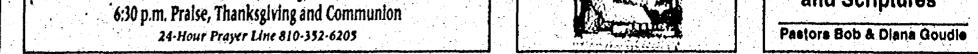


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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

IN NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

A New Year's Communion service will be held at 6 p.m. New Year's. Eve, Dec. 31, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. In addition to the liturgy of the Eucharist, familiar Christmas hymns will be sung. For more information, call (313) 464-0211.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church will have three services New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There will be services at 10 a.m. and 7:39 p.m. (with Communion) on Dec. 31 and at 10 a.m. (with Communion) on Jan 1. The church is at 5885 Venoy, Westland. For more information, call (313) 425-0261.

Main Street Baptist Church will have a special time of song and music at 8:30 p.m. New Year's Eve. Dec. 31, at the church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor Road. Canton. There will be a break at 10:30 p.m. for snacks and refreshments and then a return to the auditorium at 11:30 p.m. to watch and welcome the New Year. For more information, call (313) 453-4785.

Merriman Road Baptist Church's New Year's Eve celebration will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 31, with participants gathering at the church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City, for a fifth Sunday sing to celebrate the coming of the New Year. There will be special music and message for the New Year. Child care provisions will be as usual. For more information, call (313) 421-0472.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its New Year's Eve service at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 31 at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 261-1360.

At Newburgh United Methodist Church, there will be a 10 a.m. worship service on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-0149.

At Faith Lutheran Church



20 and counting: St. Michael Lutheran Church and School recently recognized John Wolf (right) for his 20 years of teaching in Lutheran schools, the last seven at St. Michael's. Joining him were Richard Krepsky (from left) and Cynthia Mehdi Khan, who have joined the staff part-time.

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COMMUNITY PARTY

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NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church's mid-week evening of education, fellowship, drama and music will get underway Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Dinner will be served 5:30-6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 10 years and under (reservations are not necessary). Educational opportunities include Noah's Ark for preschoolers, Comparative Religions, the Church Studies Homosexuality, Teaching Your Child Values, Faithlink, Men of Faith (Promise Keepers) and quilting. Musical opportunities include the Cherub Choir for Kindergartners through second graders, the Children's Choir for third through sixth graders and the Youth Choir for seventh through 12th graders. Drama opportunities include youth drama for seventh through 12th graders and children's drama for third through sixth graders.

Livonia Byzantine parish bids farewell to its bishop

Members of Livonia's Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Parish are bidding farewell to Bishop Andrew Pataki, their spiritual leader, who has been appointed bishop of the Diocese of Passaic, N.J.

Pataki had been head of the Diocese of Parma, which includes the state of Michigan.

Word of his appointment came on Nov. 21 from the Vatican Embassy when Apostolic Pro-nuncio Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan announced that Pope John Paul II had appointed Pataki to succeed Bishop Michael J. Dudick as bishop of the Diocese of Passaic.

The 79-year old Dudick resigned in accord with Catholic Church law. His resignation was accepted by the pope. Pataki becomes the third bishop of the Passaic diocese, founded in July 1963. The first bishop was Steven J. Kocisko, later appointed as Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh.

Pataki leaves behind a diocese of Parma includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin as well as a portion of Ohio. It numbers 15,000 members with 42 parishes, 45 diocesan priests and four religious priests.

His new assignment covers **Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholics** living in New Jersey, Connecticut; Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts; New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia and all of eastern Pennsylvania. The diocese has 70,000 members with 100 parishes and 92 diocesan priests and 23 religious priests.

In a letter to members of the Parma diocese, Pataki acknowledged his gratitude to Pope John Paul II for the appointment which, he said, expresses the pope's confidence in him.

"During my 11 years as the eparch of the Eparchy of Parma, we were able to pray together and work together to further the kingdom of God," he told members.



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New Year's services will be at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and at 10:45 a.m. New Year's Day, Jan. 1, at the the church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 421-7249.

RADIO SHOWS

The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. Topics include "What Proof Do You Have That Christian Science Heals?" on Dec. 31; "How Do Christian Scientists Feel About Modern Medicine?" on Jan. 7; "Is Care in Christian Science as Reliable as Medicine?" on Jan, 14; "How Do Christian Scientists Feel About Jesus?" on Jan, 21; and "What Kind of Faith in God Heals?" on Jan. 28. The series also can be heard at 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. The series is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches, For more information, čall 1-800-886-1212.

II NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Ward Presbyterian Church will celebrate New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31, with an evening of fellowship. It will begin at 9 p.m. with a sacred Christian concert featuring Robin Hibschman. A buffet will be available at 10 p.m. by advance reservation only. The evening will conclude with a Watch Night Service at 11 p.m. Chimes will ring in the New Year and close the service just after midnight. For more information, call (313) 422-1826.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have its First Friday Night Live at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, in Knox Hall. Author Tom Jones will discuss "Sex and Love When You Are Single Again." Dinner will be served at 8:30 p.m. on a first come-first served basis in the Fellowship Hall. Cost will be \$5 and child care will be available.

Other activities include Talk It Over at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, in Knox Hall, James Hoover will discuss the new tax laws and amendments. The Friday, Jan. 26, guest will be Dr. Don Verhultz who will share a new lifestyle. Free child care will be provided.

There's also BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) for adults only at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft, and volley-

For more information, call the church at (313) 422-0149.

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Former members of Redford Lutheran Church are invited to come back to the church at 22159 Grand River, Detroit, on Sunday, Jan. 21, to celebrate 75 years of grace.

A service of praise and thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. will have the Rev. Carl E. Mehl, former pastor of Redford Lutheran, as the guest speaker. Following the Holy Communion service, a luncheon buffet will be held in Mossner Hall at 1 p.m. There also will be a program of entertainment and reminiscing with present and former members. Reservations for the luncheon are necessary and must be made by Jan. 15 by calling the church at (313) 535-3733.

I LITURGY ON TAPE

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on videotape for a cost of \$15, plus \$3 postage, from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152. The tapes make a great gift for a shut-in or those unable to attend the liturgy. The tapes also can be given to those people who are either seeking or expressing an interest in the Orthodox faith.

SELLING BOOKS

St. Aldan Church is selling 1996 Entertainment passbooks for \$40. Proceeeds will be used to send members to the annual CYO Rainbow Youth Conference. Books can be purchased in the parish office, Farmington Road in Livonia, For more information, call (313) 425-5950.

Clarenceville United Methodist Church also is raising money by selling Entertainment passbooks for \$40. They are available by calling Jim Robinson at (810) 347-1535 or the church office at

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SWM, 57, enjoys movies, bowling, dining out,

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DWM, 59, 5'11", 175lbs., gray hole, N/S, non-

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START AS FRIENDS

DW mom of two, 31, enjoys working out, church, hockey, toolball, crafts, cooking, seeks sweet, sincere, mattinge-minded SM, with good attifor friendship, possible relationship, Ad#.7777

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SPIRITUAL, NOT RELIGIOUS

DWCM, 41, 6', 190lbs, hondsome, N/S, non-

drinker, coring, positive, enjoys rollerblocking,

coppuccino, photography, seeks employed,

spiritual, tail, stender SF, 30-40, N/S, non-drinkee,

for sofe, healthy, trusting relationship. Ad#,1753

LOVES PRAISING THE LORD.

DBM, 41, 5'8", fun loving, doct of four, profession-

al loves movies, walls, concerts, plays, special

events, dancing, seeking humorous SF, under,

5'8", weight/height proportionate, who loves

children. for Irlendship, possible relationship

LET'S MEET SOON

SWM, 42, 6', 170bs, block hoir/eyes, self-

employed, seeks down to earth, simple, open SF,

who enjoys life, for possible relationship; no

IN ROCHESTER HILLS

DWM, 42, 6', 18010s. dark hok mustache, hand-

some, romantic, employed, enjoys outdoors,

music, arts, family, friends, seeking attractive,

SEEKS HIGH-SPIRITED LADY

heavy drinkers/drug users. Adll.1213

sim, loving, kind SF, Ad#.3284

Ad#.3425

ship, and possible relationship. Adlt. 1953

Iriendship, maybe more. Adl 5335

