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Canton kids keep letter carriers hustling

By Merrybeth Dillon Ward
staff writer

This time of year, postal workers feel less like roasting chestnuts than some other items on an open fire.

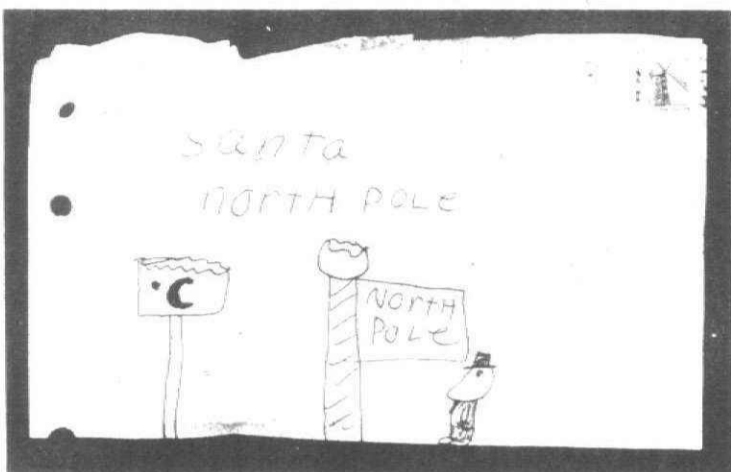
And who could blame them? On an average day in late December, employees at the Westland post office (serving Westland, Canton and Wayne) handle 344,000 pieces of mail and sell \$50,000 in stamps. So it's not unusual for a few Excedrin headaches to herald the approach of the holidays.

There's a particular task, though, that Postmaster William Stottlemeyer and his staffers really don't mind: forwarding Santa Claus' mail.

Some letters have no stamps, some have one-cent stamps, and others have no return addresses. Others have special directions to letter carriers like this one did: "Please Postman, look on the back." The back reads, "Please Postman, give this letter to Santa."

No matter what, Santa gets his mail. "We never return letters to Santa," said the postmaster.

"When writers forget to include return addresses, though, we open letters in hopes that they're inside. If we find one, I send back a balloon plus a



Canton kids who wrote Santa this year used plenty of artistic talent and imagination. There's no mistaking where this homemade envelope illustrated with a barber pole is bound.

note saying, "Your letter to Santa is on its way. Be good." Stottlemeyer said.

TO GIVE us an idea of what's popular on kids' lists this year, the postmaster let us read some of the north-bound mail.



Tracy wrote:
Dear Santa Claus,

I am going to try again for a little baby real monkey, because I want one so bad. So please, bring a little baby real monkey. I'll feed it, take care of it, I want one so bad. And I'd like some holiday records, Baby Cry and Dry, a big cage for my real baby monkey and some yellow blankets. Small ones please.

And some books. And some more Barbies, and a big stuffed doggie. Love, Tracy.

Ann went all out this year. Dear Mrs. Claus, I already wrote to your husband. But I forgot to tell him that I want a dog and rabbit. But most of all I want a lot of toys. Love, Ann.

Said Theresa in a letter graced with crayon-colored elves: "Dear Santa,

I don't want to make your elves do too much work, so I'll give you a big list of things and you can choose what you want to get me, ok. Well I should get to my list, so here I go. I would like a Baby Alive, big radio with a tape recorder in it, a china tea set and a chipmunk stuff animal and a real cash register. That's it. Love, Theresa

Dana didn't waste words. Instructions across the top of a loose-leaf sheet listing 26 pinned-for presents read: Santa, look on the back.

Another 26 gifts Dana desires — among them a mixer and blender, Snugglebums, Horton the Elephant and a Care Bear — fill Page Two.

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Dion nursing home has a new owner, short-term license

By Diane Gale
staff writer

After more than eight years of legal battles and closure threats from the Michigan Department of Public Health, the Dion Memorial Nursing Home in Canton Township has a new owner, license and name.

Brian Suter, administrator of Dion for the past year-and-a-half, is the sole principal of Canton Care Center Inc., which now owns the facility at 43825 Michigan Avenue. The corporation has been awarded a six-month operating license effective Dec. 1, according to Paul Phelps, health department director of licensing and certification.

The license agreement includes a management plan calling for improvements. During the six months, health department inspectors will be making unannounced, frequent visits to the home to ensure the facility corrects previous health code violations, according to Ron Styka, state assistant attorney general.

Dion has been cited numerous times for health code violations since 1976. In 1980 conditions worsened enough to spur the health department to deny the home a license to operate. Dion appeals to circuit court have kept the facility operating.

In August 1984 when inspection reports showed the facility had deteriorated even further, Ingham Circuit Court Judge Thomas Brown ordered the home to "cease operation."

DESPITE A rocky relationship with the health department, the future looks brighter for the home. Two health department inspections in November cited "great improvements" at the facility, Styka said.

"Compared to the previous reports it was like night and day in terms of patient care and furnishings," he said. The short-term license for the 91-bed facility was issued with caution.

"If the new owners would violate this management plan, or regular law (Michigan health code) there would be an immediate hearing to consider revoking the license," Styka said. "The only reason the department agreed to do this (issue the temporary license) is because of the huge change from August to November. They probably just seriously realized that we were serious."

Specific improvements that must be made under the management plan during the six-month licensing period include:

- adhering to rehabilitation programs;
- ensuring all staff members are trained for assigned duty;
- administering therapeutic diets, including those for diabetics;
- applying physical restraints only

when absolutely required, and providing sufficient closet space.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Brian Suter, Dion Nursing Home administrator for the past 18 months, is the new owner of the facility. The home has been granted a temporary license.

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Photo by RICK SMITH

1984 finale

Canton's Mary Dingeldey, (left), and Tillie Schultz spearheaded the township's Sesquicentennial "grand finale," a Christmas dinner dance at Ball Hall Saturday night. The two spent many hours preparing and decorating the hall, making candles and sewing tiny stockings for party-goers. Here they cut a red and white confection baked by Shirley Winkel — the last of Canton's 150th birthday cakes.

District receives approval

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Another hurdle was cleared in an effort to develop downtown Canton as the township board unanimously approved a preliminary plan Tuesday.

The action also gave township officials the go-ahead to begin paper work on the tax increment finance plan to net \$6 million during a 16-year project from 1985 through 2000.

The proposed district encompasses an 85-acre parcel of land running north and south of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton-Taylor roads.

"This may not be perfect, but I know nothing will happen if we don't start with a plan," said Robert Padgett, board trustee.

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Because Christmas and New Year's fall on Tuesday this year, you'll find us at your home on the Saturday before each holiday (instead of Monday).

Deadlines for Saturday, December 22 and Saturday, December 29 editions:

CLASSIFIED	Thursday, December 20 and December 27 — 5 p.m.
RETAIL	Thursday, December 20 and December 27 — 12 noon
Deadlines for Thursday, December 27 and January 3 editions:	
CLASSIFIED	Monday, December 24 and December 31 — 5 p.m.
CREATIVE LIVING	Friday, December 21 and December 28 — 4 p.m.
RETAIL	Monday, December 24 and December 31 — 10 a.m.

Happy Holidays!

Holiday deadlines

For the next two weeks, the Monday issue of the Eccentric will be distributed on Saturday. This allows us to take Christmas and New Year's Day off to be with our families. The deadlines for the next two weeks are listed below.

Saturday classified ads	
issue	deadline
Dec. 22	5 p.m. Thur. Dec. 20
Dec. 29	5 p.m. Thur. Dec. 27

Thursday classified house ads	
Dec. 27	4 p.m. Fri. Dec. 21
Jan. 3	4 p.m. Fri. Dec. 28

other Thursday classified ads	
Dec. 27	noon Mon. Dec. 24
Jan. 3	noon Mon. Dec. 31

Almost all news department deadlines for these two weeks will be moved up 24 hours. Have a happy holiday season.

Group home sets first day on Dionne St.

By Diane Free
and Diane Gale
staff writers

A March 1, 1985, target date is set for the opening of a group home for mentally retarded adults on Dionne Street in Canton Township in spite of a rash of vandalism at the location.

Construction on the facility, which will house six severely to profoundly mentally retarded adults, is approximately 40 percent complete. Vandalism including arson and bullet shots has resulted in more than \$2,500 in damage since builders began work in September.

"It's too bad people feel this afraid of us," said Dorothy Brown, director of Domet Inc., which will administer the Dionne facility.

"Some people think group homes are dangerous," she said. "But, of the homes I have now (four group homes in Livonia and Garden City) after six months that we've been there, they turn (their thinking) around."

"I think we're much better neighbors than some since we have to keep the building up, because we're always being inspected," Brown said.

The residents who will be living in the Canton group home have not been chosen, according to Ken Stockton, director of public affairs for Wayne County Community Living Services, a division of the state Department of Mental Health. Community Living Services administers approximately 120 group homes in Wayne County.

VANDALISM at the site may not be directed against group homes, according to Stockton, adding there isn't proof to validate this assumption.

"To attribute vandalism to the Canton community is hard, because it's not unusual for a building site to have problems like that," Stockton said. "A

situation like this is hard to read, because the bottom line is that in 1984, vandalism is a fact of life."

Stockton does recognize existence of "apprehension" by some residents about the group homes and its residents. This fear usually subsides within three to six months after the site opens, he adds.

A means of limiting negative feelings about residential homes for mentally retarded adults, is to "operate good group homes," Stockton said. "People have to change their own attitudes."

To acclimate neighbors to the idea of a group home, a three-step notification process is completed. Each has been carried through at the Dionne site.

THE SEQUENCE began in December 1983 when Wayne Community Living Services contacted the late Township Clerk John Flodin, notifying him that the community had been identified as a location for a group home. On Jan. 31, a letter was sent to Supervisor James Poole, and a month later another letter was sent to all residents within 500 and 1,500 feet of the proposed group home.

Only seven people showed for a temporary information center at the Geneva United Presbyterian Church, on Sheldon in Canton.

The next step is to get the home operational, Stockton said. This includes making the home barrier-free and accessible to handicapped people including those who need wheelchairs.

There will be 24-hour supervision at the home, even though the residents will not be in the facility much of the daytime. Residents who are between 18 and 26 years old will attend a special school program. Older residents will go to a sheltered workshop.

obituaries

WILLIAM B. McAVOY
Funeral services for Mr. McAvoy, 83, of Plymouth were held recently in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Paul McAvoy, a nephew of the deceased, with arrangements made by Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.
Mr. McAvoy, who died Dec. 13 in University Hospital, Ann Arbor, was born in Brockville, Canada, and had lived in Plymouth for the past 40 years. He had been vice president of Manufacturers Bank, retiring in 1966 after working for Manufacturers for 40 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel.
Survivors include: son, William of Beaumont, Texas; daughters, Dolores Houser of Boerne, Texas; Jean Pietraszewski of Madison Heights; and Patricia Compele of Plymouth; sister, Helen McAvoy of Naponee, Ontario; brothers, Dr. J.R. McAvoy of Brockville, Ontario; Frank of Naponee, and Edward of Waterfront, and by 11 grandchildren.

DOROTHY M. WRIGHT
Funeral services for Mrs. Wright, 46, of Plymouth Township were held recently in the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with burial at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee with arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.
Mrs. Wright, who died Dec. 14 in Livonia, was born in Cooper City, Mich., and moved to Plymouth in 1975 from Livonia. She had been an elementary substitute teacher for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and for Livonia Public Schools for the past several years. She was a member and deaconess of the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, was past president of the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball Association, and was district chairman of the Michigan Cancer Foundation operation in Plymouth.
Survivors include: husband, David; daughter, Kimberlee Taylor of Ypsilanti; son, Bradley of Plymouth; mother, Lotie Javor of Menominee, Mich.; and brother, Robert Javor of Green Bay.
RUTH D. BLOMBERG
Funeral services for Mrs. Blomberg, 85, of Plymouth were held recently in Schradler Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was Pastor Jerry Yarnell. Memorial contributions may be made to the P.E.O. Sisterhood or to the Plymouth Historical Society.
Mrs. Blomberg, who died Dec. 14 in Plymouth, was born in Mariborough, N.Y., and moved to Plymouth in 1928 from Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She had been secretary to Floyd Kehrl for 15 years at Plymouth United Savings Bank, now National Bank of Detroit. She was a member of Ford Motor Co. Married for 58 years, she was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood since 1943 and was past president of Chapter A1 Plymouth from 1953-55. She was admitted as a member of the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Plymouth on Dec. 2, 1942. She is survived by husband Harold.

key, was born in Plymouth and had lived in Plymouth until moving to Newberry 10 years ago. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses congregation of Newberry.
Survivors include: sons, Robert of Plymouth, David of Westland, and Henry of Chicago; daughters, Patricia Lasslett of Newberry, Laura J. Hensley of Detroit, and Gladys Greenway of Los Angeles; brothers, Harold Williams of Plymouth, Jim Williams of Arkansas, Roy Williams of Westland and Bobby Williams of Houston; sisters, Hazel Kingberry of North Port Myers, Fla., Marjorie Finnegan of Plymouth, and Sally Chaceker of Dresden, Tenn.
GORDON V. WILLIAMS
Funeral services for Mr. Williams, 82, of Inkster were held recently with burial at Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home.
Survivors include: wife, Kathryn; sons, Joseph of Wayne and Douglas of Inkster; sisters, Margaret Beerna of Plymouth, Josephine Mandel of Plymouth; brothers, Colin of Westland, and Donald of Las Vegas.

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Peace on earth
But is it achievable?



The holiday season emphasizes the need for peace and harmony among nations of the world. Joan Pence, director of the Western Wayne County Peace Center, thinks peace starts with reprogramming one's thinking.

Activists say debate aids quest for peace

With that, she said there is hope. "One thing that unites us all is that we all want to live in a peaceful and secure world," she said.
"We're occasionally frustrated and some of us are disgusted, but I wouldn't be here if I didn't think it could be reality."
Stopping the nuclear arms build-up is the freeze group's first-step answer to insuring peace, Pence said. "The kinds of weapons being built now are fast, they're accurate, they're hard to detect and the time to stop is now."
But Pence acknowledges that even before this can be done, society needs to begin by studying peace and simply learning "how to get along despite the fact we don't agree. We need to teach

international relations in the schools," she said.
"And then, we need to look at the kind of people we're electing to office," she added, explaining a preference for politicians trained in peacemaking, rather than war-making.
Peace is the number one topic of conversation at the Peace Resource Center, on the campus of Schoolcraft College.
SPORTING a mailing list of 250 members from Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Canton Township, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township, this chapter of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign concerns itself with a variety of peace and peace-related issues including the arms race, chemical warfare and Project Elf, to name a few. In addition, members hold two monthly meetings and publish a monthly newsletter.
The center's director, Joan Pence, a 25-year-old biology teacher from Plymouth Township, thinks peace starts with reprogramming one's thinking.
"A lot of our ideas about how to get along are going to have to be thrown out the window," she said. "We're going to have to start thinking differently. We're going to have to compromise."

Most optimistic about chance for world peace

Interviews with Nick Napolitano, Frances Edington, Gene DuRoss, Shirley Bohne, Helen Payton, and Judy Milton.
Both sides (United States and the Soviet Union) have enough motivation. If they just work at it during peace talks, they can succeed.
I'm an optimist and believe it is possible. I'm not sure we're on the right track at this point. I'd like to see more involvement in negotiations rather than worrying about who's got the most weapons. I don't believe we're headed toward a nuclear war.
I'm a retired major with the Air Force, serving 21 years with a

Board launches downtown development Gale joins Observer

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"The real role of government is to act as a seed," he said.
THE CONCEPT of this first draft was developed by the township's Downtown Development Authority, a 10-member board of directors. The key ele-

Dion has new owner and license

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eliminating four beds from four separate overcrowded rooms by providing another room.
and cleaning the kitchen ceiling. Some of the conditions in the management plan already have been met, Styka said. By Feb. 1 all of the structural changes have to be completed.
Shortly after the August health inspection report cited numerous "human dignity" violations. Citizens for Better Care, a state and federally funded advocacy group for nursing homes, recommended Suter be replaced as administrator of Dion.

Based on the fact that Mr. Suter was the administrator at the time of the report (August health department inspection citing numerous violations), our feeling was that he would not be the best person to run the home," said Mary Massaron, CBC assistant project director.
"We thought that as the administrator he was responsible to a certain extent for the lack of care at the time of the report," Massaron said.

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ment in the plan cites a boulevard beginning on Ford Road near Oakview going north 800 feet west to intersect with Sheldon.
The boulevard will "open up the whole area" to allow access to the rear of properties off Ford Road, and allow development of additional frontage, according to Dave Nicholson, township director of economic growth development.

"When I look at this plan, I see another Westland, or some other big shopping mall," said a resident, adding that she fears the district will attract loitering youths. "I like the way Plymouth is set up."

However, some responses were positive. A resident on Westminister Way said he and his wife were "pleased to see Canton take a move toward developing a downtown area."
"Unless the government is a catalyst in this case to make the area aesthetically correct, we will have problems in this area," said trustee Steve Larson.
"There are a number of fantastic shopping areas this size, and I think they all took planning," he said. "It takes some kind of plan as a first step to get something like this going."
Township officials stressed that the plan was an initial phase with a definite outline to develop slowly along the way. Copies of the proposal approved by the board are available in the township library on a check-out basis.
This will give residents a chance to study any difficult concepts in the plan, including the project's financing.
The downtown district will be financed by general bonds issued through the township, and paid off by using a tax-increment plan. The state equalized valuation of the property in the district will be frozen at 1984 levels, so additional tax revenues will be used for the downtown development.

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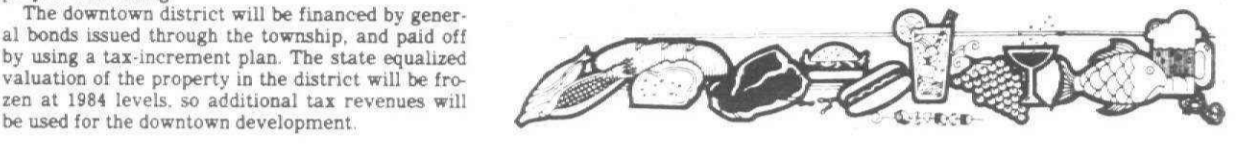
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Diane Gale has been named Canton Observer reporter succeeding Arlene Funke, who resigned.
During the past two years, Gale has reported for several other papers in the Observer & Eccentric chain. Before that, she was a reporter for the Dearborn Heights Leader.
Gale also worked for the City of Wayne, developing and coordinating the Tele-Care program, which contacts homebound senior citizens.

Gale graduated from the University of Michigan in 1980 with a double major in economics and English. While attending school, she worked as an intern with the Automobile Club of Michigan editing their employee magazine, Wheels. She also has free-lanced for other Michigan magazines and papers.

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crime watch

NO DOUGH was taken during an attempted robbery of a Dominos pizza delivery person, Dec. 15.
After delivering a pizza to a home in the 6500 block of Burnham, the delivery person was approached by two white males between 14 and 15 years old. One wore a gray ski mask and was armed with a knife, and the second boy had his face covered, also. When the perpetrators demanded money, the delivery person thought it was a joke, and told them to leave before he beat them up. The would-be robbers followed the victim's orders.

A WEDGEWOOD resident was bowled Dec. 15 when \$300 in cash was taken from a cupboard above his kitchen sink. Three of his family members were home at the time, and two female friends were visiting. The money was taken in demonstrations of three tens, two fives and 13 twenties.
CANDLELIGHT illuminated the scene of a breaking and entering in the 41000 block of Old Michigan Avenue Dec. 12. The intruders broke a rear window of a mobile home to take a 19-inch television set worth \$400, a microwave valued at \$300 and miscellaneous jewelry. The candle used during the crime was also the homeowner's.

LOOSE CHANGE added up to a healthy sum for thieves who broke into a home in the 41000 block of Palmer Dec. 13.
Approximately \$300 in Kennedy silver dollars along with \$200 in jewelry and watches were taken. Credit cards were stolen from the resident's purse, and its contents were strewn about the kitchen. Fourteen cans of Budweiser beer were also taken.
The perpetrators removed an orange juice jug from the refrigerator and dropped it on the floor before leaving. The victim's shotgun was taken out of a display case, but was left behind.
A CAR driving on a lawn in the 6900 block of Arley Drive did \$300 worth of damage to the resident's grass.
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Scott, who designed his own Christmas stamps this year, gave Santa permission to use his imagination.
Dear Santa,
I would like anything. Love, Scott
Jeremy kept it simple too:
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List
war set, war books, 1941-68, stud animal dog, copy machine, Snake Mountain, Stinky, alarm clock. Love, Jeremy

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Before sending letters on to Santa, Postmaster William Stottliemyer copies return addresses from them so he can send a balloon to the writer. Here he shows how a creative correspondent saved himself some writing time.

Editor's note: Some letters to Santa are kind of sad. We'll share a few with you next issue.

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S'craft trustees ask: Why stay in SEMCOG?

A nice group — but it is worth \$440 in annual dues.

That's what three Schoolcraft College trustees are asking about membership in the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). But before quitting the seven-county regional planning agency, college trustees want to listen to a SEMCOG spokesman.

John Amberger, SEMCOG executive director, will be delighted to attend. He already has Schoolcraft's next meeting, the fourth Wednesday of January, circled on his calendar.

"The \$440 dues won't make or break our budget," said Schoolcraft

trustee Mary Breen, who raised the subject. "My real concern is that we are a special-purpose district. We do not get involved in the general governmental issues."

"When has any of our decisions hinged on information from SEMCOG?" asked trustee Harry Greenleaf. "I have a problem with value received."

Greenleaf recalled that Schoolcraft, a two-year community college, withdrew from the Association of Governing Boards because that group's orientation was largely toward four-year colleges.

"Every year I've been teetering," added board chairman Michael Burley.

AMBERGER'S REPLY will go like this:

"Our regular publications and discounts on special publications alone are worth the price of membership." This includes economic development issues for elected officials — such as what is doing what plant retention programs — and profiles of communities.

"We're tailoring these profiles to the educational community," said Amberger, who said colleges can use them in projecting enrollments and anticipating special program needs such as aging.

To Breen, who suggested Schoolcraft

could borrow such publications from member cities and townships rather than buy its own, Amberger will say. "She's right. You can be cheap. But if everybody does that, the organization (SEMCOG, which lives on dues) falls apart."

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BREVITIES DEADLINES
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HOLIDAY SKATING
Monday, Dec. 24 — The regular open skating schedule at the Plymouth Center, 525 Farmer, will switch to the following holiday hours through Sunday, Jan. 6.

Monday, Dec. 24, 9:40-11:40 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 26, 9:40 to 11:10 a.m., 11:20 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., and 1 to 2:50 p.m.
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Saturday, Dec. 29, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m., 3:30 to 5 p.m.
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College aid forum Jan. 9

Madonna College in Livonia will host a forum next month for parents and students to learn about state and federal financial aid.

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, in 164 Kresge Lecture Hall. Madonna is located at 1-96 and Levan.

State and federal grant programs, loans and work-study opportunities will be discussed, according to Chris Ziegler, Madonna's director of financial aid. Financial aid forms will be available, but Ziegler urged participants to pick them up in advance from their high school counselors.

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The Michigan Department of Transportation said Toebe's low bid was \$7.2 million. The project includes reconstruction of Church Street to cross the freeway. Planned completion date is October of 1986.

Contracts for landscaping and sidewalks on the 700-foot plaza will be let at a future date, MDTOT said.



Christopher Lore

In bowl parades

Christopher Lore, son of Judy and John Lore of Plymouth, is among the 104 members of the McDonald All-American High School Band marching in the Fiesta Bowl Parade in Phoenix on Dec. 29 and in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day. Under the direction of Dr. William Foster, director of bands at Florida A&M, the band recently made its 18th appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The band is comprised of two outstanding high school musicians from each state and the District of Columbia, plus one each from the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam. The band is shown above sending holiday wishes back home.



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State higher ed report 'vague' — UM-D chief

University of Michigan-Dearborn Chancellor William A. Jenkins termed the report of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education "somewhat vague" in its application to regional universities.

And he underscored that the report called for no campus closings, a widespread interpretation. Some political observers are reading the report, released last week, to mean shutting down some campuses such as UM-Dearborn.

Jenkins said the report over-emphasized universities' contributions to economic development.

OTHERWISE, Jenkins called the report "a comprehensive review of public higher education in Michigan that focuses public attention on the problems and needs of our colleges and universities."

While endorsing most of the general findings of the report, Jenkins questioned some interpretations which imply specific program reductions or campus closings.

"The report does not specifically call for any closings," he said, "and it would be inappropriate to implement its recommendations on that false assumption."

"Ultimately, the governor and the Legislature must act before any of the recommendations can be fulfilled," Jenkins said.

THE REPORT was developed by a 27-member commission appointed by Michigan Gov. James Blanchard. It contains a series of recommendations on policy issues, admissions standards, institutional missions, program review and coordination.

"The report places a heavy emphasis on the role of higher education as an instrument for directly obtaining economic recovery and economic growth in Michigan," said Jenkins. "While this is an important element in the missions of our colleges and universities, the report seems to neglect the equally important aspect of having an educated citizenry for reasons other than the state's economic health," the U-M-D chancellor added.

In addition, said Jenkins, the emphasis on economic development focuses primarily on the state's "Big Three" research campuses — U-M's Ann Arbor campus, Wayne State University and Michigan State University. "The report spells out in some detail the role which these institutions should play in the system. For the other 12 four-year campuses, including U-M-D, the report is somewhat vague."

SC & LIT complete credit transfer deal

Schoolcraft College students will be able to transfer into several programs at Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield without loss of credit under a so-called "articulation" agreement.

It should make our transfer students have an easier time," Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell told the board of trustees.

In an "articulation" pact, College A gears its Math 101 course to lead logically into College B's Math 102 — no repetitions of course material, no gaps.

The agreement allows those who earn an associate degree from Schoolcraft to enroll at LIT without loss of credit in three basic areas:

- Bachelor of science with a major in business administration.
- Bachelor of science majors in pre-engineering.
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UM-D to broadcast series on life's 'seasons'

The University of Michigan-Dearborn, in conjunction with a Pittsburgh public television station, has received a \$2.15 million grant from the Annenberg Corp. for Public Broadcasting to produce a television and radio series on the psychological "seasons" of human life.

"Instead of studying child psychology and adolescence, or aging as separate entities, the whole life-span is viewed in a single glance," said Dr. John Kotre, project coordinator.

The UM-Dearborn psychology professor said the project will include production of an undergraduate credit course for national television and radio distribution, and a series of five prime-time national television programs.

Production is scheduled to begin early in 1985, with release scheduled for 1987.

"THE PROJECT addresses the fact that our population is becoming less youthful and more mature. It provides a unique educational opportunity for both the general-interest public, as well as those interested in formal, academic credit," he added.

It is the largest foundation grant received by UM-D, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

UM-D Chancellor William A. Jenkins said, "The grant recognizes the quality of UM-D's teaching and research in a field of importance to the American public.

"This project enhances UM-D's role of extending its academic offerings beyond the classroom, and is in keeping with one of its institutional missions of serving non-traditional students," Jenkins added.

VIDEO PRODUCTION will be handled by WQED-TV in Pittsburgh. The television specials will take a chronological approach to the life course, presenting human development from conception to death.

The U-M Media Resources Center (Michigan Media) on the university's Ann Arbor campus will produce 30 radio programs that follow from the television specials and take a topical approach to the life course.

Each radio program will deal with a theme, such as intelligence or sexuality, from the beginning to the end of life. Hazen Schumacher, director of Michigan Media, will serve as executive producer.

"The project represents a significant step for U-M's Media Resources Center (Michigan Media) in its attempts to seek national funding for the production of instructional media materials," said George Williams, Michigan Media's associate director and audio manager for the project.

"This is the first Annenberg/CPE grant to fund both audio and video materials in the same project, and could well be a model for other national programs of this type," Williams added.

OTHER MATERIALS will be created by UM-D in collaboration with a national publisher. These include the revision of a text on life-span psychology, a programmed student study guide, an instructor's manual and a bank of assignments and test items suitable for microcomputer interaction.

Ford promotes Benton, 3 others

Ford Motor Co. announced the appointment of Philip E. Benton Jr., Bloomfield Hills, as executive vice president for Ford Diversified Products Operations, and a number of management changes.

Benton has been vice president — sales operations for North American Automotive Operations since Feb. 1, 1981.

Joining Ford in 1953 as a cost analyst, he became vice-president and general manager of Ford Division in 1979.

Benton holds a bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College and a master's degree from Dartmouth's Amos Tuck School of Business Administration.

Other changes, effective Feb. 1:

- Louis E. Lataif, Bloomfield Hills, will succeed Benton as vice president — Sales Operations for Ford's North American Automotive Operations. He holds degrees from Boston University and the Harvard School of Business Administration.
- Robert L. Rewey, Bloomfield Hills, will succeed Lataif as vice president and general manager of Ford Division. Rewey holds two degrees Ohio State University.
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Christmas message obscured by 'begats'

"And Jesse begat David the king, and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Uriah. And Solomon begat Roboam. And Eleazar begat Eleazar, and Eleazar begat Matthan, and Matthan begat Jacob, and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ."

THE ENTIRE genealogy of the Christ child, whose birth is the reason we celebrate Christmas, is found in the first few verses of the first chapter of Matthew. The shortened version above contains just a few of the "begats" but very important ones for the holiday period.

Except for King David, most of the early ancestors of Jesus are not remembered. While many great Bible stories have been told of David as a warrior, conqueror, king and wise ruler, there was a seamy side to this man at one time. Israel was at war with someone. But instead of leading his troops at the battlefield, David was back home in the palace. He was spending a sleepless night, so he got up for a walk out on an outdoor balcony. Looking down he spotted this beautiful and shapely woman bathing.

After asking around, David learned the woman's name was Bathsheba. He sent for her, and she came to the palace and joined him in bed for a one-night fling — or so it seemed.

As they say in the Bible, she became with child and got word to the king.

DAVID WAS IN a tight spot because Bathsheba was the wife of Uriah the Hittite, one of the loyal officers in his army.

Uriah was out fighting, as soldiers are supposed to do, while David was fooling around in the palace, as kings sometimes do. Uriah would know that Bathsheba's child could not possibly be his.

So David called Uriah away from the front trenches to the palace. He told Uriah that as a reward for his great job of soldiering, he was being awarded a short furlough. David told Uriah to go home and spend a few days (and nights) with his wife. But Uriah remained with his troops.

David invited Uriah back to the palace. They had a couple of drinks, and a couple more until Uriah got drunk. David sent him home again, but once more Uriah slept outside — alone.

To cover up his act of adultery, David sent instructions to his top general (Joab) to send Uriah to the front lines where he'd surely be killed. Joab gave the order. Uriah obeyed and was killed.

OUT OF SYMPATHY for the widow, David invited her to live in the palace.

Bathsheba became one of his wives, and no one except the two of them knew of the sticky situation. That should have been the end of the story. But it wasn't.

Along comes Nathan, a meddling prophet, who tells David a parable of a rich man who stole from a poor man (was it called "Rich Man, Poor Man?"). It revealed to David that God knew of his sin

and was none too pleased. After Nathan concluded his "Thou Art the Man" speech, David asked for forgiveness and was forgiven.

Bathsheba remained his wife. The child conceived from the adulterous affair died, but she bore him four more sons (one of whom, Solomon, became the next king).

And there, in this Old Testament story straight out of Peyton Place, lies an important element in the Christmas story.

LOOK AGAIN at the begats at the beginning of this column.

Unfortunately, biblical genealogies contain only the names of fathers, not mothers. For this reason, important truths sometimes are obscured.

We know Christ descended from King David but often overlooked is what almost is a footnote in all the "begats" that "David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Uriah." The "her," of course, is Bathsheba.

Look through the 16 verses of begats in the first chapter of Matthew and you will find only three women mentioned — Ruth, Bathsheba (by indirect reference) and Mary, mother of Christ.

And so Christ's birth came about, in part, as a result of adultery. No attempt is made in the scriptures to hide the original act or the link between Christ and Bathsheba.

THE REASON LIES at the heart of the Christmas story.

David's act was written about, and Bathsheba included in the lineage of Christ because it illustrates God's willingness (and ability) to forgive sins. Another verse somewhere says, "He came not to condemn the world."

In fact, one of Christ's closest friends as an adult was a former prostitute whom we know as Mary Magdalene.

One of the great moments in Christ's life was when the pharisees brought to him a woman caught in the act of adultery. The penalty was death by stoning. Asked what should be done with the woman, Christ gave his famous answer: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." As the last accuser walked away with no stones being thrown, Christ forgave her, and she left a free woman.

A major teaching of Christ was that we should not condemn others or be concerned about the evils others might do. It is enough that we keep our own house in order. We should look for the good in others, for their intrinsic value as human beings.

And as God forgives, and makes possible a life without guilt, so should we.

Historians may have overlooked that Bathsheba was Solomon's mother. But Christ, who scribbled in the sand while waiting for an accuser to stone the woman accused of adultery, had not forgotten Bathsheba and God's forgiveness of David. Christ, of all people, would not have cast the first stone. Or any stone.

The meaning of Christmas? Forgiveness, life without guilt, and the possibility of achieving even after we fail miserably.

— Emory Daniels



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Helping others at Christmas

IN ETHIOPIA an estimated 900,000 persons have died from a famine.

In the United States, millions worry about overeating at holiday parties.

Why do people in one country count calories to look slim while in another they count the meals they've eaten in a month to survive?

It is not out of any sense of "do gooderism" that we must look around to see how we can help others. Justice requires it because "It's better to give than to receive."

YOU DON'T have to be Christian to live the spirit of this Christmas season.

Three Hindu children are leading a drive to raise money for the Ethiopians. Tripti Kataria of Canton, Shikha Katila of Canton and Shiwani Kaura of Farmington Hills collected \$75 for the Ethiopians among friends attending a Hindu religious meeting.

"The children didn't think it was right that everyone around them was enjoying the Christmas festivities while people in Ethiopia were dying," parent Brah Kataria said. "They understand the spirit of Christmas even though they are not Christian."

Kataria is from India. "India has gone through a lot of the same things as Ethiopia," he said.

"No country in the world has helped Ethiopia as much as America," he said.



Nick Sharkey

"The generosity of Americans is unquestioned throughout the world." Those wishing to help in this drive can contribute by calling 981-2325.

YOU NEEDN'T go as far as Ethiopia to find people who need help. Look around. Perhaps there is a family on your block. Check at the local church, Family Y or the Salvation Army.

The following is a list of a few agencies still looking for assistance during this Christmas season.

Westland needs volunteers to staff Operation Breadbasket. Last year 1,804 boxes of food were distributed to the poor. To help, call Gene Hudson, community development programs director, at 721-6000.

Salvation Army at 9451 Main St. in Plymouth is accepting donations of turkeys, hams and canned goods. It is a clearing house for all churches and community organizations in the Plymouth and Canton areas. Call 453-5464.

Troy People Concerned have a unique problem. This agency has an over-abundance of food supplies. If you know someone in need, call 528-1515.

Neighborhood House in Rochester is looking for donations of canned and dried goods to help needy families. Last year 228 families received holiday baskets. If you can help, call 651-5836.

Duns Scotus Seminary in Southfield has received 1,200 letters requesting help during the holidays. The seminary seeks financial assistance and wrapped toys. Call 357-3070.

The Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund is about \$50,000 short of its goal. The Goodfellow Fund pays for 42,500 Christmas packages of clothes, toys and candy for needy children. Donations can be sent to: Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund, 384 Penobscot Building, Detroit, 48226.

LAST WEEK children at Holy Family Regional School in Rochester were served rice in small cups. The children paid \$1.50 each for the rice and raised \$479 for the Ethiopians.

In a letter sent to parents before the lunch, a teacher wrote: "Our small sacrifices do make a difference for those who are suffering."

Yes, you can relieve the suffering of others. Only then can you experience the meaning of this holiday season.

Why a psychologist's son plays with toy guns

RECENTLY MY 3-year-old son was behaving like a normal 3-year-old — loud and rambunctious. When even this behavior got too wild, my wife warned him that if he didn't settle down, he would be paying a visit to the "time-out chair."

Offended by the threat, he picked up a toy gun, drew aim at my wife, and recited defiantly, "Go ahead — make my day."

When we told this story to friends and relatives, we got a lot of laughs — and a number of surprised looks. "What is the son of a psychologist and a school teacher doing with a toy gun?" some asked.

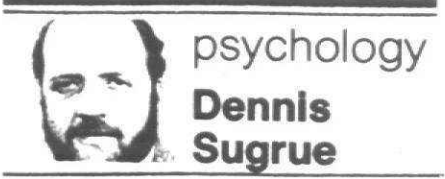
Not a surprising question.

PARENTS TODAY are from a generation which was most directly affected by the hor-

rors of the Vietnam war. They tend to be disillusioned with the "glories of war." Many parents, therefore, have made a conscious decision to foster a respect for peace and an attitude of non-violence in their children. A large number of these parents criticize toy guns, feeling they glorify hostility and destruction.

There is psychological research which lends support to their position. Studies have demonstrated that watching violent movies or being in the presence of symbols of violence such as a gun tend to increase, at least in the short term, the incidence of aggressive behavior.

Other studies have called into question whether venting anger of play-acting violent behavior decreases aggression or, on the other hand, actually encourages further ag-



psychology
Dennis Sugrue
Research suggests that whenever there is pain or frustration, there is a universal reaction in animals and human beings to lash out and drive away anyone or anything that might be causing discomfort.
Fighting is the most direct way of accom-

plishing this goal, but the least tolerated in modern society. Therefore, we must learn, at an early age, not only to control the behavior but also the emotions associated with pain and frustration.

When a 3-year-old becomes frustrated with his mother, he quickly learns that physically striking her is not going to be tolerated. Unfortunately, he has not yet learned many other alternatives for controlling and resolving his very natural reaction to frustration.

Unlike mature adults, he has not yet developed the verbal skills to talk out his anger. Nor does he have the thinking ability to reason out a solution to the conflict. He has not yet learned that strenuous exercise might relieve some of the building physical pressure associated with angry emotions.

He is simply angry and powerless. MANY THEORISTS have suggested that one adaptive alternative for the young child is fantasy. Acting out anger in the child's fantasies allows the child to safely discharge frustration and to avoid feeling totally impotent.

It's still unclear whether a young child's play with toy guns makes him more adept at using fantasy to control aggression. Certainly if a child is going to play with toy guns, we should encourage that his fantasized enemies be space aliens or generic "bad guys," not Indians, Japanese, Germans or Vietcong.

So am I suggesting that good parents run out and start buying toy guns for their children? Not at all. The task of teaching our children to handle aggression is difficult. Not even the experts agree on how this goal is best achieved.

Dramatic beauty found on roadside

By Timothy Nowicki
special writer

IN THE morning-and evening, on my way to and from work, the low angle of the sun backlights the vegetation along the freeways. It's a dramatic sight. Some freeways lined with billboards and littered with trash are less than pleasant to view. That is why, when the cottony flowerheads of the tall reed phragmites are highlighted, we enjoy an esthetic contrast.

PHRAGMITES, a tall grass, is very common along roadsides. Very large groups are noticeable on I-94 near Metro Airport. Many scattered groups can be seen along ditches which provide some standing water.

The name Phragmites is derived from a Greek

nature

work meaning "hedge," relating to its tendency to border watercourses.

This grass is more conspicuous than most grasses, because phragmites around Detroit grows to a height of 9-10 feet. However, this very adaptable plant, which grows on all continents of the world, may reach a height of 20 feet in warm, tropical climates.

It is a very adaptable plant in many ways. As our water becomes more polluted, phragmites can tolerate more impurities than many plants. It thrives particularly well along freeway ditches in Michigan because it prefers slightly salty water.

IN ADDITION to being adaptable, it has a couple ways of propagating. One method is by an underground root system that spreads outward producing new shoots. That is why phragmites often grows in large mats or groups.

A second means of propagation is the flowerheads. They lean to one side and produce seeds on little "parachutes." The seeds float to distant places.

These large flowerheads in dense mats look like feathers swaying in the breeze. Their soft edge is dramatically accented by the early morning or late evening sun.

Some people collect these flowerheads, spray them with hairspray, and use them in dried floral arrangements.

However you view phragmites, it is another natural subject that provides beauty as no man-made object can.



Pets of week

Ginger, a mixed cocker female just seven weeks old, is hoping for a new home. She has had short shots and worming. Also homeless is Penelope, a female Persian cat who has been declawed. She is 8 years old. To meet these and other adoptable pets, visit the Michigan Humane Society's Kindness Center, 37255 Marquette, Westland, or call 721-7300.

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from our readers

Plymouth has become special

To the editor:
As a native Pennsylvanian I must admit my adjustment to Michigan has been very difficult. At times I miss the beautiful mountains and the breathtaking views of valleys one sees from the tops of those mountains.

I also miss the lower taxes, less expensive utilities, family and friends I had to leave behind. But the other day as I thought about things that I am grateful for here, I realize how special Plymouth has become to me.

Most special of all the quaint places I love in this delightful town is the Mayflower. Thank-you to the Lorenz family who have not only invested money, time and themselves in the expansion of their hotel but also in their community as well.

A thank-you, too, for all the proprietors of those exquisite shops all through the town. Even a homesick Pennsylvanian can put a little sunshine back in her day by browsing in these lovely stores.

But the people I am most grateful for here in Plymouth are those who are still

patriotic, still community minded, and still the best place to live in. Thank-you, Lord, for caring enough about me to move us here to Plymouth — a very special town.

Carol Roddy
Plymouth

Ed Center is appreciative

To the editor:

Many thanks for the excellent articles by Ellie Graham on the Starkweather Community Education Center. Both articles were highly informative and interesting.

I am certain your articles contributed to our outstanding success for the open house event. Our goal of informing the public about the new purpose of Starkweather has been greatly helped by your interest.

Thank you again, and we wish to a very Happy Holiday.

Sharon Street
Assistant Director
Community Education

You can go home at Christmas

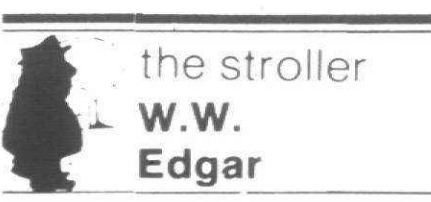
CONTRARY to what Tom Wolfe, the author, had in mind when he wrote his now famous "You Can't Go Home Again," The Stroller plans to spend much of the Christmas holiday period back in the Pennsylvania Dutch country.

Of course, it will be a mental trip. All through the week he will spend hours recalling the great times he had. But the old town is gone now, and he'll be forced to take it all from memory.

For instance, the old Lehigh Canal, on which tons and tons of anthracite coal were taken from the mines to the Delaware River, has been dry for years. But on each mental trip, there are plain pictures of boats and the mules that pulled them. We youngsters used to ride them from one dock to the other — a distance of a mile — and it always was fun.

And there is not a Christmas Eve that a mental visit isn't paid to the little white church on the hill for the annual program and visit with Santa Claus.

This year, like all the others, The Stroller will be walking down the aisle to be present with a book for perfect attendance in Sunday school. He took that walk 20 consecutive years before he headed



the stroller
W.W. Edgar

west to continue his stroll along the journalistic path.

THE OLD furnace is gone, too, and that is a pity. One of the treats in those days of yore was to take a walk down the main street on a Sunday evening and watch the blast and the molten metal being cast into slabs of what was called "pig iron."

There never is a mental trip back home that a stop isn't made to watch its operation. Folks used to come from miles around to see the spectacle. You can bet that on this year's mental trip, a stop will be made at the furnace.

There also will be a visit to the old-time fire hall and a vivid picture will come back of the morning our town's first large fire engine arrived. Until then, we had to pull the hose carriages to the nearest plug in the area of the fire.

The old fire hall was like a clubhouse. We used to spend hours there, and folks never complained because they were always sure someone was on hand in case a fire broke out in town.

AND THIS YEAR when he makes his mental trip, he'll be sure to walk across the Pine Street bridge to see the Black Diamond, pride of the railroad, pass through town. The walk was always a feature of the evening. Many were the times that groups walked the bridge before retiring for the night.

The Stroller will enjoy, if only in his mind, a visit to the old school house and then make certain that some time will be spent at the new high school which was built in 1911. That was a showpiece in those days, and many fond memories will be had just by walking past the building.

And there will be a visit to the cemetery on the hill where his grandfather, The Colonel, held forth each Memorial Day to pay tribute to the departed Civil War veterans.

It is a grand trip, mentally. Most of the old town is gone now, and possibly he wouldn't recognize it. But that holiday mental trip is always one of the finest times of the year.

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 6:30 p.m. No Small Affair — A special presentation from Columbia Pictures.
 7 p.m. Northville Breaks — Instructor Jim Hicks teaches Northville children to Moon Walk and Top Rock.
 7:30 p.m. The Oasis — Christmas special featuring German Fairy Tale Theater, Coneman, Answer Man. Special guests video by the Polish Muslims performing "Bowling USA."
 8 p.m. The Food Chain — How to deal with false promises and nutrition misinformation.

8:30 p.m. Plymouth BPW Presents — Irwin Ganson of Brown-street Group on "Financial Planning."
 9:30 p.m. Single Touch — J.P. McCarthy talks with single people.

FRIDAY (Dec. 21)

6 p.m. The Karate Kid — A special presentation from Columbia Pictures.
 6:40 p.m. Micki & Maude — Columbia Picture special presentation.
 7:15 p.m. The Karate Kid.
 8 p.m. The Community Sings — Residents and local service organizations sing Christmas Carols.
 8:30 p.m. Bits N Pieces — A Christmas special on decorations.
 9 p.m. People Helping People — A slide presentation from the Salvation Army about how they help people in need.

9:15 p.m. Decorating in Kellogg Park — Plymouth Newcomers decorate Kellogg Park and return the following weekend to see Santa.
 9:30 p.m. Harlequin Highlights: "All the King's Men" — University of Detroit Harlequin Highlights production of "All the King's Men."

SATURDAY (Dec. 22)

6 p.m. Omnicom Game of the Week — Women's varsity basketball playoffs, Plymouth Salem High vs. Livonia Churchill.
 8 p.m. The Community Sings.
 8:30 p.m. Bits N Pieces.
 9 p.m. People Helping People.
 9:15 p.m. Decorating Kellogg Park.
 9:30 p.m. Harlequin Highlights: "All the King's Men."

CHANNEL 15

THURSDAY (Dec. 20)

1 p.m. Canton Update — Jim Poole brings you up-to-date on Canton activities.
 1:30 p.m. Love Cuts — Lehmann College of Beauty Love Cuts for Charity. Donations from these haircuts go to the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank.
 1:45 p.m. Decorating Kellogg Park.

2 p.m. Shopper Comparison — Learn to shop wisely by checking out prices from four area stores.
 2:30 p.m. Come Craft With Me — Host Kay Micallef demonstrates holiday type decorations you can make at home.
 3 p.m. Live Call-In with Christeens Cable Talk — A live Christmas Card. Greetings from some Christian recording stars, music videos, and your chance to call in with a holiday greeting.
 4 p.m. JA Project Business Economics — Students do an exercise on the differences between socialistic, communistic, and capitalistic economic systems.
 5 p.m. Youth View — "A Very Special Baby," an original TV play by local seventh graders.
 5:30 p.m. Cosmos Quiz.
 6 p.m. Psychic Sciences — Demonstration of regression hypnosis.
 6:30 p.m. Hamtramck News In Review.
 7 p.m. Bits N Pieces.
 7:30 p.m. The Community Sings.
 8 p.m. Omnicom Game of the Week.

FRIDAY (Dec. 21)

1 p.m. Canton Tree Lighting — Lighting of tree for Christmas at Canton Township Hall.
 1:30 p.m. The Community Sings.
 2 p.m. Love Cuts.

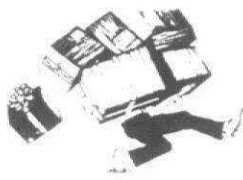
2:15 p.m. People Helping People.
 2:30 p.m. Bits N Pieces.
 3 p.m. Summit Lighthouse — A continuing religious series.
 4 p.m. Lifestyles — A talk show variety program.
 4:30 p.m. Hank Luks vs. Crime — Something new in crime prevention each week.
 5 p.m. Wayne County: A New Perspective — Wayne County Executive William Lucas reports.
 5:30 p.m. TNT True Adventure Trails — Uncle Ernie brings us good news each week.
 6 p.m. Yugoslavian Variety Hour — Yugoslav residents in Hamtramck present this weekly show about their lifestyle.
 7 p.m. Sound Trax — Professional music productions by area groups.
 8 p.m. Words of Hope — A continuing religious series.
 8:30 p.m. Divine Plan — A weekly Bible study program.
 9 p.m. Health Talks — A variety of topics covered each week.
 9:30 p.m. This Is The Life — Lutheran religious program series.

SATURDAY (Dec. 22)

1 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous — The AA takes a look at the use and abuse of alcohol.
 1:30 p.m. VFW Drug & Substance Abuse — Northville VFW hosts the

Michigan State Police to discuss drug abuse.
 2:30 p.m. Straight Facts About Blood Pressure — A presentation in Canton Oakwood Hospital about what high blood pressure is, how to control it, diet, exercise, and medication.
 3:35 p.m. Menopause: A Positive Experience — A doctor who is a specialist on menopause hosts others who have worked in this field of study.
 4:30 p.m. Broken Promise — Focus Hope talks about the elderly in the community and how they try to help them cope with problems of society.
 5 p.m. P.M.S. And You — Women who have suffered with Premenstrual Syndrome discuss their experiences.
 5:30 p.m. Life Is Worthy Living No Matter What — A person who has a chronic illness discusses how she feels life is worth living because of hte miracle in her life.
 6 p.m. Let's Learn to be Safe — A special presentation to the Girl Scouts about safety by Carl Berry, Plymouth Township Police Chief.
 6:15 p.m. Nurse Midwifery — A sound approach to childbirth, a presentation from Hutzel Hospital.
 6:30 p.m. Water Babies — Mothers and tots swimming with the YMCA.

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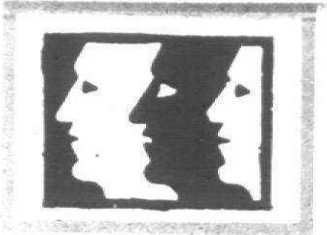
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Ellie Graham

Will Catt's new hat — a Christmas story

BEFORE I BEGIN, you must understand that your great-grandfather was not a juvenile delinquent. He may have been known as a "ring leader," but the term "juvenile delinquent" had not been coined.

IT WAS AN uncomplicated age. Everyone knew everyone else in the small, turn-of-the-century town and the farm families in the surrounding countryside. It wasn't just a matter of attaching a name to a face, it was knowing all about each and every person in a family — their foibles, their parents' foibles and their grandparents' foibles. There were strata in the society, but not a caste system. The bank manager was at the top of the heap, followed by professional people like lawyers and doctors. In great-grandfather's town the bank manager and the professionals were not native born, so there was a lack of familiarity with their antecedents that set them apart.

They had to stand on their own merits and the people suspended judgment to see if they would "fit."

THIS TALE concerns the bank manager who did not fit. After months of observation, the people made the decision.

Traditionally, the bank manager was the best-dressed man in town. This bank manager was a regular fashion plate — but in his case it was resented. There were murmurs among the people that he was "pompous" and "put on airs." It got so even the kindest of souls had difficulty in finding some redeeming feature in the man.



One day the bank manager returned from an autumn vacation in the city with a new hat. It was a stovepipe hat — the most magnificent hat anyone in town had ever seen. And as the bank manager walked to his office, or to the hotel for lunch, he tipped the hat, in grand style, to the ladies he met.

THE HAT became a source of irritation to many of the townspeople, especially the men.

Grandfather, who must have been in his late teens at the time, was something of an activist.

His cohorts' anticipation of the first snowfall and an opportunity to take a crack at the stovepipe hat was not subtle enough for him. The bank manager deserved a lesson in humility.

Grandfather consulted with the town's tailor and the clothier. They agreed to do some research and find out where the bank manager purchased his hat and what it cost.

At the same time, he started a sort of underground collection. And although money was scarce, the fund grew.

GRANDFATHER'S plot was social in nature and it involved the bank manager's self-esteem. If he was the undisputed cream of society, he certainly considered townsman Will Catt the skim milk.

He ignored, completely, Will's cheerful greetings of "Good morning" and "Good afternoon." His attitude was clear, Will did not rate his notice.

Will was an amiable and well-liked fixture to the townspeople. They all knew about the childhood illness and accompanying high temperatures that resulted in his "being a little slow." No one harassed or made fun of Will. He was a part of the community family.

They had respect and affection for him and his widowed mother and the whole town sort of looked out for them year 'round, and especially at Christmas.

IT WAS DECEMBER before the source of the hat was tracked down.

Sizable donations by unnamed businessmen brought the hat fund to the necessary amount. Grandfather stopped in to visit Will and his mother and, incidentally, to discover Will's head size.

The special order was taken to the post office and mailed with the notation, "Rush, in time for Christmas!"

The suspense and excitement built up as the insiders watched the calendar and visited the post office each day. The word had spread that a grand plan was afoot.

It was worth the wait — and the money.

WILL GOT HIS new hat for Christmas and he loved it.

Every shopkeeper in town, every pool hall hanger-on was keeping an eye out for the first meeting of Will and the bank manager in their identical hats.

It was everything they anticipated. Will wore his hat for years. The townspeople never again saw the bank manager wear his.

No, I can't describe the hat. I never saw it. But I must have heard the story a hundred times. Your great-grandfather and his cronies still were reminiscing and chuckling about it when they were in their 70s.

You don't think it's a very "Christmassy" story? Perhaps it isn't. But it concerns humility and it doesn't harm any of us to be a little humble — or humbled — especially at Christmastime.



PCAC members never are bored

By Elinor Graham
staff writer

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is looking for new members. Ask a dozen arts council volunteers what their membership involves and 12 different answers could be forthcoming. For some, it is an hour or so of their time each year. For others, it becomes a hobby — a way of life.

Between those extremes are hundreds of PCAC members who enjoy their contacts in the non-profit organization and being a part of its contributions to life in the community.

Major community projects are the art rental gallery, craft classes for children and adults, humanities for adults, the newsletter and the annual artists and craftsmen show during the Plymouth Fall Festival. On alternate years, there is the big musical revue, the follies. And for new and longtime residents there is the resource file. The council maintains a list of teachers of the arts to assist in furthering private study in music, painting, dance, and so on.

The artists and craftsmen show and the follies are the main fund-raisers, the means of supporting scholarships and programs in the schools.

THE MAIN THRUST of the art council's programs has been in the schools.

Students from kindergarten through 12th grade are exposed to music and art forms, usually reserved for private school curriculums. The average public school cannot afford the extras provided by the PCAC.

The Art Ladies take reproductions of fine works of art and sculpture into the classrooms of the elementary schools. They lead discussions about the art works, the artists and then leave them at the schools for one month. After living with the paintings or the pieces of sculpture, the children acquire a feeling for the works. Canton and Plymouth youngsters, who never have been inside a museum, have experienced a touch of culture.

Arts council volunteers serve as Art Ladies and as Music Ladies, another program geared to elementary school children.

THE PCAC also offers a timetable of amateur and professional performing arts groups. Music, dance, drama, puppet shows and story tellers, individuals or groups come to the schools. Teachers set the performance times and the arts council subsidizes the costs.

Middle school school galleries have a different exhibit each month. Each picture is accompanied by written materials. The volunteers plan, rotate and maintain the exhibits.

A committee of arts council volunteers helps in the selection of Student Fine Arts Awards, Isbister Collection, Joanne Winkelman Hulce Award, Jeanet Allison Memorial Scholarship Award and the Margaret Wilson Performing Arts award.

TWENTY-FIVE percent of the council's budget goes to teacher aid grants. Teachers submit applications, outlining plans for a special projects requiring extra funding.

This year, \$6,000 has been designated for teacher grants. Middle school choruses will receive \$500 for music. Plymouth Christian Academy will

receive money for a play, Allen Elementary for a traveling troupe, a sixth grade class for a Shakespearean production.

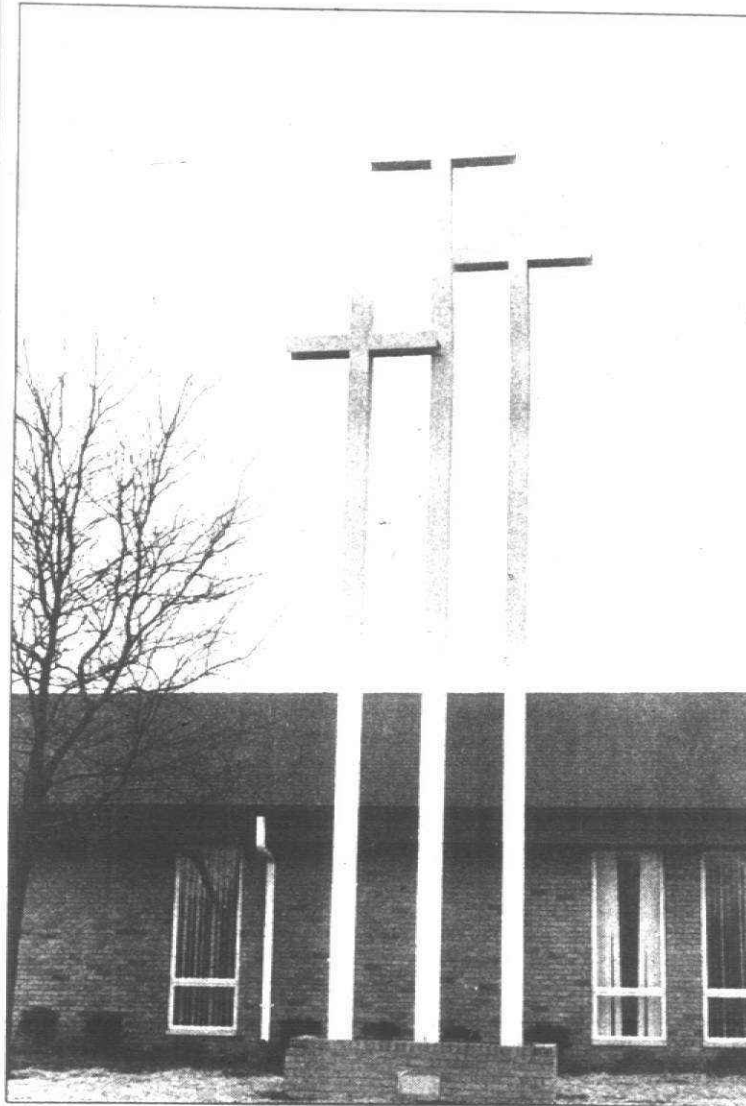
Since its beginnings in 1970, the arts council has expanded its services to the community.

New members will have an opportunity to get into the glamour of show business, for this is the year of the follies. "Footlights and Foolishness" will play Feb. 8 and 9 in Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. The community is invited to Meet the Director Night at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in Pioneer Middle School.

Arts council members have a wide selection when it comes to volunteering. The PCAC can add new cultural and social dimensions to new a resident's life in the community.

Memberships are in three categories: Acting, participation on an ongoing basis; supporting, a contribution of \$5; and Sustaining, a contribution of \$25.

For more information call the arts council office, 455-5260, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday.



Beacons in place again

Last July, it was announced that the Lutheran Church of Epiphany of Northville would merge with its down-the-road neighbor Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia.

Official consolidation was observed at special ceremonies on Aug. 2. All that was left to do was to move the three 40-foot-high crosses that had served as a landmark at Epiphany since the church's inception over a decade ago. That move came recently and now the giant white crosses (above) tower over Holy Trinity at 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

In the photo below, Holy Trinity as-

sociate pastor James Spilos (left), mission committee member Lynn Pierce and Pastor Robert Seltz look at a plaque similar to one which will be placed in the brick planter surrounding the crosses commemorating the merger. Pierce, a member of Epiphany, coordinated the move of the crosses and also was a member of the committee that worked on the merger and assisted in the transition period.

Funds to move the crosses came from the sale of Epiphany to another denomination. Lighted at night, the crosses once again serve as beacons for motorists traveling on Five Mile Road.



Nail down glamour for holidays

By Richard Lech
staff writer

SOME WOMEN will have the Christmas spirit at their fingertips throughout the holiday season.

They'll keep the yuletide feeling on hand with little Christmas pictures, hand painted on their fingernails.

They might start with a thumbnail

sketch of Santa Claus, followed perhaps by a Christmas stocking on the forefinger, a snowman on the middle finger, a wreath on the ring finger, and an elf on the pinky.

Such holiday designs are an example of how fingernail decorators are turning nails into little "canvases" for their increasingly popular form of decorative art.

THE WIDE RANGE of nail art was on display at a recent exhibition and competition at the IBA State College of Beauty campus in Wayne. Forty-five contestants from the school's various campuses displayed more than 400 false nail tips decorated with wit, imagination and acrylic paint.

Cartoon character Betty Boop "boop, boop-a-dooped" across one set of nails.

On another, lions, tigers and other wild animals stared warily outward. Another featured flappers and their male counterparts from the Roaring '20s — complete with real plumes jutting out from the women's fancy hats.

"Some of them you really wouldn't wear" — at least on all 10 fingers, conceded Mary DeHayes, the college's director of education. A handful of plumed flappers, for instance, could make using that hand an adventure in itself.

STILL, more and more women seem to be taking to the idea that decorating their nails can mean more than just dabbing on the polish.

And to meet the demand, a whole corps of nail-painting experts is springing up.

"A lot of students are coming in to be trained as nail technicians rather than cosmetologists," DeHayes said.

The decorations take all forms, including abstract designs. In one popular style, costume jewelry is glued to the nail to form a colorful pattern.

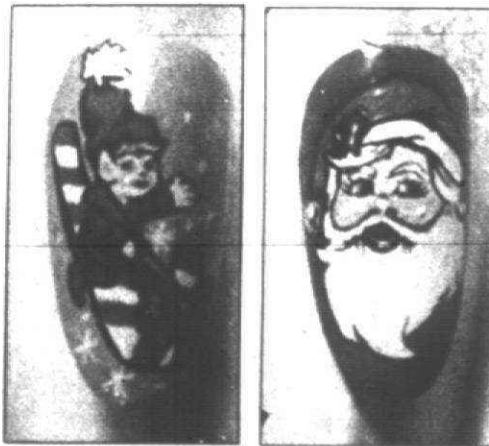
"The ones with jewels are almost as decorative as jewelry," DeHayes said. "They are becoming almost like a piece of jewelry."

THE NAIL artist hand paints the picture or pattern in acrylic paint. The design can be made on the woman's real fingernail, if it is long enough, on a sculptured nail that has been built up with acrylics and powder, or on a nail cap that can be glued over the real nail.

The full, sculptured-nail process takes anywhere from two to three hours, depending upon the intricacy of the design.

The design must be touched up at least once a month to eliminate the gap caused by the growing nail and to make any necessary repairs.

The school charges \$20 for a set of sculptured nails, \$10 for a set of painted plastic tips that glue on, and from \$1 to \$5 for a single painted nail.



ART EMANUELE
staff photographer

Charge is \$20 for a set of sculptured nails, \$10 for painted glue-on plastic, and from \$1 to \$5 for a single painted nail.



Wed 50 years
Mr. and Mrs. James Gothard of Burroughs Street, Plymouth marked their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 19. Irma and James Gothard celebrated their golden anniversary in November at a reception at Lehighs. More than 150 guests — friends and family — attended the party. The Gothards have seven children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Deadline set for Civitans essay contest
Entries for the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club's annual citizenship essay contest will be accepted until March 15. This year's topic is "To What Extent Have Orwell's Predictions in his Book, '1984,' Come True?"
All high school sophomores, juniors and seniors in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District are eligible to compete. The first-place award is \$100 with \$50 for second place and \$25 for third. The time period for competition has been extended this year by approximately two months in order to overlap both first and second semesters. The change will enable students who have one-semester English and/or writing skills courses to more easily obtain suggestions, directions or encouragement from their teachers.
AMONG THE benefits derived from student competition are: an increased awareness and appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; the opportunity to develop a topic theme or thesis and present it in a clear, concise manner; stimulation of creativity in thought and expression; and improvement or refinement of basic writing skills, including grammar.
Contest information is available in the general offices of Plymouth Canton and Salem high schools or candidates may call Joe Henshaw, essay contest chairman, Plymouth Canton High School, Ext. 321, or 453-7569.

American Legion Post wins national awards
Passage-Gayde Post, the American Legion, received seven trophies and citations for its 1984 programs. Post Commander Roger Cloutier announced the state and national awards after the December meeting of the 17th District American Legion.
The post was named best in Michigan in three categories — best community service program, best post services in prevention of delinquency and best children and youth participation in relation to post size.
The three national citations were: National Certificate of Meritorious Service for outstanding Americanism program; National Americanism Citation, most outstanding service to community; and National Certificate of Meritorious Service for most outstanding children and youth program.
From now on, Angela will be older than her mother. Boy, that's tough on the mind. Who does the dishes?
All kidding aside, thanks so much, Priscilla, for sharing that with us. It really is a once-in-a-lifetime thing and a nice "believe it or not" item for the Chatter column.
UPDATE — This comes to us from the Canton Newcomers, and the update is on that auction they had Dec. 5 to benefit Hospice.
Once again it was a success. Not as much was raised as they had hoped, but they have more than they had before the auction. Most fund raisers are having a slow time of it lately. But Hospice is very pleased and happy to accept the \$624 the Newcomers earned through generous donations from the community and the excellent auctioneering done by Penny Luddecke and Louise Robinson.
That doesn't even begin to thank committee members who helped in so many other ways. But it was all for one

McMullen-Cummins
Kenneth and Norma McMullen of Caster, Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jane, to Michael Anthony Cummins, son of Hugh and Marilyn Cummins of Stacy Drive, Canton Township. The bride-elect graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1982. She attended Olivet Nazarene College. She is employed as a medical assistant in Westland. Her fiancé graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1978 and is employed by City Transfer Co. They are planning a June wedding in Good Hope Lutheran Church.



new voices
Charles and Janice Reissenweber of Palmer Street, Plymouth announce the birth of their son, Evan Charles Reissenweber, Dec. 1 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. They also have a daughter, Lisa.
Grandparents are James Humphries, Anne Humphries, and Mr. and Mrs. John Reissenweber.

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Birthdays and farewell Sesquicentennial

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Angela, happy birthday to you.
Yes, Angela Fountain turns 10 years old Saturday and we want to take time out to wish her the best on this very special day. I know, lots of you have birthdays, and your children have birthdays. As a matter of fact, we are about to celebrate a very special birthday on the 25th, so why fuss over Angela's 10th?

Canton chatter
Sandy Preblich 981-6354

and one for all and Hospice is very grateful. Another fine job, Newcomers!
NEW BUSINESS — also on the Newcomers. We have great news about their upcoming meeting Jan. 9, which should prove to be exciting for three lucky ladies attending that evening. For it is that night that they have scheduled a beauty makeover demonstration and three lucky ladies will be picked from the audience that evening to come one, come early. You could be one of the lucky "chosen ones" for a brand new look in the new year.
Remember the Newcomers meet at Faith Community Church on the south side of Warren, just west of Canton Center. There is no charge to come to the meeting and you could get that beauty makeover. For information call Penny at 397-1458 or Sharleen at 981-3844 and good luck!
BY THE WAY, a short but heartfelt congratulations to all the band members of Pioneer Middle School Band and Beginning Band. Their concert was last Thursday. I had the pleasure of seeing my daughter, Tammie, turn in what can be called no less than a brilliant performance in the sax section of the beginning band. Actually, most mothers call it brilliant. The sound she made on the saxophone back in September has been likened to a moose with an ailment. However, under the careful eye of Dale Baer, my daughter actually played Christmas music, a transformation that never fails to amaze me.
Thank you, Mr. Baer, and the school system for allowing my children to have this opportunity. I'd also like to mention the beautiful tenor voice of Gary Temple, another teacher at Pio-

neer Middle School, who very graciously performed for us with the Symphony Band. He sang the children's prayer from "Hansel and Gretel" and it was lovely. Thank you, Mr. Temple.
SPEAKING OF Happy Birthdays, I can't forget my son, Alan. Al will be 15 Friday, and it's a very hard time of year to get any attention for your birthday. People tend to resent having to purchase a Christmas present for you since they have to give you your gift a week early — for your birthday that they forgot! He will be accepting gifts all day Friday and will go into over-time if need be. What a great kid! Happy birthday, Al, and many more. Love, Mom.

THE LAST DANCE is done and the Sesquicentennial is over. All gone.
All we have left to do is total, tally, count and then place the marker over the time capsule and we're all set. The ball was a ball, and everyone had a wonderful time. There was enough food to feed an army. The Senior Kitchen Band got things rolling early and the crowd stayed till 1:30 a.m. A few of the regulars couldn't make it due to conflicts with company parties or other holiday obligations. But for those die-hards that can't be stopped, it was well worth the time spent to get on there and party.
For those of you who missed it, the beautiful hand-woven basket, made and donated by Carol Quinn, was won by Claude Truedell.
But, alas, all the prizes have been awarded, the food has been eaten, and the band has stopped playing. I guess that means the party is definitely over. I hope that even though we don't have a Sesquicentennial this coming year, it

doesn't mean we can't have a party. I think we should have some sort of gathering that everybody is invited to, without being a member of a committee, club or political group. I think it's a great way to get together and get to know one another.
Now whom could we get to head such a committee? Hmm, it may take until the Bicentennial to find a chairman! I leave the question to you. Any ideas?
WELL, THAT'S IT. Remember to catch the ashes in the fireplace so you can have fires non-stop for a few days. Start making ice cubes now and put them in plastic bags in the freezer. Pick up some boxes of writing paper, just in case you forgot somebody for Christmas. And, oh yes, make sure you have extra guest towels — you know how fast they go over the holiday. Paper towels just are not acceptable in the bath, and kitchen towels give themselves away everytime. They are soooo tacky.
I wish the best for you and yours. I wish I could get commercialism out of the holiday for everyone, but then we'd be faced with just our children for the whole day. Think about it. Scary, isn't it?
Seriously, though, I do wish the best for everyone. I hope you enjoy each other as much as anything. By 6 p.m. on the 24th, stop. Just make that your time limit. If it isn't done by then, forget it. You've got to slow down or you won't be worth being with on Christmas Day.
Good luck and have a great day.

Merry Christmas and thanks for reading the Chatter.



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STAMP CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

West Suburban Stamp Club will have its annual Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at Central Middle School, Main and Church, Plymouth. Everyone is asked to provide a main dish, salad or dessert. The club will furnish the ham, beverages and other items such as silverware. Juniors are reminded to take along a \$3 gift to exchange.

PLYMOUTH CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The association is planning several classes beginning in January. For more information, call 459-7477.

new voices

Arthur and Paula Durov of Inbrook Drive, Plymouth Township, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Jeffrey Ross Durov, Nov. 26 in Grace Hospital Northwest, Detroit. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ross Jr. of Lincoln Park and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Durov Sr. of Stephenson. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ross Sr. of Riverview and Mance Hale of McMinnville, Tenn.

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Information or to register, call 459-7477. Seven-week Lamaze series begins at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5 in the Westland Community Center and at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9 in St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton Township. Lamaze orientation class, an introduction to the Lamaze birth technique with a birth film, will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There is a \$1 charge at the door. Six-week prenatal exercise class begins Friday, Jan. 9 at Newburg Methodist Church. Classes are physician-approved and consist of non-aerobic exercises for toning and strengthening. Two-week course on newborn care for expectant couples begins Thursday, Jan. 15 in Geneva United Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton Township. Class gives information care and development of the newborn from birth through three months.

PLYMOUTH SENIOR ELKS TOUR

Plymouth Senior Active Elks are planning a trip — four days and three nights in Las Vegas, Jan. 24-27. Round-trip air fare from Detroit, transportation to and from Stardust Hotel, all baggage handling and taxes, discount auto rental and fun books. Full payment due by Dec. 24. For information, call Ray Lampron, 981-6060, or DeLores at Berkeley Tours in Southfield, 559-8620.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Early reservations are suggested for the Plymouth Township Senior Club New Year's party, at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at the Friendship Station. Hearty buffet dinner with organ music and songs for entertainment costs members \$2. For more information, call 420-2948 or 420-3321.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The 15th District Republican Women meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. For more information, call Vivian, 525-8468.

PLYMOUTH LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plymouth Lions Club annual Christmas Party Ladies Night will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, in the Mayflower Meeting House. Social hour is 5-7 p.m., dinner 7-8, and dancing 8 until midnight. Members are reminded to take along two or three items for the Penrickton Center food collection.

LAMAZE SERIES

A seven-week Lamaze series begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, in Geneva United Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton Township. For information and to register, call 459-7477.

EATING DISORDERS SELF-HELP GROUP

Group meets Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Gabriel Richard Center, 5001 Evergreen, Dearborn. There is no charge. For information, call Margaret Flannery, 593-5430, or Nancy Swaborg, 271-6000.

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Plymouth Community Chorus new cookbook, "All Our Best," is available at Plymouth Book World and from chorus members. Price is \$7.95.

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Arts Council's art rental gallery on the second floor of Dunning Hough Library has reopened. It is staffed during library hours every Wednesday.

CANTON COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA

Flotilla 11-11, chartered in May, invites new members to attend its meetings at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Canton Fire Department Station, Cherry Hill at Canton Center. Anyone wishing information about the organization may call Eugene Olson, commander, 455-8527.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call Bruce Davis, 455-6418, for details.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will serve pancake breakfasts the first Sunday of each month at the Post home, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Menu includes pancakes, sausages, eggs, french toast, milk, orange juice and coffee.

Salem High School Orchestra Room, Joy Road west of Canton Center. Youth are sponsored by Plymouth Youth Symphony. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 5 and under. Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please turn to Page 5

Woman's Club offers financial support

The Woman's Club of Plymouth Civic Center is accepting applications for funding in January. Organizations in the community may submit written requests to Civic Committee, Woman's Club of Plymouth, PO Box 670, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Group should state need and use of donation.

Dunning Hough Library, Plymouth Historical Museum, Opportunity House, Plymouth Family Service, Plymouth Symphony Society, the Youth Symphony and the Plymouth Community Chorus are but a few of the galleries given financial assistance in recent years. Members of the club give their time and talents to the community in addition to funding local groups. A major portion of the club's budget goes to its scholarship program. For more information about application for funding, call Fran Lang, civic committee chairwoman, before Jan. 20.

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clubs in action

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TOPS MEETING TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Central Middle School, Main Street at Church, Plymouth. Ideas on weight reduction are discussed. For information, call 453-4756 or 455-1583.

CANTON BPW Canton Business and Professional Women meet the second Monday of each month at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road, cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30, and program at 7:30. Dinner charge is \$7.50 per person. Call Noel Bittinger, 459-6000 or 981-1067, for information.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS St. John Neumann Modern Mature Adult Club (MMAC) meets at the church, Warren west of Sheldon, Canton Township, at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month and at 1 p.m. the third Thursday. New members, couples or singles are welcome. For information, call Betty Gruchala, president, 459-4091.

TOUGH LOVE Self-help program for parents troubled by teen-age behavior meets at 7 p.m. each Monday in a new location, Faith Community Church, Warren Road near Canton Center.

HEART ASSOCIATION NEEDS VOLUNTEER NURSES The American Heart Association of Michigan needs volunteer nurses for its free blood-pressure detection clinics between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. The

clinics are in the Whitman Center, 32235 W. Chicago, Livonia, between Farmington and Merriman Counseling on diet and medication is provided. Volunteers are asked to call 425-2333 Monday-Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For American Heart Association information, call 457-9500.

MOVING AHEAD WISER Newly widowed people meet Thursdays at Newman House, 17300 Haggerty, Livonia. Group is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College. For information, call 591-6400, Ext. 430.

CREDITORS Creditors' older persons' club sponsored by the Community Federal Credit Union, meets Tuesdays at the Elks Lodge, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road. Lunch is at 11 a.m. with cards and crafts at noon. Activities include picnics, dinners, parties and trips. Coffee and doughnuts are served Tuesday afternoons. There is a monthly newsletter. Membership is \$1 a year and is open to people 55 and older who are members of the credit union. For more information, call Kay Dreyer, 455-1200.

CIVITAN CLUB The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month for a dinner meeting at Hillside Inn. Men and women are invited to learn about Civitans — a group of neighbors, business associates and friends — all volunteers interested in programs and projects based on the needs of the community. Call 453-2206 for more information.

MOTOR CITY SPEAKEASY TOASTMASTERS Motor City Speakeasy Club meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Mayflower Hotel, Plymouth. Members learn to speak effectively, build self-confidence and become better listeners. For more information, call Jim Rollinger, 422-7385.

ORAL MAJORITY TOASTMASTERS The Oral Majority Toastmasters Club of Plymouth invites visitors to see how the club enables members to speak up and move ahead, whatever their oc-

cupations. The club meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Denny's restaurant, Ann Arbor Road at I-275. For information, call Phyllis K. Sullivan, 455-1655.

EPILEPSY GROUP Epilepsy Support Program, a self-help group, meets 7:30 p.m. in all Saints Lutheran Church, Newburgh at Joy, Livonia, on the first and third Thursday of each month for two hours.

MAYFLOWER-LT. GAMBLE POST VFW Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the post home, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. New members are welcome. For information, call the post, 459-6700.

AMERICAN LEGION The Passage-Gayde Post of the American Legion meets 1 p.m. the first Sunday of each month in the Veterans Memorial Building, 173 N. Main, Plymouth. New members are welcome. Call Don Hartley at 459-2914 for information.

CANTON ROTARY Canton Rotary Club meets at noon Monday in the Roman Forum on Ford Road between Haggerty and Lilley. Lunch is \$5. For information, call Richard Thomas, 453-9191.

FRIENDSHIP STATION The Plymouth Township Senior Citizens Club, a group of Plymouth Township 55 and older, meets noon to 3 p.m. Fridays at the Friendship Station for cards or crafts and 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays for pinocle. They also have a pool table for members' use. New members from the township or city are welcome. For information, call Irving Milligan, president, 420-2948 or 420-3321.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY Self-help group for alcoholic women meets 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Newman House, Schoolcraft College campus, Haggerty at Seven-Mile, Livonia. A hot line, 427-9460, is in operation 24 hours a day.

MOONDUSTERS Moonusters, a 40-and-older singles dance group, meets 9 p.m. Saturdays at the Activities Center, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. Admission is \$3.50. Live bands and free refreshments. There is a dress code for men and women.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY The Canton Historical Society meets the second Thursday of each month at the museum, Canton Center at Proctor, Canton. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For information about the society or the museum, call Dorothy West, 495-0744.

FISH OF PLYMOUTH/CANTON, an organization serving residents, is seeking volunteers. Opportunities to serve include transportation, typing, baby-sitting and telephone calling. Call 453-1110 for information.

How to submit news items to newspaper

News of clubs, service organizations, engagements, weddings and wedding anniversaries are printed without cost in the Suburban Life Section of the Plymouth Observer and Canton Observer newspapers. News items may be dropped off or mailed to the office at 489 S. Main St., Plymouth 48170. Special forms are available for club news, engagements, weddings and 50th wedding anniversary announcements. Black and white pictures are preferred as they reproduce more clearly than color photos. A self-addressed, stamped envelope assures return of the pictures, or they can be picked up at the office a week after they have been published. Mail should be addressed to the attention of Elinor Graham, Suburban Life Editor. Activities of more major scope than regular club meetings may warrant more extensive coverage and a photograph. Call the newspaper, 459-2700, well in advance of the event to permit scheduling a photograph. Breaking news stories (and we appreciate telephone calls on these things) like fires, accidents, etc., receive on-the-spot coverage. Other events, planned in advance, should be announced a week or so before the actual date.

new voices

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Beck of Brighton announce the birth of their son, Aaron Robert Beck, Nov. 30 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. They have a daughter, Marta. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. Howard Beck and Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Tripp, all of Plymouth.

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Partying preschoolers

A number of preschoolers from Canton and Plymouth recently enjoyed a visit from Santa, entertainment from local Girl Scouts, plus other highlights of the annual Christmas Party of the Infant-Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP) at Farrand Elementary School of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Shown with Santa is Patrick Kajawski. Among the members of Girl Scout Troop 2809 entertaining are: (from left) Christie Auchincloss, Heather Tarrow, Tammy Bellanger, Jodi Bulkema and Cady Tarrow. Major sponsors of the party were the We-Tel Pioneers of Western Electric Co. and Mark Chevrolet. IPSEP works with children who have special educational needs to help them develop to his or her maximum capabilities. The program provides services for children from birth to six years of age who may be speech and language impaired, developmentally delayed, mentally or emotionally impaired, physically or otherwise health impaired, have a vision or hearing problem, or be learning disabled. IPSEP, which started in 1975, is housed at Farrand School. The components of the program are the classroom, home program, individual therapy, and an infant/toddler group. Services are provided by a classroom teacher, teacher consultant, speech and language pathologist, physical and occupational therapists, a nurse, psychologist, and social worker.



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Dan Dobbins, a Taylor insurance agency manager and representative to the electoral college from the 15th Congressional District, writes his ballots by hand.



It was the thrill of a lifetime for Henry Dodge (right), an immigrant from Austria, to cast one of the nation's 538 official Electoral College votes for Reagan and Bush.



Alan L. May, 18th District Republican chairman from Bloomfield Hills, takes the oath of office as a presidential elector. The oath includes a promise to vote for Reagan and Bush.



Electoral College is thrill for the voters

By Kathy Parrish
staff writer

THEY WORKED extra hard to get out votes for Ronald Reagan and George Bush. As a reward, 20 Michigan residents got to vote twice for their favorite candidates. Meeting Monday in the state Senate chamber in Lansing, the dedicated Republican volunteers met to cast the final ballots assuring Reagan's re-election.

'Millions of dollars are spent to elect candidates, and their fate is in the hands of 20 people.'

—Alan May
college elector

It was a quiet, solemn ceremony with no media hoopla, but an event Electoral College members won't soon forget.

"IT'S QUITE something for an immigrant boy to become a presidential elector," sighed Henry Dodge, an Austrian-born Detroit resident who represented the 17th Congressional District, which includes bordering Oakland and Wayne County suburbs.

"It's one of the things I really wanted to do in my lifetime."

"It's a rare privilege, a once in a lifetime event," said Peg Rapson of Leslie, swiveling contentedly in an

oversize leather chair usually reserved for a senator.

For Beulah resident Inez Zaring, the experience ranked just behind marriage and giving birth. "I'm excited as a child," said the history buff, who was Benzie County's Reagan-Bush chairman.

"It's a thrill to vote for the president again — he's so super."

EXCITEDLY GATHERING in the State Capitol Building with family members and friends, the presidential electors were congratulated on being their party's choice for the national honor.

Nationally, there are 538 electors. In Michigan, the political parties chose electors at their state conventions, but only the winning party gets to show up when it's time to cast the state's votes for president and vice president. Because Reagan carried the state, all 20 of Michigan's votes went for him and his vice president.

While in some states electors may vote their conscience, in Michigan they are legally bound to vote only for the winning candidates.

"It's a role that doesn't receive much attention from the media but ultimately elects the president," said Spencer E. Abraham, state Republican Party chairman.

"Those of us who are active certainly know how critical this role is. I'd like to congratulate you."

Outlining the procedures, state elections director Chris Thomas also applauded them. "Contrary to what the news media and everyone said, the election isn't over until you people take care of business today."

MEETING FOR an hour in the Senate chamber, the presidential electors nominated and voted for president and vice president.

Then they signed certificates which were sent by registered mail to the president of the United States Senate, Chief Judge Wendell Miles of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Michigan Secretary of State Richard Austin, and the Gen-

eral Services Administration.

It's a "fail safe" system that assures votes from all states will be counted at noon Jan. 7 in Washington, D.C., explained Thomas.

PLAYING AN important role in the proceedings was Livonia resident Michael Legg. An attorney in Birmingham, the chairman of the 2nd Congressional District was unani-

mously elected Electoral College chairman.

"I've been a longtime supporter of the Electoral College," explained Legg, 32.

"On top of the mere tradition, it assures we always have a majority president. I think the idea of winner-take-all by state is a meaningful cornerstone in our process."

Even Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths, a

Democrat who opened the session, said she really enjoyed playing a part in it.

"I've never attended an Electoral College. I enjoyed it and wish you well," she said, handing the gavel to Legg.

Electors took their oaths of office from state Supreme Court Justice James L. Ryan of Redford.

WHATEVER THEIR role in the ceremony, being an elector was excitement enough for those on hand.

Bloomfield Hills resident Alan May, active in the Republican Party since he was 6 years old, was pleased to be part of the proceedings. Author of an unpublished novel about political skulduggery in the Electoral College, the attorney sees the almost invisible body as an "anachronism."

"Millions of dollars are spent to elect candidates, and their fate is in the hands of 20 people," said May, 42. He chairs the Republican Party's 18th District which includes Birmingham-Bloomfield, Farmington, Rochester, and most of Troy.

Taylor insurance agent Dan Dobbins was chosen to nominate Reagan fund-raiser Paul Gadola of Flint as honorary chairman of the Electoral College. Dobbins, 32, admitted to "butterflies" in his stomach at the prospect.

"I just thought this would be a nice way to cap off the campaign," explained Dobbins. He was chairman of the Reagan-Bush effort in the 15th District in southern Livonia, Garden City, Westland, Canton Township, and Ypsilanti.



Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths and Birmingham attorney Michael Legg confer about the order of business. Griffiths, a Democrat, opened the electoral college session and handed the gavel to Legg, a Livonia resident and chairman of the 2nd Congressional District Republican Party. Legg was unanimously elected Electoral College chairman.

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'Defense may be Mummert's specialty. In addition to her 81 steals this season, she forced 57 other turnovers with her menacing defensive play.'



'The difference in Mary this year, I thought, was that in the close games, she wanted the ball. She was ready to take it to the basket for us.'



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Talent glut hits Observerland

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

FRED THOMANN was perusing the list of the three Observerland All-Area girls basketball teams he and the other area coaches had selected.

"Darn," he said, shaking his head, "there may be more talent in this area this year than in any other year."

The Plymouth Salem coach wasn't exaggerating a bit. There was a talent overload in the area this year. But, with such state-ranked powers as Farmington Hills Mercy, Livonia Ladywood and Salem in the area, how could

there not be?

In a way, though, this All-Area team represents the closing of an era in girls basketball. Three and four-year standouts such as Mary Rosowski and Annette Ruggiero from Mercy, Char Govan and Emily Wagner from Ladywood, Lisa Mummert from North Farmington, and Alyse Fortune from Farmington have all closed out their brilliant careers.

That's not to say, however, that because those players are graduating, the area will be devoid of talent in future years. Players like Mercy's Terri Ford, Salem's Dena Head, Ladywood's Sue Laliberte, Redford Union's Julie Marc-

hand, Livonia Franklin's Tracy Lectka and a slew of others will be back to carry on the tradition.

The level of play in girls basketball has increased dramatically the last five years and the seven players you are about to meet showcase the evolution of talent.

1984 ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Annette Ruggiero, Mercy, senior: On a team with this much talent, picking a captain or an MVP seems a bit superfluous — until you see Ruggiero play.

For three years, Ruggiero played

point guard and floor general for a Mercy team that captured every prize available to a high school team.

She was Mercy's coach on the floor, the one always under control in the pressure situations, the one who calmly sank a 17-footer at the buzzer to beat Murray-Wright in the regional final, the one who drained 13 of 14 free throws, including 6 straight in overtime to beat Salem in the quarterfinals; and, she was the one who drove herself to the brink of exhaustion, darting and weaving through the Benton Harbor press, in an attempt to avoid defeat in the semifinals.

"I don't think, with the possible ex-

ception of (River Rouge's) Franthea Price, that another individual played better than Annette throughout the state tournament," said Mercy coach Larry Baker. "This year, she was driven by her intense desire to succeed."

And, succeed she did. She averaged 9.8 points per game this year, but, more importantly for Mercy, she made 67 steals (2.7 per game) and 122 assists (5 per game). Her 299 career assists is a school record at Mercy.

She's the personification of a "money player".

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Canton's Joel Mies dishes off during the Chiefs' loss to Walled Lake Central Tuesday night.

Chiefs fall to Central

By Ken McDonald
special writer

Walled Lake Central made the trip south to the Plymouth area again Tuesday night and this time the voyage was much more enjoyable for coach Steve Emert's Vikings.

The Vikings sailed past host Plymouth Canton 54-46 in a Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) matchup. Four nights earlier the same Vikings lost to Plymouth Salem at Salem's gym by 11 points.

THE WATERS were not necessarily calm for Central along the journey. The Chiefs hung with the Vikings until midway through the fourth quarter before giving way.

"We didn't come to play mentally or physically," said Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner, whose team fell to 2-2, 1-1 in the WLAA. "When we don't play as hard or as smart as we can, we won't beat anybody."

The Chiefs needed some aggressive play to control Walled Lake Central's tandem of 6-foot-4 center Daran Edmonds and 6-3 forward Tom Cummings. But the two big men were too much for a short Canton squad, whose tallest player stands 6-1, to contain.

The Chiefs looked as though they would control the game from the start. A tough Canton defense forced the Vikings to take low-percentage shots and the Chiefs jumped out to a 9-4 lead.

BUT CANTON ran into a brick wall in the second

Farmington Harrison stunned Plymouth Salem Tuesday night. More boys basketball results on Page 3C.

quarter, failing to score a single point during a 5:06 span. The Vikings, meanwhile, were able to get the ball inside to Edmonds, who scored 7 second-quarter points, to take a 21-18 halftime edge.

The Vikings built up a 7-point advantage in the third quarter behind the hot hand of guard Chris Owens. Owens scored half of his 14 points in the stanza to help give the Vikings a 38-31 lead.

It was the Chiefs who caught fire early in the fourth quarter. Joel Mies scored 7 unanswered points to knot the game at 38 with 5:23 remaining. But the Chiefs could not control Cummings, who foiled any hopes of a Canton victory by scoring 9 points in the last four minutes of play.

Cummings finished with a game-high 21 points. Edmonds chipped in 11 for the Vikings (2-2 overall, 1-1 in the WLAA).

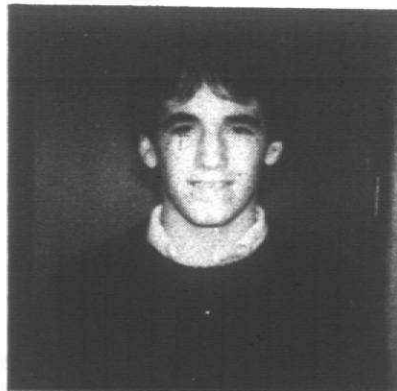
For the Chiefs it was Kevin Hawkins leading the way with 15 points. Mies added 13 while Jim Schlicker came off the bench and contributed 12.

Dick Scott

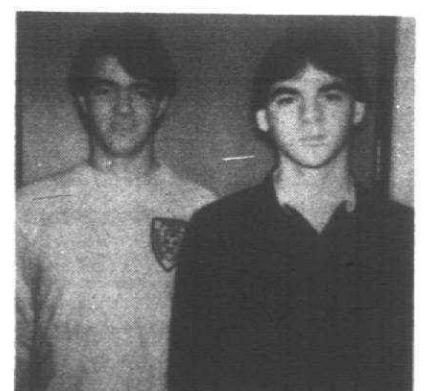
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A PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FLASHBACK

On October 4, 1963, with 3 conference games left to go, the Plymouth football team defeated Redford Union 26-7 to maintain 1st place in the Suburban Six League. Coach Mike Hoben's team was out in front early in the game due to superb offensive playing of fullback Dave Agnew. 4 interceptions by Plymouth hurt Redford Union. The closing touchdown came on a seven yard dash by the Rock's left halfback Roger Toby.

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Talent overload on cage team

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Char Govan, Ladywood, senior: If John Houseman were to describe Govan, he might do it this way: "Miss Govan achieved her goal of the old-fashioned way — she earned it."

Indeed, Govan, not blessed with an overabundance of natural ability, worked and worked and then worked some more on her game until, in her junior year, she became recognized as one of the state's premier players.

This season, she got even better. Her stats are impressive: 18.8 points, 10.4 rebounds, 3 steals and 1.5 assists per game in 1984, and she averaged 23.5 minutes per game. She shot 58 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free throw line.

But, the stats don't tell you about her unrelenting hustle, her uncanny ability to be around the ball at all times and to come up with seemingly every loose ball. The stats don't reflect her immense court sense nor her love of the game and desire to win.

A stocky-built, 5-foot-10 forward, Govan has deceiving quickness which wreaks havoc on opponents at both ends of the court. Her first step to the basket is so quick, referees too often mistake it for a violation.

Govan, in short, was a joy to watch play basketball.

Emily Wagner, Ladywood, senior: This multi-talented four-year standout is being touted by many as the favorite to win Miss Basketball honors this season.

The reasons are obvious: 15.3 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 2.5 steals per game are some of them. But, more importantly, Wagner does exactly what has to be done in order for Ladywood to win.

Her ballhandling skills and her knowledge of the game enable her to control the tempo of play. Her slick moves and fancy dribbling allow her to move in, out, around and through defenses at will. She is a terrific passer and a dead-eye shooter. As if that's not enough, she also plays solid and inspired defense.

Wagner, as impressive as she is on the court, is even more so off it. She carries a 4.0 grade point average and despite her success and subsequent publicity, is an unassuming, unpretentious and most personable young lady — really a class act.

Mary Rosowski, Mercy, senior: There are very few things this 6-0 center cannot do on a basketball court. She is as quick as most teams' guards. She is strong, she shoots well inside and on the perimeter, she's intelligent, aggressive and hard working.

That may help explain why she led Mercy in scoring (12.9 points), rebounding (9.1) and steals (4 per game) this season. She is second among Mercy's all-time leading scorers with 890 points. She is Mercy's all-time rebounding queen with 761 and she's Mercy's No. 1 thief with 272 career steals.

"The difference in Mary this year, I thought, was that in the close games, she wanted the ball. She was ready to take it to the basket for us. That's where I saw the most growth and maturity in her," Baker said.

Rosowski will take her skills and her studies to the University of Michigan next fall.

Terri Ford, Mercy, junior: When you talk about people with natural athletic ability on a basketball court, you can't help but mention Terri Ford. With her long, fluid strides and her sprinter's speed, she can get up and down the floor as fast as anyone. Plus, she has spectacular jumping ability.

But, natural athletes aren't always great basketball players. Ford, through extensive off-season training, became an outstanding "basketball player" this season.

"She really grew as a ballplayer," Baker said. "There were times this year, like in the first Ladywood game, when she gave us a glimpse of her potential. In that game, she played head and shoulders above some of the best players in the state."

On the year, Ford averaged 11.1 points, 5.7 rebounds, and 3 steals per game.

Indeed, defense may be Mummert's specialty. In addition to her 81 steals this season, she forced 57 other turnovers with her menacing defensive play.

Fred Thomann summed up Mummert best when he said, "She will never hurt you. She never makes the bag pass, she rarely forces up a bad shot. She is a good, solid point guard with very good basketball skills."

With continued hard work, Ford will be one of the state's elite players next year — perhaps good enough to give Frantessa Price or Flint Northwestern's Tonya Edwards a run for Miss Basketball.

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Hawk free throws bury Salem, 62-53



Steve Sobditch (32) snuffs Ken Hixon's pass in the Rocks' loss to Harrison Tuesday night.

Ken Hixon unintentionally played pool shark against Plymouth Salem Tuesday night.

As a result, he led Farmington Harrison to its first-ever basketball triumph over the Rocks, 62-53 at Harrison.

Harrison took a 46-39 lead into the final quarter and Salem went to fouling. They fouled George and he missed his first two. The Rocks thought they had their man.

But, the junior transfer from Catholic Central crossed them up. He hit the next 12 in a row to bury the Rocks.

This proves we can play with anybody," said a happy Harrison coach Mike Teachman. "People are going to have to prepare to play us now. They can't just take us for granted anymore."

Teachman played just five players and all five made major contributions. George led the Hawks with 24 points. John Miller scored 16, pulled down 7 rebounds, made 3 steals and dished out 5 assists. Vince Enright scored 10 points and made 4 steals.

For Salem, it was a matter of falling into someone else's style of play.

"We wanted to push the ball up and then play control if the break wasn't there," said Salem coach Bob Brode.

"We weren't able to do either."

"We were not real careful with our shot selection," he added. "We didn't take care ball well at all."

Brode said the game, for all intents and purposes, was won at the free throw line. And his point is well taken: Harrison was 18 of 20 from the line, while Salem was 3 of 3.

"They have some fine athletes," Brode said of Harrison. "Miller really took charge of things for them."

Mike Dempsey scored 8 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Ken Hixon made 6 assists and 3 steals.

"We played real good defense," Teachman said. "We played our match-up zone and pressed for all but the last three minutes. They weren't able to get inside on us."

Mike White led Salem with 15 points.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 65, MANOOGIEN 43: Plymouth Christian's leading scorer Pat McCarthy started his Christmas vacation a bit early, but even without his 23-point average, the Eagles had an easy time.

Lane Lambert scored 22 points and Rob Cannon 17 to lead the Eagles.

They blew Southfield Manooagian away with a 16-7 third quarter. Plymouth Christian is 2-2 on the season.

Bentley cagers stop Chargers

Livonia Bentley broke open a tie game late in the fourth quarter Tuesday to capture its first basketball win of the season, 30-44, over host Livonia Churchill in Western Lakes league action.

Sal DeMilio's basket put the Bulldogs up 46-44 with 38 seconds left and Bentley stayed off the Chargers in the waning seconds for the victory.

"We'll take what we can get," Bentley coach Tom Niemi said. "We worked hard for what we got and we beat them on the boards. Our defense did it for us."

Because of Churchill's height advantage, the Bulldogs relied on changing defenses to keep the Chargers off guard.

The Chargers trailed 26-20 at intermission and tied the game 36-36 after three quarters.

"We've got a little ways to go," Churchill coach Don Albertson said. "We've been in all three ball games, but we're having our problems."

DeMilio led the winners (1-2 overall, 1-1 in league play) with 16 points. Dennis Patchett and Pat Schneider aided the winning cause with 10 and 9 points, respectively.

For the Chargers (0-3, 0-1), it was Mike Hermanson with 15 points and Mickey Katschor with 14.

The Bulldogs outscored the Chargers 16-4 from the free throw line.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 67, GARDEN CITY 60: The Wayne Memorial Zebras showed their true stripes Tuesday when they outlasted host Garden City, 67-60.

Wayne (3-0) outscored Garden City 14-7 in the decisive third quarter. The other three quarters were played to a tie.

"It was a very well-played game," Cougar coach Bob Dropp said. "It was nip and tuck the whole way, but we played well despite the loss."

The Cougars (2-2) had the ball and trailed by 3 with 31 seconds left but a turnover led to a Zebra basket and the result was academic.

Steve Dunning and Steve Freier led the Cougars with 19 points apiece. Howard Flowers paced Wayne with 17 points.

FORDSON 64, JOHN GLENN 58: Dearborn Fordson rebounded from a 6-point half-time deficit Tuesday for a come-from-behind win over host Westland John Glenn, 64-58.

Glenn led most of the fourth quarter, but the Tractors' inside game proved to be the deciding factor. Fordson outscored the Rockets 17-10 in the final quarter.

Schoolcraft men wilt in 2nd half

What was a contest for a half turned into a rout shortly thereafter.

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team were the unfortunate victims. Northwestern Business College (of Ohio) burned the Ocelots with a 62-29 scoring spree in the second half to turn a 5-point game at the break into a 97-59 laugher Tuesday at Schoolcraft.

Northwestern, which beat the Ocelots for the second time this season, led by only 35-30 at the intermission before breaking loose. Tim Drosch tossed in 25 points for the winners, with Ray Singleton adding 18.

Clarence Jones, a 6-foot-1 point freshman guard from Detroit Denby, paced Schoolcraft with 17 points.

Schoolcraft sports

James Orr pumped in 16 and Brad Turner had 10.

The loss dropped Schoolcraft to 5-8 overall. Northwestern is 8-6.

On Monday, Schoolcraft blasted visiting Jordan College 117-94 behind Jordan's 29 points. Turner contributed 19 and Dwight Pooler and Orr scored 16 each. Schoolcraft sped to a 57-35 half-time lead and never let up.

The Ocelots play at Ivy Tech (Gary, Ind.) at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Rama helps USA team

Andy Rama, a senior all-arounder from Farmington Catholic Central, scored a goal and added an assist helping the United States All-Star soccer team to a 9-3 victory over the Pennsylvania State All-Stars in the Dapper Dan Soccer Classic in Pittsburgh last weekend.

Rama, a Michigan's most prolific prep soccer goal scorer, was one of 14 all-stars chosen nationwide to play in the classic.

The game was played before some 6,000 fans at Pittsburgh's Civic Arena.

girls basketball

GIRLS BASKETBALL LEADERS			ASSISTS		
Char Govan	HS	18.8	John Pucci	HS	21.6
Alyse Fortune	Lady	23.1	Lisa Mummert	HS	22.5
Carolyn Smith	FM	22.1	Annette Roggero	HS	24.0
Emily Wagner	LF	22.1	Margaret Baker	HS	20.4
Lisa Bokoyev	Lady	24.1	John Marchand	HS	21.3
Tracy Lechna	LS	21.4	Michelle Wise	HS	21.3
Michele McCuller	JG	20.1			
Debbie VanHose	RCH	17.1			
Jerry Okon	JG	17.1			
John Marchand	RU	16.1			
John Fryberger	LS	15.1			
Char Govan	LS	24.1			
Anne Leotta	GM	18.1			
Kelly Watson	GM	22.1			
Alyse Fortune	GM	20.1			
Heather MacPhee	GM	20.1			
Mary Rosowski	FM	24.1			
Mary Becker	FM	18.1			
Kim Olsen	FM	18.1			
Lisa Bokoyev	LS	21.1			
Janine Whitmore	LS	19.1			
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Sue LaBette	Lady	21.1			
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REBOUNDING			TEAM OFFENSE		
Char Govan	HS	10.4	Farmington Hills Mercy	HS	90
Alyse Fortune	Lady	23.1	John Glenn	HS	37.2
Carolyn Smith	FM	22.1	Liv. Franklin	HS	52.0
Emily Wagner	LF	22.1	Liv. Stevenson	HS	50.4
Lisa Bokoyev	Lady	24.1	N. Farmington	HS	44.7
Tracy Lechna	LS	21.4	Rym Salem	HS	44.0
Michele McCuller	JG	20.1	Richard Union	HS	41.0
Debbie VanHose	RCH	17.1	Plym. Christian	HS	36.2
Jerry Okon	JG	17.1	Garden City	HS	36.1
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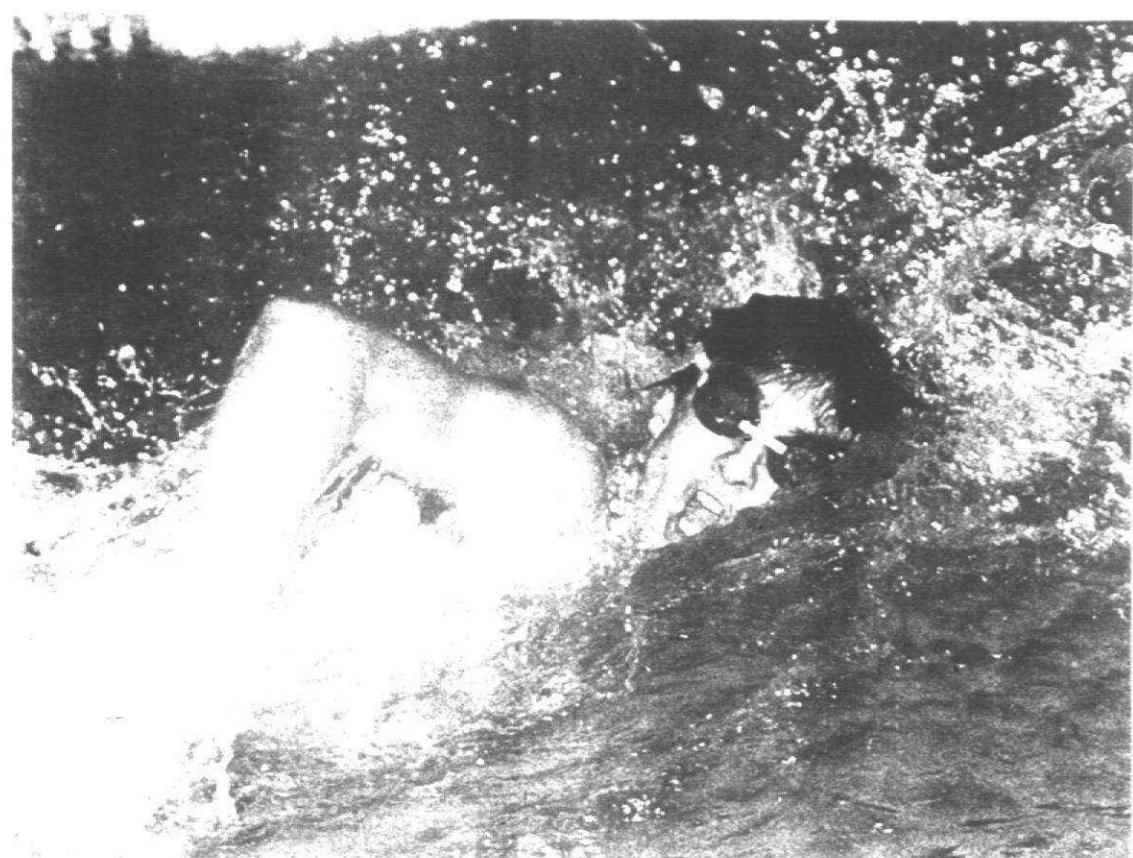
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Spartans dethrone Salem for swim title



Louie Miniarelli anchored Stevenson's winning 200-yard medley team and swam a leg on the Spartans' first-place 400 freestyle relay.

N'wood downs Eagles

The score might not have indicated it, but Orchard Lake St. Mary's basketball game at Northwest Institute Saturday was a one-sided affair.

True, the Eagles lost by just a basket — 76-74 — when, as coach Tim Domke said, "We missed a couple easy shots down the stretch and they made theirs."

The difference was that St. Mary's missed its "easy shots" from the floor. Northwest's easy shots came at the line.

The Eagles dumped in 10 more baskets than Northwest and still lost. That's because the Northwest shot 38 free throws — making 26 — to 30

In the pocket

by W. W. Edgar

Area bowlers inducted in Hall

The area bowling fraternity played a major role in the annual Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame festivities Saturday night when Lois Hoffman McAllister and Bob Hitt were inducted into the Hall and Al Winkel, owner of the Woodland Lanes, was honored with the prestigious Judge Watts plaque.

More than 50 members of the gathering at the Fairchild Bowl were on hand to greet the honorees.

WESTLAND BOWL — Ken McNabb, who has rolled a pair of perfect games, finally earned membership in the 700 club when he linked games of 279, 209 and 244 for 732. Joining him with the new members of the club was Tim Smitley of the Tri-City men's league, who fashioned a 700. It was his first in the Sun Risers loop. Carol Hill was high with 615 and in the ladies classic Pam Howard set the pace with 520.

MERRI-BOWL — Gary Nagle was headed for the 700 club until he tied in the final game. After counts of 236 and 248 he slipped to 203 and settled for 687. In the ladies doubles Judy Murphy was high with 620. In the men's league, Tom Kaelbel posted a 687.

WOODLAND LANES — Tony Catner, bowling with his father in the Catholic Central league, rolled a 662 to take top honor. In the ladies league, Donna Kress was high with 249 and Linda Dumont was next in line with a 231.

SUPERBOWL — Pins were flying at a great rate as Tom Brudginski rolled a perfect game in the Classic and Ken Meh of the hydromatic league opened with a 274 on the way to a 708 series.

BEL-AIRE — Jan Vanderwill showed the way in the ladies classic with a 263. On the men's side Don Weise showed the way with a 268 in 676 and Gary Sakau was right behind with 643.

GARDEN LANES — Dan Ballinger, with a 682, set the pace for the men. His closest rival was Ray Slade with 626. In the St. Linus league John Fries was right behind with 614.

Tracy Dunn had 640 in the Vinco League and Brad Lackey was one pin behind.

WONDERLAND LANES — In the women's league Dana Amora was high with 633 and Oleza Kessel finished with a 600.

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WESTERN LAKES SWIM RELAYS
Saturday, Dec. 15 at Plymouth Salem

Team results: 1. Northville (102:2), 2. Farmington (103:0), 3. Livonia (103:1), 4. Livonia (103:2), 5. Farmington (103:3), 6. Plymouth Canton (103:4), 7. Walled Lake Central (103:5), 8. Livonia (103:6), 9. Farmington (103:7), 10. Walled Lake Western (103:8).

STEVENSON SWIMMERS captured three firsts and set two records.

Joe Saunders, Kevin Everhart, Paul McAree and Louie Miniarelli captured the 200 medley in 1:47.5, breaking Stevenson's 83 mark of 1:48.4.

The Spartans also set a new record in the Crescendo relay as Martin Eber, D.J. Ward, Chris Morasky and Jeff Albert went 4:33.7. The old mark, set by Salem in 4:35.4.

Ward, Ministeri, Albert and Steve Taormina went 3:28.6 to win the 400 freestyle.

Salem won the 400 medley with Don Harwood, Rick Cummings, Jamie Dunn and Jim Burns going 4:07.8. The Rocks also took the diving competition with Bob Longridge and Jay Schmidt amassing 345.6 points.

Stevenson and Salem were the only two teams that scored in every event.

"CHURCHILL and Northville loaded up in a couple events that go for firsts," Olson said. "That hurt them in the WLA's improved balance from top to bottom. No more is the Western Lakes just a two-team league. Teams like Northville, Churchill and even Walled Lake Central are vastly improved."

As proof, five meet records were broken.

Farmington set a meet record in the 200-yard butterfly as Eric Davis, Jay Weaver, Mike Wolford and Chris Telierico combined on a 1:47.3, eclipsing Stevenson's 1:47.4 set last year.

Livonia Churchill's 1983 400 individual medley mark of 4:00.3 was eclipsed by Northville's Dave Wayne, Darius Mikaloms, Jeff Bainbridge and Doug Butler, fourth in the 200 breaststroke and sixth in the 100 freestyle.

In the open division, Michele McKenzie gained first in the 200 individual medley and second in the 100 freestyle. 200 backstroke and 100 breaststroke.

She was also second in the 200 breaststroke and 1,000 freestyle, and fourth in the 100 backstroke.

Teammate Kathy Sullivan, meanwhile, finished second in the 200 backstroke.

Local aquatic club finishes fast

Julie Jensen was the top scorer for the Livonia Spartan Aquatic Club last week in the Grosse Pointe "A" meet.

Competing among girls 13-14 years, Jensen took first in the 100-yard butterfly, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke. She was also second in the 200 breaststroke and sixth in the 100 freestyle.

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Rocks take 4th at Glenn tournament

Romulus proved you can lose the battle and still win the war.

The Eagles captured only one of the 13 weight divisions in the 16-team Westland John Glenn Invitational Wrestling Tournament last weekend but still garnered enough points to take home the championship trophy with a 165-139 win over second-place Glenn.

New Boston Huron captured third place honors with 129 points and Plymouth Salem finished fourth with 113.

Rounding out the field were: Farmington (111%), Birmingham Brother Rice (101%), Wayne Memorial (100), Lincoln Park (83%), Plymouth Canton (81), Mt. Clemens (80), Garden City (66%), Southfield-Lathrup (58%), Woodhaven (56%), Dearborn Edsel Ford (40), Livonia Churchill (22) and Livonia Stevenson (17).

Despite the Rocks' second-place finish, they managed to capture three individual championships in the 112, 119 and 155 pound weight classes and a second place finisher at 98 pounds.

"I was very pleased with the way my kids wrestled," Glenn coach Tom Buckalew said. "Naturally I would have liked to have won it, but I was very pleased with our performance."

ROB OKUROWSKI (112 pounds) was Glenn's first champion when he pinned New Boston Huron's Scott Glasgow (NBH), 3:02.

Dan Gibson stuck his first three opponents and then whipped Salem's Kevin Freeman, 27-1 in the championship.

The last Rock champ was 155-pounder Scott Lucas, who beat Eric Retting from Salem, 9-6, in the final.

Salem was not without its champs, however, as it claimed an individual title at 126 pounds.

Dave Dameron wrestled very well for the Rocks collecting a pin and a superior decision en route to the finals where he defeated James Rickman of New Boston Huron, 13-4.

Ab Hazen (167) claimed Farmington's only individual championship with a pin of Kent Scharboneau of Woodhaven in 5:25. Hazen also stuck his first two opponents.

Heavyweight Tracy Cluse (R) def. Lyle Burrell (MC), 4-1.

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Rock wrestlers pin Bentley

The Plymouth Salem wrestling team stayed unbeaten in dual meet competition by pouncing Livonia Bentley 54-18 Tuesday night.

The Rocks were the recipients of 18 uncontested points as Bentley yielded three weights 98 pounds, 132 and 155.

The match of the night came at 126 where Salem's Dave Dameron and Bentley's Anwar Yaffai — two of the area's best — went at it. Dameron won the tussle by a close 4-1 decision.

Another close match came at 145 as Salem's Bill Morely decisively pinned Dwyer 8-7.

Other Salem winners were Denis Dameron (105) pinned Dave Wojciechowski in 23 seconds; Kevin Freeman (119) pinned Paul Gedeist in 32 seconds; Brian Weblee (138) pinned Bob Stepp in 1:50; Greg Woodcock (167) pinned Dave Zenas in 1:16 and Marc Cygan (heavyweight) pinned Tracy Scott in 4:39.

For Bentley, Salem Yaffai (112) won on a void; Mark Zenas (185) pinned Jamie Woodchuck in 2:26 and Marty Altounian (198) pinned Brian Johnson in 4:22.

Salem is 3-0, while Bentley falls to 1-5.

FARMINGTON 58, STEVENSON 15: The Farmington Falcons won their fourth meet in 5 tries Tuesday with an easy victory over Livonia Stevenson.

Dave Hovey (105), Mike Cody (138), Mike Merem (145) and Dave Cunningham (155) all stuck their opponents in less than 1:30.

Hovey pinned Mark Maksimowicz, Cody nailed Mike Duffy, Merem stuck Shawn Erickson and Cunningham pinned Ray Abrahamson.

The Falcons' Dan Papp beat Chuck Arakelian, 14-3, in the 158-pound class. Ab Hazen (185), Jason Feroe (126), Mark Papp (119), Mike Papp (112) and Mike Stern (98) won by void for Farmington.

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Scott Stinson was a double-event winner taking both the 200 individual medley (2:13.0) and the 500 free (5:16.0).

Turney set a pool record and qualified for the state meet with his 54.40 in the 100 butterfly.

Goins, an All-American, set a pool record and qualified for state in the 100 backstroke (57.49).

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basketball standings

The following are the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association Standings as of Dec. 14.

BOYS AA		National	
Spartans	3-0	Celtics	1-2
Illini	2-1	Pacers	0-3
Euckeyes	2-1	Lakers	0-3
Wolverines	2-1		
Hoosiers	1-2		
Bollermkrs	0-3		
Results: Illini 42, Wolverines 39, Spartans 75, Kings 39, Pacers 38, Hawks 41, Buckeys 49, Hoosiers 42.			

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES MICHIGAN

CANCELLATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, scheduled for Monday, December 24, 1984, has been cancelled.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 1985, at the Board of Education Offices, 454 South Harvard Street, Plymouth, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m.

ELAINE J. KIRCHGATTER, Secretary
Board of Education

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to State Law 257.252, the following vehicle will be sold at public sale at Deary's Service, Starkweather & Pearl, Plymouth, Michigan, on December 28, 1984 at 11:30 a.m.

1988 Pontiac 2 DR VIN No. 252878P36700

Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be addressed to Officer Robert Henry, Plymouth Police Department, at 453-8600.

GORDON G. LIMBURG
City Clerk

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2. 1985 Ford 2 DR. VIN No. 3K49C113281
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION to provide interested persons an opportunity to present comments regarding a proposed Ordinance revising the WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS. The provisions to be considered include, but not limited to:

Installation Permits, Certificates of Operation, Emission Limitations and Prohibitions for Volatile Emissions and Particulate Matter, Sulfur Compounds, New and Existing Volatile Organic Compounds, Miscellaneous Emissions, Enforcement, Violations, Testing and Sampling, Continuous Emission Monitoring and Recording, Air Pollution Episodes, Appeals and related matters. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1985
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
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Copies of the proposed revisions are available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations:

Wayne County Department of Health
Air Pollution Control Division
1311 East Jefferson
Dearborn, Michigan 48107

Wayne County Department of Health
Administrative Offices
Wayne County Complex
Meridian Road
Westland, Michigan 48185

Wayne County Department of Health
Air Pollution Control Division
151 Elm Street
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
15300 Sheldon Road
Livonia, Michigan 48167

Single copies of the proposed revisions, summary and supporting documents are available upon request from WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION, 1311 EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48207. Please make telephone requests during regular business hours, (313) 224-4650.

Persons wishing to make comments are requested to limit their oral remarks and provide written copies of their statements for the record. The hearing record WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE CLOSE OF REGULAR BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1985. All written statements submitted for the record and received by February 15, 1985, at Air Pollution Control Division, 1311 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan 48207 will be available for review.

The proposed revisions of the Wayne County Air Pollution Control Regulation will become effective immediately following approval by the Wayne County Executive.

Vernice Davis-Antony, Director
Wayne County Office of Health and Human Services

Alan M. Greenberg, Director
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Unleveraged real estate has attractive features

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Sid Mittra

Part VI
In this series on real estate investment, we have discussed only leveraged real estate investment. In this last article of this series, we will analyze the attractiveness of unleveraged real estate. With inflation rate at around 4 percent, the idea of investment in a fast growing and minimal income that a leveraged investment offers the unleveraged investments typically give you a positive cash flow of at least 6-10 percent a year — because there is no debt to service.

And 75-80 percent of the cash dividend to investors during the partnership's early years is sheltered by the accelerated depreciation rules of the 1984 Tax Act.

In a low inflationary environment,

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This deals make a lot of sense. For instance, you can hope for an enormous capital gain by selling a highly leveraged commercial property in inflationary times. But when inflation is low, you may not see growth in your property's rents or its appreciated value.

Meanwhile, mortgage payments set at today's high interest rates must still be made. And if the economy turns into a recession, rents and occupancy rates may not be high enough to let you service the debt.

Your risks are fewer where unleveraged property is concerned. With no

mortgage, such deals for the investors who want to put their money in comparatively safe investment deals.

ADDED FEATURES
The non-leveraged investment opportunities are likely to increase as declining tax rates make shelters less attractive.

In addition, the non-leveraged programs do not have to remain free of debt. In fact, in five years or so, assuming that the low inflation rate continues, the promoters can finance the property.

If it's valued then at 125 percent and you get a mortgage for 100 percent, the original investors — who have been earning a good return — get their money back.

And the advantage is that because no sale has taken place, they still own the property and now can use the interest deductions to shelter future income.

Such options make unleveraged partnerships attractive to clients who normally would turn to tax-free bonds to diversify a portfolio into tax-advantaged investments.

Clearly, non-leveraged real estate investment programs are not for everyone. Deciding whether to participate in such programs means taking a close look at your overall investment strategy.

If such investments are attractive to you, before making your final decision, make sure to consult your financial planner, CPA or tax attorney. After all, it is your money and precaution counts.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the Coordinated Financial Planning

staff will conduct a seminar 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. This seminar will cover: 1. "Strategic planning" Comprehensive and retirement planning. 2. "Tactical planning" Insurance, taxes, education, wills. 3. "Product planning" Mutual funds, stocks and bonds, real estate and oil and gas tax shelters. An out-of-town investment specialist will discuss a specific tax shelter. The seminar is free, but registration is required. For more details, call 643-8888.

Sid Mittra is president of Coordinated Financial Planning Inc. in Troy and a professor of economics and management at Oakland University, Rochester.

business briefs

WORK PLATFORM DEALER

Yale Materials Handling-Michigan Inc. of Livonia has been named a dealer of equipment manufactured by L.P. Right Inc., a company that designs, produces and sells self-propelled, elevating work platforms.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR

A free financial planning seminar will be offered 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Holiday Inn, West at Six Mile Road and I-275 in Livonia. The seminar will cover life insurance, stock selection and IRAs. For more information, call R.O. Davies & Associates at 644-5944.

BEAUTIFICATION

Fordham Green Apartments received a beautification award from Canton for Berger-Lewiston-Smith Realty Co.

CREDIT UNION EXPANDS

The OLG Federal Credit Union in

Redford has expanded so that people who live, work or worship in the northern Dearborn Heights area now are eligible to join the credit union. The credit union's membership had been limited to parishioners of Our Lady of Grace church since it was organized in 1950. The credit union is at 23726 Joy Road. The telephone number is 534-7055.

HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER AID

Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit is offering a financial aid computer software package free to every high school in the Detroit area. The software package is a financial aid planning tool designed to assist college-bound students in determining the type and amount of financial aid they may be eligible to receive.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR

A free financial planning seminar will be offered 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Holiday Inn, West at Six

Mile Road and I-275 in Livonia. The seminar will cover real estate, tax reduction and converting tax liabilities into assets. For more information, call R.O. Davies & Associates at 644-5944.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

A free international business service directory is available to any Michigan company doing business abroad. The directory is designed also to help foreign companies move to Michigan. To get a copy, call Mark Santucci at (517) 373-6390.

MACHINE VISION

An Applied Machine Vision Conference and Exposition held Tuesday, March 26, in Cobo Hall in Detroit. The conference and exposition is sponsored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the Machine Vision Group of

SMALL BUSINESS HOTLINE

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Theater: All in the family

By Ethel Simmons staff writer

THEATER IS THEIR LIFE for the Henry K. Martin family of Bloomfield Hills. Martin is a producer-director and in Canada. Wife Sue is a professor, who heads the School of Dramatic Art at the University of Windsor across the river.

Daughter Pamela, 19, is a student there, in her second year working toward a bachelor of fine arts in the acting program. Son David, 15, who attends Seaholm High School, dreams of a career in baseball but in the meantime appears in his father's Actor's Trunk Company productions of children's classics.

Most metropolitan Detroiters have long been familiar with Henry Martin's theatrical endeavors, going back to the 1960s when he headed a comedy troupe presenting satirical revues. The Actor's Trunk has played at area shopping centers, community centers and schools, as well as at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

In recent years Martin has been touring the country with the Actor's Trunk, presenting his stage shows of fairy tales, which he has rewritten especially for live children's theater.

He also is bringing some of the best of Canadian theater and dance, with Canadian talent, to the Cleary Auditorium in Windsor, for an international audience from both sides of the border to enjoy.

SUE MARTIN has many facets to her career as a teacher and administrator in theater at the University of Windsor. Her multilayered responsibilities include supervising a master workshop series, with visiting stars, and running the University Players, which produces some half-dozen shows each year. She was honored in 1981 for teaching excellence by the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations. Her background also includes writing, collecting and reviewing children's literature.

Together Henry and Sue Martin

sponsor a troupe of Canadian actors who tour in children's productions. The Martins, who lived in Birmingham when they were first married, celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary Nov. 30. The intervening years have seen them realize many of their personal and professional goals.

One recent morning, Henry and Sue took an hour away from their busy schedules to meet over coffee and bran muffins at Richard and Reese's in Birmingham, for an interview. Listening to a rundown of their activities is enough to take your breath away, as you realize how they must juggle their time to keep up with their consuming interests.

Both are graced along with being businesslike and relaxed. Sue is slim and svelte in black.

Talking about her work as director of the University of Windsor's School of Dramatic Art, Sue said, "There's also a School of Music and a School of Fine Arts. It's the only campus in Canada that has three schools. It's quite unique."

SHE STARTED at the university in 1972 as assistant professor in the School of Dramatic Art. "I taught until 1981," she said. That was the year she won the OCUFA award for teaching excellence.

"She was the first person in Windsor ever to receive it," Henry pointed out. Sue was the school's acting director 1983-84 and interim director from January 1984 until July, "when she was appointed director."

"My hobby is children's literature, which led to an interest in storytelling and creative drama," she said. "At the School of Dramatic Art I designed the drama-in-education degree program, the only one of its kind in Ontario."

The degree program, which provides training to teach students from preschool to high school, emphasizes "the use of drama to develop the child to greater potential and the use of drama in teaching basics."

The School of Dramatic Art offers two main degrees, a bachelor of fine

arts in acting, for training future professionals, and the drama-in-education degree. Both are four-year honors programs. Sue said, "There is a total of five degrees. These are the two biggest."

SUE'S FIRST publication was a book called "Sprouts," creative projects for development of the child's growth. A second book, "Treasure Hunts," is an introduction to classic literature for children via creative methods. Her third book, published in September, is "Research Workout," training in research skills via creative play.

Henry joked, "She does for the child's mind what Jane Fonda's workout does for the body."

Good Apple of Chicago is the publisher of all three books. The worth of the books is accentuated by the fact that they were picked up by the Scholastic Book of the Month.

"They use acting techniques, mime, creative play, creative movement, choral reading, tableaux and creative acting as vehicles for teaching lessons," Sue said.

At the School of Dramatic Art, an internship working with learning-disabled children is offered as part of the drama-in-education study. "It's a form of play therapy. It's a unique program," she said.

THE UNIVERSITY PLAYERS, which Sue handles, is in its 21st season and plays to an audience of 14,000 theatergoers a year. Recent productions included "The Miracle Worker," in November, and "The Magic Apple," a children's show, for Christmas, in early December.

Of the later show, Henry said with a good-natured smile, "They're my competition. I don't care!"

An important part of the students' theatrical training is the master workshop series, which Sue introduced. "We bring outstanding professionals to interact with acting students," she said. The first was Len Carrou of Winnipeg, who was the Stratford Festival's leading actor and won a Tony award on Broadway as best actor, in "Sweeney Todd."

Nicholas Pennell of the Stratford Festival was another, and the third was Peter Ustinov, international star and man of the arts. At a recent luncheon, plans were made with Martha Henry, a longtime Stratford star who is originally from Birmingham, to be the guest professional in March.

Said Henry, "Fortunately for us, the ones who have come down so far have been marvelous."

Because the project has been successful, the university has allocated funds to support it.

THE SCHOOL of Dramatic Art has a total of 150 majors. "Our bachelor of fine arts in acting program is the oldest program in Canada," Sue said.

With husbandly pride, Henry declared, "I just think it's kind of cute that every morning, Monday to Friday, Sue gets in her car and goes to work in another country."

Henry Martin is a producer-director, with many years in the entertainment business nationwide. "I have directed industrial or business shows for some of the top corporations in the United States," he said. "I'm producer for theater for children, which I do across the United States as well. I also write (children's) plays myself. I adapt them for the stage."

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Blues, rock guitarist Lonnie Brooks performs

Lonnie Brooks, the Louisiana-born, Chicago-bred blues and rock 'n' roll guitarist, will appear at 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28-29, at Rick's, 611 Church, Ann Arbor.

Brooks is back in the United States following his fourth tour of Europe. The three-week tour included playing sold-out houses in Paris, Zurich, Copenhagen and Norway and headlining the Amsterdam Blues Festival.

Brooks has twice been nominated for Grammy awards, most recently for his performance on the best-selling LP "Blues Deluxe," a live album recorded at the world's largest music festival, Chicagofest.

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In 1979 he received his first nomination for his performance on Alligator's "Living Chicago Blues" anthology series. His debut album "Bayou Lightning" won the 1979 Grand Prix du Disque award for "Best Blues Album of the Year," from the Montreux Jazz Festival.

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The "World's Largest Office Christmas Party" will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at the Westin Hotel in Detroit's Renaissance Center.

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"HANCOCK TONIGHT"
Twenty-year radio veteran Rich Hancock has joined the staff of WMUC radio (103.5 FM) in Detroit as host of the station's new nighttime show "Hancock Tonight." The magazine-format, Christian radio program airs 8-11:30 p.m. weeknights, with expanded air time to 8:30 p.m. starting in January. The show includes music features and a talk-line where listeners may call in to discuss subjects on the air. Hancock is a Livonia resident.

Maureen McDevitt is Cecily Cardew and Peter Gregory Thomson is Algernon in "Earnest."

gan, Friday, Dec. 28, George Bedard and the Kingpins, Saturday, Dec. 29, and Steve Nardella, Monday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve. For more information, call 996-8555.

ATTIC THEATRE
"Children of a Lesser God," the 1980 Tony Award winner about the world of the deaf, continues through Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Attic Theatre's New Center Theatre at Third Avenue and W. Grand Blvd. in Detroit. A series of fully signed performances for the hearing impaired will be offered. True to Mark Medoff's award-winning script, the non-hearing roles are played by non-hearing actors. For more information, call the box office at 963-7789. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 875-6560. The Business and Professional Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women will give its second annual benefit theater party at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8. Benefit tickets at \$15 include an afterglow. For more information, call 258-6000.

MEADOW BROOK
Oscar Wilde's comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" will open a four-week run at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. Performances continue through Sunday, Jan. 20. New York actor Tom Spackman returns to Meadow Brook after a four-year absence to play the world-weary John Worthing. Also in the cast are Jeanne Arnold as Lady Bracknell, Peter Gregory Thomson as Algernon, Lynn Mansbach as Gwendolyn and Maureen McDevitt as Cecily Cardew. For ticket information, call the box office at 377-3000. Tickets also are available at all AAA offices and all Ticket World outlets.

IN CONCERT
Speedwagon with special guest Survivor will appear in concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Iron Maiden, with special guest Twisted Sister, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4. Tickets for each concert are \$13.50. For ticket information, call 567-6000.

MR. CHRISTIAN'S
Steve Nardella's R&B Trio will play Saturday, Dec. 22, at Mr. Christian's dance/music club in Royal Oak. The Urbations are featured Sunday, Dec. 23, the Stingrays, Friday, Dec. 28, the Heat, Saturday, Dec. 29, the Buzztones, Sunday, Dec. 30, and Black Market, Monday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve. For more information, call 547-6470.

TAMMY'S OUT
Tammy Grimes has withdrawn from the cast of the play "Painting Churches," which opens Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Birmingham Theatre. She will be replaced by Marian Seides, who played the part on Broadway. In other business, the theater is looking for a talking parakeet to understand a parakeet, who appears in the play as Toots, and repeats a line of poetry.

"MASTER HAROLD"
"Master Harold and the boys" by Athol Fugard continues through Monday, Dec. 31, at the Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson. Tickets for regular performances are \$6, \$7 each for limited membership and cash bar privileges. New Year's Eve will be a package deal, including dancing, a buffet supper of South African fare and New York champagne, for \$25 per person. For reservations, call 868-1347.

CHUCK MITCHELL
Folk singer Chuck Mitchell appears in concert at Folktown at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Southfield Civic Center's Parks and Recreation Building. In the heyday of folk, Mitchell and his then-wife, Joni, performed on the Detroit coffeehouse circuit and at the Raven Gallery. Since moving to life along the Mississippi, he rarely performs in this area. Admission is \$5. For further information, call Folktown at 855-9848, 6-9 p.m.

JAZZ FLUTE
Alexander Zonjic, jazz flutist, continues through Sunday, Jan. 6, at Alexander's in Detroit. The club will be closed Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 24-25. Zonjic plays at Alexander's on New Year's Eve. He then performs Sunday, Jan. 6, to Saturday, Jan. 12, at Marlowe's in Southfield.

HOLIDAY MUSIC
Music Machine from Doherty Elementary School will perform at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield. Our Lady of Refuge Adult Choir will sing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20. The concerts are free entertainment for holiday shoppers.

PIKE STREET
Greg Nichols is heard on piano through February at the Pike Street Company Restaurant, 18 W. Pike, in Pontiac. Nichols plays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; at Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; from 8 p.m. to midnight Wednesdays-Saturdays, and 6-9 p.m. Sundays.

AT HURLEY'S
Sapphire, a five-man, one-woman group, offers Top 40 tunes and funk through Saturday, Jan. 5, at Hurley's in the Northfield Hilton Hotel in Troy. Showtime is from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays.

THE ARK
New Year's Eve with folksinger Claudia Schmidt and mime O.J. Anderson is offered Monday, Dec. 31, at the Ark in Ann Arbor. The 8:30 p.m. show is \$7.50, the 10:30 show \$8.50. A cash bar is available. For reservations, call 761-1451.

OLDIES CLUB
Wildcats, a seven-piece, '60s group with a female singer, continues through Saturday, Dec. 22, at Yesterday's Classic Oldies Club at the Sheraton-Southfield Hotel. Shows are from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

BLIND PIG
Rock Allens is the musical attraction Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. Domino plays Friday, Dec. 21, at 2122 Henderson, and Saturday, Dec. 22, at Scott Meyers.

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Life involving theater is all in the Martin family

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With his many theatrical activities, he may spend the week on the road with the Actor's Trunk in the U.S., return home on Friday and leave again Sunday, flying to Toronto to meet up with the Canadian touring company of the ballet.

"I HAVE two bags packed, I drop one off and pick up the other," he said, telling how he keeps on the move easily.

Part of his efforts go toward conducting various art institutes and museums

in cities of 300,000-500,000 population, setting up programs he will produce. As an example, he cited the Cincinnati Art Museum. Theater for children as an introduction to the theater arts is one program. There's also a Shakespeare-for-children program.

The Actor's Trunk productions are designed for children ages 5-10. "Our concept is we take theater to the people," he said whimsically, "where two or more children gather."

Besides what he does for young people, Henry has been instrumental in offering good theater, dance and concerts for adults. In his capacity as producer

of shows in Canada, Henry said, "I seek out what I consider an outstanding piece of work, bring it into the community, primarily in Windsor because of the availability of Cleary."

Some of his productions include a concert by Don MacLean, whose song hits have included "American Pie" and "Stormy, Stormy Night," comedy improvisation by the Second City troupe from Toronto; a musical revue "Blue Champagne," and the stage hit "Billy Bishop Goes to War."

"THE OTHER" thrust," Henry continued, "is an attempt to bring outstand-

ing Canadian theater companies to Windsor. I'm talking with the Shaw Festival."

Henry began his career with satirical revues in the late 1960s and early 1970s, playing colleges and cabarets. At one time, then-unknown Lily Tomlin was a member of his troupe. Revues were played at Jerry's at the Red Mill, both in Detroit, and at the Zodiac (now the site of the Excalibur restaurant and lounge) in Southfield.

As a director, Henry has done industrial shows for Ford Tractor, Armco Steel Corp., Armour Foods and Peppercide, traveling all over the U.S. Direct-

ing industrial shows is a real plum for him. "That's where the money is," he said.

At one time, Henry was an actor in TV commercials, but he doesn't do them anymore. "I'm just too busy."

Working in other phases of the profession is more satisfying for him. "I would rather provide the opportunity and be in control than be an actor," he said firmly.

Stressed, "An actor's never in creative control."

The Martins' daughter Pamela is looking toward a future on the stage. At Seaborn High School, she won the

state's Michigan Championship in forensic oral interpretation two years in a row, performing both as a single and as a duo.

SAID HENRY, "David's thrust is sports. He'd like to be a professional baseball player. He made the All-Star Team in Birmingham for five years as a catcher."

In the theater, "David does most of the tech work in the children's shows and fashion shows, that I do sets and lights for, for center companies, primarily Westland and Southfield. He also acts in the children's shows we do in shopping centers."

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Here's fun for New Year's Eve

By Ethel Simmons
staff writer

If you haven't made your mind up on how to spend New Year's Eve, here are some lively suggestions on places to go and things to do.

The dining, dancing and drinking choices range from big hotel celebrations, with a room overnight to recuperate, to a wet restaurant diners where you can also dance and top off the evening with a champagne toast at midnight.

Other possibilities include taking in a New Year's Eve performance of a stage production in the metropolitan area. Offerings include both plays and dinner theater shows.

Special interests are being catered to with musical entertainment that appeals to jazz fans and rock 'n' rollers. Setting for these revellers are Detroit-area clubs, or hotels in cooperations with local radio stations.

The **NORTHFIELD Hilton** in Troy has a little bit of everything in its package combining cash bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, four-course prime rib dinner with champagne, and dinner show entertainment by comedian Paul Lennon. There's dancing until 2 a.m., with Higher Ground playing Top 40 hits.

After a night in a deluxe room, the hotel's brunch and a bloody mary or screwdriver helps to begin the party. The package is \$145 per couple.

Other packages at the Northfield Hilton include the party without the overnight stay (\$99 a couple); Top 40 entertainment and champagne toast and continental breakfast (\$30 a couple).

The **Troy Hilton Hotel** provides music by the Trinidad Trippi Steel Band along with continental breakfast (\$15 per person), two seatings for a Seafood Buffet in the Haymarket restaurant, dance music played by the Jim Dixon Quartet and champagne toast (\$32.50 per person), and music by the

Attractions, champagne toast at Fanny's lounge (\$15 per person).

In Southfield, the Michigan Inn and WCLF-FM are getting together for a live remote show hosted by morning radio disc jockey Eddie Rogers. The New Year's Eve party also includes dancing, hors d'oeuvres and champagne toast (\$10 per person in advance, \$15 at the door).

The **INN'S Red Parrot** nightclub will serve a buffet from 8-11 p.m. with dance music, entertainment by the Red Parrot dancers, mimes and clowns, and Dom Perignon champagne toast (\$50 per couple, \$30 per person). The Benchmark restaurant will have two seatings for dinners ranging from \$17-\$27.

At the Sheraton-Southfield Hotel, the second annual Honey Radio New Year's Eve Party, cosponsored by WHND-AM and the hotel, will feature oldies music by the Laredos and Monto Cane, snacks, champagne toast and a continental breakfast (\$19.95 per couple, \$15 per person). Yesterday's Classics Club will present a 60s rock group Stingray, serve a champagne toast and a light breakfast (\$10 per person, bar seating and stand-up space, if available, \$5 per person). Loopole's restaurant has planned a New Year's Eve buffet and champagne toast (\$18.50 per person).

In downtown Detroit, the Renaissance Ballroom in the Westin Hotel will be the scene of WMJC's seventh annual New Year's Eve party. Radio personalities Tom Force and Kasey will play records for dancing, during a live broadcast 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. from the ballroom. A cash bar, food and champagne toast and 1 a.m. sweet table and coffee. A dinner seating at 6 p.m., with piano music by George Nichols, also is available. For more information, call 875-3000. A room package is \$165 per couple.

Detroit's midtown Hotel St. Regis will entertain partygoers in the drawing-room atmosphere of the St. Regis Lounge. A 9 p.m. dinner features music by the Greg Purcott Trio, midnight Vintage Tattler champagne toast and 1 a.m. sweet table and coffee. A dinner seating at 6 p.m., with piano music by George Nichols, also is available. For more information, call 875-3000. A room package is \$165 per couple.

Restaurants in metro Detroit have arranged special pleasures for New Year's Eve. At Archibald's restaurant in Birmingham, Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band will play for listening and dancing from 9:30 p.m. Seatings will be at 5 and 9:30 p.m., with regular dinner menu and prices. A continental breakfast is set for 1 a.m.

NICKY'S IN TROY will offer four choices on a menu, with a 5 p.m. seating (a la carte prices) and a 10 p.m. seating for a dinner and dancing to Mystique (\$50 per person).

Schuler's in Rochester Hills will feature Charles Rowland at the piano, along with a vocalist and a bass player, with music for dancing. The regular menu will be available, also a choice of any two special entrees for a package that includes a bottle of champagne and flamed baked Alaska and entertainment, at \$29-37.

The Soup Kitchen, in the Rivertown District of downtown Detroit, has booked the Sun Messengers jazz band for New Year's Eve. Dinner and a champagne toast are included in the package. Details are available at 259-1374.

For theatergoers, there's the opportunity to take in the Birmingham Theatre's New Year's Eve performance at 8, of Tammy Grimes starring in the Broadway comedy "Painting Churches" by Tina Howe (\$22.50 per ticket).

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WHAT'S IT WORTH?
A ratings guide to the movies

Bad	\$1
Fair	\$2
Good	\$3
Excellent	\$4

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intentional and unscripted sparks, one assumes. Nonetheless, the picture's all the more interesting for it. Henry Travers and William Fargan co-star in this sequel to the hit film "Going My Way." Rating: \$3.05.

"The Bells of St. Mary's" (1945), 11:05 p.m. Tuesday on Ch. 9. Originally 126 minutes. TV time slot: last program on schedule.

And what better way to wind down from Christmas than with "The Bells of St. Mary's"? Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman star in a fine-spirit 1944, but not released until 1946). True, "The Big Sleep" is hopelessly un-convincing as a murder of fly between father Bing and sister Ingrid - un-

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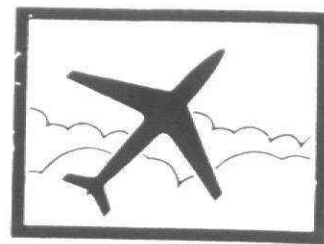
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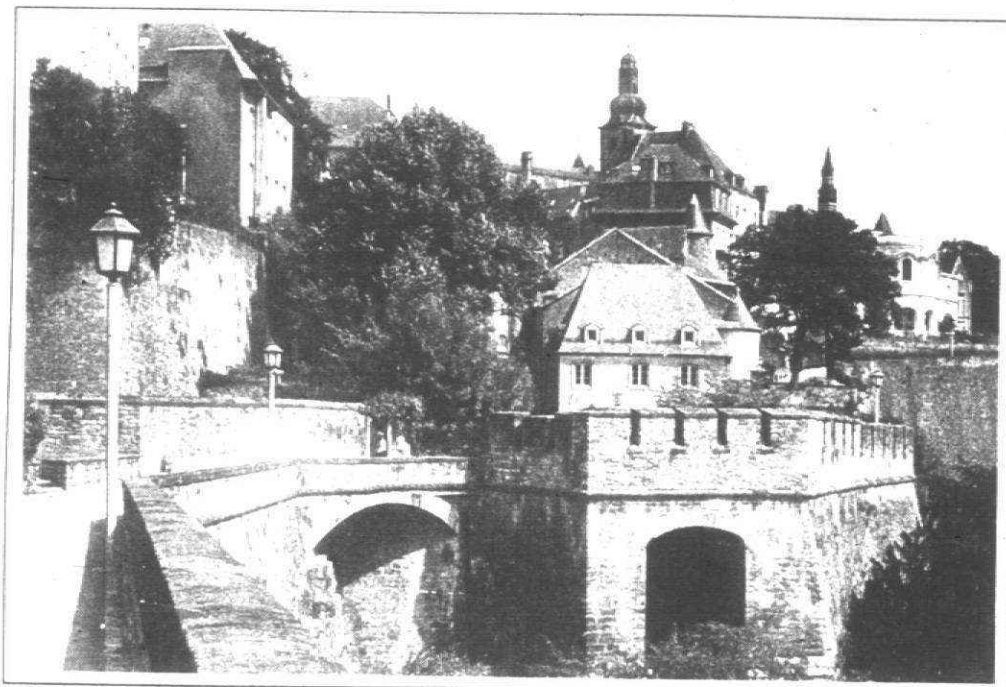
The streets of Vianden wrap around the base of a forested mountain that rises like a pedestal from the valley floor in the Ardennes Forest here in the northern mountains of Luxembourg.

At the top of the mountain pedestal, master of the town, the valley and all its surroundings is the castle of Vianden, an impressive spread of slate rooftops and stone walls that has been sitting high above the world since the first Count of Vianden started it in the 10th century.

As I sit here I can't help thinking that visiting Luxembourg is like visiting a large private estate where you can stay with friends while sampling Europe on a budget. Within an hour's drive of the Luxembourg City airport you can visit vineyards, historic city settings and wonderful little mountain towns like this one.

LUXEMBOURG is a tiny country, 50 by 35 miles, bordered by Germany, France and Belgium in the heart of western Europe. For centuries it was a great power in Europe, a larger land whittled down in size over the centuries by its enemies.

Now it is the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, with nearly 400,000 people led by the Grand Duke Jean. It is a center, along with Brussels, of the European



Luxembourg City (above) is walled in places, a carryover from the days when Luxembourg was one of the powers of Europe. The walker at right enjoys the sights in Vianden, which has Luxembourg's finest castle, visible at the top of photograph.



Like most small countries surrounded by powerful neighbors, Luxembourg is a multilingual country, so many of the people you meet speak English. French is the official language. German is spoken by many people. Luxembourgish, which sounds a little like German, is the popular everyday tongue.

A TYPICAL one-week tour of Luxembourg would take you to Luxembourg City, founded by the House of Luxembourg in the 10th century; to the vineyards along the Luxembourg Moselle, where they make a crisp dry white wine; and to the mountain villages of the Ardennes, especially the castletown of Vianden.

Vianden is the grandest castle in Luxembourg, one of the finest medieval castles in Europe. It has been restored by the national government and will eventually be used for concerts, seminars and other public gatherings as well as for the pleasure of tourists. You don't have to wait for the renovation to be complete, most of it is open now to visitors.

The castle reached its heyday in the 14th century, when the Counts of Vianden owned 211 villages in this area, near what is now the Luxembourg German border. The Knights Templar rode off to the crusades from here. The Germans occupied the castle ruins during World War II.

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The Duchy: 'like visiting private estate'

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try, however. You can always find a comfortable place to stay with the help of government accommodation lists.

We stayed in the Hotel Heintz here in Vianden, where the Hansen family has offered Luxembourg hospitality for four generations, and where Magda Hansen rules now in the attractive dining room overlooking gardens at the back of the house. The Heintz is next door to the Church of the Holy Trinity; you can step into the cool cloisters of the church from the hotel parking lot.

VIANDEN IS in the Ardennes Forest where the Battle of the Bulge was fought 40 years ago, so we can drive from here to the towns of Clervaux and Wiltz and Ettebruk, attractive tourist towns with memorials to the American dead, or we can follow the Luxembourg-German border south along the Our and then the Sure River to the vineyards along the Luxembourg Moselle. In this compact little country you are never much more than an hour's drive from anywhere else.

We also plan to do day trips outside of Luxembourg, one to the 1,000-year-old city of Trier in Germany, another to Bastogne in Belgium.

You can rent a car here for much less money than in most other European countries, so it is easy to do day



The photo at far left shows the view from the castle at Vianden. A picturesque river flows through the village. Luxembourg City (near left) is noted for its Old World charm. Morning is the best time to become acquainted with the city and its citizens. It is the time when shoppers and browsers are at their friendliest.

trips to Trier in Germany or Bastogne in Belgium, or to use Luxembourg as the beginning and end of a European tour.

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SAT., DEC. 22

8-8:30PM NBC (7 Central/Mountain)
THE SMURFS' CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

CHRISTMAS EVE

11:30-Midnight NBC (10:30 Central/Mountain)
CHRISTMAS WITH FRIENDS Johnny Carson, along with *Tonight Show* pals.

Midnight-1:30AM NBC (11:00 Central/Mountain)
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CHRISTMAS DAY

10-11:30AM ABC (9 Central/Mountain)
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10-11AM NBC (9 Central/Mountain)
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10-11PM ABC (9 Central/Mountain)
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NEW YEAR'S EVE

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SAT., DEC. 22

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1PM-2 NBC (12 Central/Mountain)

CITRUS BOWL Florida State versus Georgia from Orlando, Florida.

3PM-2 CBS (12 Central/Mountain)

SUN BOWL From El Paso, Texas.

3:30-4PM ABC (12:30 Central/Mountain)

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4-6PM NBC (13 Central/Mountain)

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CHRISTMAS DAY

3:30PM-2 CBS (12:30 Central/Mountain)

PRO BASKETBALL Philadelphia 76ers at Detroit Pistons.

4PM-2 NBC (13 Central/Mountain)

NCAA BASKETBALL University of Louisville versus University of Oklahoma from Honolulu, Hawaii.

FRI., DEC. 28

8PM-2 ABC (7 Central/Mountain)

GATOR BOWL

NEW YEAR'S DAY

1:30PM-2 NBC (12:30 Central/Mountain)

FIESTA BOWL Miami versus UCLA.

4:30PM-2 NBC (3:30 Central/Mountain)

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● HOORBERMAN GALLERY

Holiday selections include ceramics, jewelry, fiber, wood and paintings by a variety of artists. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday through the holidays, 155 S. Bates, Birmingham.

● XOCHIPILLI GALLERY

New work by Stephen Hansen, continues at the gallery through Jan. 4. He's the Michigan sculptor who crates sometimes almost lifefize figures that make us laugh at ourselves as well as at the art. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

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Accordion champ can't get respect

By Tom Panzenhagen
staff writer

When Peter Soave won the prestigious Klingenthal International competition for classical musicians in East Germany last May, he was the first non-Soviet to win in his classification since they began competing in the 50-year-old annual event.

"The Klingenthal is believed by many to be the highest competition - the epitome of competition," said Soave, 20, of Southfield. Previous winners - all Europeans - have gone on to successful teaching and concert careers in their homelands.

Soave's countrymen, however, haven't embraced the conquering hero.

Since competition in the Klingenthal is 75 percent from Communist bloc countries, "it's slighted in the United States," he explained. "So instead of people backing me, there was a lot of jealousy involved... a lot of animosity."

Hence, Soave felt he still had to prove himself. He set his sights on the Coupe Mondiale, the western equivalent of the Klingenthal, held in October in London. His competition consisted of classical musicians from western European countries, Canada and the United States.

Soave became the first person to win both events.

In Europe, Soave would be accorded the celebrity status Americans reserve for Olympic champions. Concert promoters would beat a path to his door.

In the United States, however, Soave cannot make a living on the concert stage.

Why not? Because Soave plays the accordion.

"TELL THEM YOU PLAY the accordion, and they think here comes Lawrence Welk or Frankie Yankovic," Soave said. He resents his contemporaries who have turned their backs on the accordion, as well as the portions of the American public that don't realize the accordion's potential.

Soave could make a good living as an accordion teacher, he said, but that would be turning his back on the instrument and his potential.

"I enjoy teaching, but my aspirations are with performance. I've worked hard for it (a concert career), and I'd hate to work to such a high level and then let it go away."

"I want to bring the instrument to the equivalent level of any other symphonic instrument. I'd like to do it here (in the United States)."

SOAVE CONCEDES he faces an uphill battle. He must educate everyone, including his American music colleagues.

"(Song writers/composers) Billy Joel, Barry Manilow, Dominic Frontiere started on the accordion, and people like this have a lot of pull in New York and California.

"But they don't work to help young musicians. They have the ability to help someone, but they don't want to."

Soave believes the animosity he encountered after winning the Klingenthal stemmed from professional ignorance, he said.

For the record, Soave plays the chromatic accordion. It's highly evolved from the original accordion, which was invented in Germany in the 1820s. First mass-produced in Italy in the late-19th century, the chromatic accordion also differs from the piano accordion, associated with Welk and Yankovic.

The chromatic accordion's greatest attribute is its versatility. Unlike the piano accordion's keyboard system on the lefthand side, which produces 41 tones, the chromatic accordion has 104 buttons that produce far more tones in a greater range.

The righthand sides of both accordions look the same, but the piano accordionist can play only chords. The chromatic accordionist can play either individual notes or chords.

"Accordion music of the past that the public is used to is passe, it's old, it's limited music," Soave said.

SOAVE HAS PLAYED the chromatic accordion for four years, but he received his first accordion - a mini-piano accordion - from his Italian immigrant father when he was 5.

"My father always wanted to be a musician when he was growing up, but he didn't have the opportunity. That was during the war, and he had to work to support his family."

"Once, my father was visiting relatives in Italy, and he came back with a small accordion for me."

The immigrant's son began taking lessons. By 7, he entered the state accordion championships, which he won for the first time in his age bracket at 11. The win qualified him for the national championships.

At the time, Soave said, he was playing accordion "novelties."

When he was 15, Soave won another Michigan championship, again moved on to the nationals, and this time he won his first U.S. championship.

That win - on a piano accordion - qualified him for the 1980 Coupe Mondiale in New Zealand. The immigrant's son had become a world-class accordionist.

Still, the competition overwhelmed him in New Zealand, where several of the competitors were armed with chromatic accordions.

"The competition knocked me out. It was incredible. I'd been playing 10-11 years, but it was awesome - the music and the instruments. It was a great inspiration."

THAT'S WHEN SOAVE bought his first chromatic accordion.

Two more national championships and third- and fourth-place finishes in Coupe Mondiale competitions ensued. Soave, recognized in Europe as a leading accordionist, also had several successful concert tours across the Continent.

Finally, this year, Soave knew he was ready for the Klingenthal. But he didn't know what he was in for.

Soave and his traveling companions arrived about a week before the competition.

"We were accepted very well by the townspeople. The regular townsfolk really look up to Americans and like to follow in our footsteps as much as possible."

Competition officials were friendly, too, although not as helpful as they might have been. Soave explained.



Accordionist Peter Soave with his accordion, capable of performing complex classical music. Soave wants to win new respect for his misunderstood instrument.

THE COMPETITION consisted of three rounds, the first being a test piece and an original composition (for accordion). Round two was a 30-minute program including a piece written before 1800.

In the final round, the top four competitors performed with the Leipzig Symphony Orchestra. Months in advance, each competitor had received the concerto he was to perform, if chosen as a finalist.

What Soave didn't know until the day of his final performance, however, was that the judges expected performers to have memorized the concerto, Helmut Reinbothe's "Concerto for Accordion and Orchestra."

"The Russians had a constant smile on their faces while I was rehearsing because they thought for sure I wouldn't perform the piece by memory."

"To be honest, it looked kind of doubtful for me. But I'd made it this far, worked this long. My goal was to do something that hadn't been done before, so I told myself I had to do it."

"When I won, it was one of the greatest moments of my life. I knew afterward - as soon as I finished playing - that I'd won. We all knew. The Russians knew."

FIRST PRIZE was 5,000 East German marks, or about \$1,500, which Soave subsequently discovered he couldn't take out of the country.

"Now I have a bank account for 4,000 marks in Klingenthal."

Although he will not compete at Klingenthal again because tradition dictates that a new champion be chosen each year, he will return there to perform.

Soave received citations and congratu-

tulations from local and state officials as well as President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

"I received fantastic support... but the (U.S.) accordion people wanted to overlook it," Soave said, bitterness surfacing again.

SOAVE, however, remains hopeful that he can build a future for himself and fellow accordionists in the United States, "and present the accordion" to a dubious public.

Soave is seeking professional representation, but he does have one lead: Among the congratulations he received after his win in Klingenthal was one from Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show" staff.

So don't be surprised if you tune in Johnny one night and see an accordion player on the show. And Peter Soave will bet you 4,000 marks it won't be Lawrence Welk or Frankie Yankovic.

Christmas opens creative spirit to everyone

This is another in a series of lessons on art and drawing by special columnist David Messing. He has taught for eight years and operates an art store, Art Store and More, 18774 Middlebelt, Livonia. Messing encourages questions and comments from readers. You may write him at his store or c/o Observer Newspapers, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington MI 48024.



By David Messing special writer

What is Christmas? That's an interesting question. Christmas surely is different things to different people. To me Christmas is watching the twinkle in Adam's eyes as after every toy commercial he confidently turns to me and says, "I'm gettin' that for Christmas, Dad."

Christmas is watching Kevin's gift list turn from action figures to Walkman radios and tape decks. And there is a certain fear in my heart as I hear Scott on my typewriter hammering out his gift list. Boy, you talk about inspired typing. The first 20 items on Scott and Kevin's list require batteries or at least extension cords. The middle 20

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items are clothes, which, if purchased, would require a third mortgage on my home. And the last 20 items require a degree in computer sciences just to understand what they're asking for.

Christmas is the hustle and bustle at the Art Store as all of us hear about the gifted artist the items are being purchased for. Christmas is Mom's mint cookies, my mother-in-law's date bars and the only time of the year that there really is candy in the candy dishes.

It's Perry Como, Johnny Mathis and all those famous artists singing all the songs that make Christmas sound like Christmas. Christmas is an extra log in the fireplace as we watch the Christmas cartoon specials that we all know by heart. It's the boys and I going shopping bright and early the 24th of December.

BUT THEN again "when" is Christmas? Is it just the day of the 25th? No, I think it's the September evenings that Grandma spent knitting the bedspread for her daughter or that Thanksgiving weekend when Grandpa made a wooden rocking

horse for one of his grandkids. Christmas is when a shopper unfolds a hard earned \$20 to buy a gift for a loved one.

But most of all Christmas is when Sandy and I stumble out of the bedroom half asleep to greet three bright and shiny faces on Christmas morning. Christmas is when, in the twinkling of an eye, the neat and clean family room is turned into a test track for slot cars and a strategy caucus for video warfare. And of course those precious assembly instructions get thrown away with the wrapping paper.

Speaking of wrappings, the boys never say, "Gee it's so pretty I hate to open it." Of course I'd probably worry if they did, huh? Well, then "where" is Christmas? It is not just here in Michigan. But come to think of it I wouldn't want to spend Christmas in a warm climate. After all, winter coats and sweaters are perfect for hiding Christmas waistlines. And did you ever see a palm tree with tinsel wrapped around it's trunk?

Is Christmas just in the special church service? No, wonderfully the



spirit of Christmas may freely manifest itself in a store or in your car as even strangers greet each other with a Christmas wish. Christmas is both in stately homes and in five family flats. It is as real in the city as it is in the country. Christmas is truly in the air. And it is not bound with physical characteristics as to "where."

THE SPIRIT of Christmas is not regulated by time as to "when" and it defies description as to "what." Christmas is spiritual and therefore rises above the "what," "where," and "when" of reason. As any group of people meet together over a common interest (regardless of what the interest) there is a brotherhood formed. At Christmas our common love for our creator and his precious gift creates a brotherhood transcending, color, social and economic

border lines. It even tears down the many walls between denominations, of the Christian faith.

Artists live their lives expressing themselves through their art. But many people have no creative means of ventilating their feelings and therefore become less expressive. I believe the spirit of Christmas gives even the least expressive person the opportunity or excuse to say to everyone, "Merry Christmas." And that expression may be more than just lip service. It may symbolize your forgiving the one who has wronged you, or say thanks to one who has helped you. Perhaps it may encompass an apology. It may even precede or follow an expression of love. But for me, today, it is an expression of gratitude to my faithful readers and a sincere wish for all of you... "Merry Christmas!"

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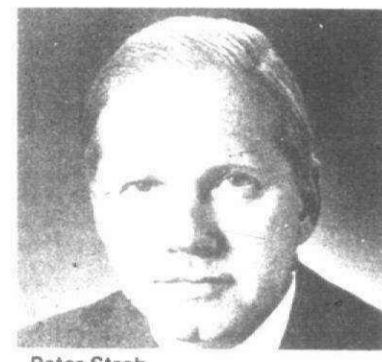
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Stroh: Arts help local economy

By Mary Klemic
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Peter Stroh

THE STUDY will look at income received from the arts, including from tax-exempt ticket receipts, property rented and accounts visiting the state to attend an art function.

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