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places and faces

SINCE WINTER has been hibernating, Westland's parks and recreation department is changing its snow sculpture contest to Saturday, March 5. Residents may use nothing but snow and coloring to sculpt a masterpiece in their front yards, using the theme cartoon comic.

Registrations are being accepted now through March 2. A department representative will visit homes to judge the sculptures.

Pictures of last year's winners are on display at the Bailey Center. A visit to the center may help generate some ideas.

WAYNE COUNTY

Intermediate School District will collect its tax levy this summer, as now allowed by law. There is no tax increase involved.

The intermediate district levies an operating tax of 0.03 mill, 0.07 mills for debt retirement and one mill for special education for a total of 1.1 mills. Most of the one mill is distributed to local school districts, according to a district spokesman. The operating levy has been the same for the last 20 years.

The intermediate school district is planning to use reserve funds to balance a 1983-84 budget of \$61.5 million, an increase of 10.5 percent.

MITZI MULLINX, an Alma College Kiltie Band member from Westland, is busy practicing for the band's playing tour of Florida during the college's winter term break from Feb. 26 through March 6.

A tour highlight comes March 4 when the band will be the guest marching unit at Disneyworld.

Before the Florida tour, the Kiltie Band has its winter concert on campus Feb. 11.

Almost all of the band member are non-music majors who are in band simply because they enjoy playing music.

Mullinx, a chemistry major, plays tenor saxophone. The daughter of Darrel and Shirley Mullinx of Minerva, she is a 1980 graduate of John Glenn High School.

GENERAL

scholarship applications for all local scholarships will be available for graduating seniors the week of Feb. 14 in the John Glenn High counseling office. Applications also will be distributed in appropriate classes that week. Deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, April 13.

By submitting an application, graduating seniors will be considered for every local scholarship they are eligible.

FEB. 7-11 IS vocational education week. The William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center, Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh, will celebrate the national observance of vocational training with an open house 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. The open house will feature a slide tape presentation, classroom tours and student demonstrations.

GOT A

sweatheart? Westland's multipurpose arena, Wildwood north of Ford, is sponsoring a Valentine's Party 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

FAMILIES are needed to host 20 high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Germany for the 1983-84 school year by the American Scandinavian Student Exchange. The program is under the auspices of the Swedish Ministry of Education. Interested families should write to Pat Schut at 7540 21st Avenue, Jenison, Mich. 49428, or phone (616) 457-4438.

Would you like to have news about people and places in your neighborhood listed in the Observer? Just send the complete information to **Places & Faces**, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Be sure to include the name and phone number of someone who can be reached during normal business hours to clarify information.

City faces budget crisis in 90 days

By Sandra Armbruster
editor

With the threat of payless paydays looming 90 days ahead for city employees, a showdown is expected Monday when the city council meets to consider the mayor's proposed budget reductions. Westland must make an estimated \$455,000 in cuts to balance this year's budget.

Both council members and the mayor admit a cash shortage could exist if a solution to budget problems isn't found soon.

"Payless paydays? The telling point is around April," said Mayor Charles Pickering. "We could have not only a deficit but a cash-flow problem."

He said the city is expected to lose anywhere from \$250,000 to \$800,000 in the latest round of cuts in state-shared revenue.

LIKELY TO top the list of council

budget complaints is Pickering's plan to discontinue library service, effective April 1, at a savings of \$40,000.

"We told him to reconsider it, but I see it's still in there," remarked council President Thomas Artley.

Artley said that the council has asked to see a contract for library service. He said there is concern among council members that if the library on Sims Street in Wayne isn't funded at minimum levels then the city could lose the \$450,000 in equity it has in the building.

Kent Herbert, who was appointed to the council to fill a vacancy and will be sworn in Monday night, said that cutting funding of Garden City and Livonia libraries used by Westland residents could draw lawsuits.

BUT PICKERING said that "to our knowledge there isn't a written agreement that prohibits us" from discontinuing library funding.

"It's like receiving cutbacks from the state," Pickering said. "That's part of the problem. We're not receiving funds from the state."

He admitted, however, that there is a "question of equity" and how Westland could receive the equity if the Wayne library closed.

Pickering added that he didn't see the equity as a liability.

Herbert said that in the long run, funding only one library "makes sense," but the library organizations must receive enough lead time.

Councilman Charles Griffin said that he would either not vote or vote no unless he saw a library contract.

Other areas are of concern to council members as well. Councilman Robert Wagner said the council needed to find out what the impact of the proposed budget cuts would be on each department.

Although several study sessions have been held on the budget cuts, the councilmen said that they were told changes had been made in the recommendations. The councilmen said they weren't informed by the mayor as to what the changes were.

OTHER BUDGET cuts being proposed by Pickering include withdrawing from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (\$4,700), laying off or transferring parks and recreation personnel (\$28,137), laying off or not filling vacant positions in police and fire departments (about \$85,000), other layoffs in the offices of city clerk, assessment, finance, building, engineering and animal control.

Although the mayor is proposing that the city's refuse transfer site remain closed to save \$4,468, he said he was looking at the possibility of keeping it open one day a week in the summer and fall.

Pickering said that his department heads haven't used SEMCOG services

for some time. He added that although the city wouldn't have a voice in SEMCOG's operation, its grant review services could still be used.

Councilmen, however, think that all budget areas ought to be looked at and that the unions should be asked to take pay concessions.

"You can only cut down to the bone," said Wagner. "If you cut much more then you're cutting necessary services for the continuation of the city."

"Years ago there was over-emphasis of the parks and recreation department to the detriment of police and fire," continued Herbert, who was the city finance director until Pickering took office.

"Now we risk losing the entire compliment of how the city operates," he said.

Pickering said he would consider asking employee groups for concessions if state and federal funding continues to be cut.

From bazaars to bake sales, dads help out

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

John Eszes considers himself lucky to get off work at 8 a.m. and spend the rest of the morning helping out in his son's co-op nursery class.

David Hart said he made a "complete fool" of himself dressed like a clown at a school bazaar, but loved every minute of it.

David Malcomson spent an afternoon sorting through fruit sale receipts, all scribbled by youngsters, and putting them in little piles on his kitchen table.

The one link which ties all these men together, and many other fathers in Livonia, is the hours they donate to their child's school.

School activities? Men? Absolutely, said both Bev Wesner, president of the Livonia PTA Council, and Julie Paddison, Livonia PTA membership chairwoman.

"I do see at the school meetings considerably more men," Paddison said. "In the past, women dominated in the organization, but I do see more men serving on local boards. I don't think it's economically motivated, that these men are unemployed. I think they are concerned parents who want to be sure programs are maintained and have a voice in what's going on in the schools."

Added Wesner: "We use to never see a man at PTA meetings. This is a definite trend."

Neither Wesner or Paddison have to look far to find proof of increasing male parental involvement in school affairs.

Sitting alongside them on the Livonia PTA Council are David Nothstine and Dick McKnight. Hayes Elementary School principal Jerry Nehs is administrative representative to the council, while Newell Bentley, representing Marshall Elementary School, is a new delegate to the council. The president of the Michigan PTA is a man. So is the state membership co-chairman.

Increasingly, fathers such as David Hart, David Malcomson and John Eszes are attending PTA meetings and pitching in to help at spaghetti dinners, paper drives, school bazaars and grapefruit sales.

WHEN FIVE-YEAR-OLD Joshua Hart started kindergarten at Garfield Elementary School last September, it



David Hart takes part in many of his son's school activities including chairing a parent support group for a student book club and even dressing up as a clown for a school bazaar.

was only natural that his father, David, would be right behind him.

"I have been involved in my son's life ever since he was born," said Hart, who is self-employed and operates a painting company out of his home on Hambleton.

"I was right there in the room when he was born. I've always done things with him. I want to do so much for him and with him. When he went to school, (joining the PTA) was the next step for me in his development. I have to be involved in the PTA so I

can affect his school, have a voice and participate in his life."

Since September, Hart has cooked spaghetti for a school dinner and has helped serve it. For the school bazaar, he set up an arts and crafts booth and

donned the costume of a clown to sell raffle tickets.

"I dressed up as a clown and made a complete fool of myself," Hart said. "But we sold \$128 worth of raffle tickets and made \$64."

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Board reviews Bentley closing

By Teri Banas
staff writer

The Livonia Board of Education at 8 p.m. tonight will consider Superintendent George Garver's report outlining plans to close Bentley High School by June 1985.

It will be the board's first official action on the issue and would pave the way for a series of public hearings.

James Lynch, the parent of a Bentley High School student and a leader in the school closing issue, is also expected to address the school board during the meeting in the school board office on Farmington Road south of Five Mile.

Lynch earlier told the Observer he

was counting on "buying some time" in the process so that parents could continue to explore other options to the school closing. Lynch has maintained that his group is primarily concerned with the broader issue of maintaining four high schools in the district.

But a delay in the public hearings would be granted tonight does not appear likely.

Garver said Friday he would recommend that the board also approve dates of three public hearings — Feb. 14, 15, 16 — to take place in Bentley's auditorium. This recommendation is included in a motion that's been drafted for the school board's consideration tonight.

But Garver did say that neither he

nor his staff "would have a problem" with a delay in the school board's final action to close the school, previously estimated at sometime in March.

"If they choose to take some additional time, then the staff sees no problem with that," he said.

The upcoming action on Garver's report came after a series of information meetings held by Garver in the district. In those meetings, Garver previewed his report and district statistics on such factors leading to the closing as declining enrollment and school finances.

If closed, Bentley would be the first high school in a district that so far has shut down some 25 district elementary and middle schools because of declining enrollment and school funds.

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Police report rise in some crimes

carrier of the month

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A seventh grade student at Marshall Junior High, Gary maintains a B-average on his report card. His favorite subjects are social studies, science and gym.

Gary's hobbies include BMX racing, designing cars, playing the drums, sports and camping. He won the fall series at the BMX expert class in bicycle motocross racing and is the current leader in the winter-spring series.



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Westland police had a busy year in 1982.

While the total of what are called Class One crimes showed a decline of 279 incidents last year from 1981, there were still increases in some serious crimes. Class One crimes include murder, robbery, burglary, rape, arson, breaking and entering.

Total Class one crimes in 1981 totaled 5,136 while last year the figure dropped to 4,857.

While there were two murders in the

city last year compared with three the previous year, armed robbery climbed from 28 in 1981 to 37 last year.

Incidents of assault with a gun rose to 42 from 39 the previous year, however aggravated assaults dropped to six from 12 reported the previous year.

There were three more reports of rape by force in 1982, with 17 reported compared to 14 in 1981. Attempted rapes dropped from 14 to 11.

Although attempted burglaries climbed to 178 last year from 155 in

1981, burglary by forcible entry dropped to 905 from the previous year's figure of 944, and burglary by unlawful entry slid to 90 from 156.

Home burglaries during the nighttime hours rose to 406 from 390 in 1981, but daytime burglaries dropped to 209 from 1981's figure of 257. Overall there were 82 fewer burglaries last year, the number dropping to 1,173 from 1,255 in 1981.

There was an increase in automobile

thefts last year with 384 reported compared with 351 in 1981.

Police recovered more stolen cars last year, that figure hitting 98 compared with 77 recovered in 1981.

Arson cases also declined, dropping to 47 from the previous year figure of 55.

WHILE VANDALISM continued to be a problem, there were 189 fewer incidents last year. Vandalism reports in 1981 were at 1,470. The 1982 figure was 1,281.

Shoplifting, still a problem in the city, did show a slight decline last year. During 1982, there were 506 cases reported. This compared with 527 the previous year.

Bicycle thefts also dropped last year. During the year there were 374 thefts reported. In 1981, police received 469 bike theft reports.

Westland had more robberies last year.

Highway, commercial gas or service station, chain store, residence, bank and miscellaneous robberies rose to 77 from 65 in 1981.

There were 13 gas or service station robberies in 1982 compared with two the previous year.

Chain store robberies, however, dropped to seven from 1981's 18.

Hazardous traffic violations, while still heavy, did show a decline of 1,774 such incidents last year.

In 1981, the traffic bureau reported 9,565 violations. The 1982 figure dropped to 7,791.

Chief William Rechin was out of town attending a police chief's seminar and was unavailable for comment on the statistics.

military news

ARMY PVT. MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charles, 32223 Bertram, has completed an Army wheeled tractor operator course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Students were trained to smooth surfaces for roads, airfields and parking lots. They also learned to slope banks and prepare drainage ditches for erosion control.

Williams is a 1982 graduate of

Franklin High School, Livonia.

PVT. STEVEN J. CHRZANOWSKI, son of R. A. and K. M. Chrzanowski, 33767 Cowan, has completed basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1982 graduate of Fordson High School, Dearborn.

JOSEPH F. DEMAY JR., son of Darlene M. Briner, 38405 Milton, has been promoted in the Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

He is an electronic warfare systems specialist at England Air Force Base, La. with the 23rd Component Repair Squadron.

DeMay is a 1982 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

Reserve banquet seat now

The Westland Youth Athletic Association will observe its 25th anniversary Saturday at the annual board banquet to be held at St. Simon and Jude Church on Palmer, east of Venoy.

The event is open to the public. Reservations for the catered dinner must be made in advance by calling Tom Dunigan at 721-3640 before 10 p.m.

Tuesday. Tickets are \$12.50. The buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Persons interested in attending just the awards presentation and dance, but not the dinner, may buy tickets at the door for \$7.

There will be a raffle. Any person bringing food for the mayor's Operation Bread Basket, will receive a free raffle ticket.

Dads help breathe fresh air into school scene

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He is chairman of the young authors club and is now in the process of printing the books—the youngsters have written. He has unloaded fruit from a semi-truck during the school's fruit sale. And he helped to raise \$2,000 the PTA plans to use to buy an Apple II computer.

"Everyone knows I am a soft touch, so they ask me to help out," he said. "If someone calls up and says 'hey, we need some help,' I'll be the first one there. I'm the kind of guy who can't say no."

Working out of his home makes getting involved "easier," Hart said. But, he said, he would still attend monthly PTA meetings and participate if he had a nine-to-five job.

Parents get "more of a feeling of what goes on in the school" when they do become active in the PTA, he said. "And you have the vote to say, 'hey, wait, something's wrong,'" he said. "I've learned more about the school system. Before, I had no idea of what went on."

Hart is quick to credit his wife, Sally, for her work for the PTA also. As a medical technologist, she often works weekends. That leaves some weekdays free to attend daytime PTA meetings.

And how do fellow PTA members, many of whom are women, feel about Hart's participation?

"The women all said it was like a breath of fresh air to see a father involved," he said. "They like me to be in charge because they think I can get more things done. But I don't believe that."

IF DAVID MALCOMSON had his druthers, he would rather be at work. Since June, he has been laid off from his job as a machine operator in Wyandotte. And he remembers those days of weekly paychecks and longs for their return.

But, while waiting out a recall, Malcomson keeps himself busy two ways. One is searching for a job in heating and cooling, a trade for which he has a degree from Schoolcraft College.

The other is learning how to be a PTA helping hand.

Malcomson is "learning" because before the layoff, his afternoon-shift hours stood as a barrier between him and his two children and their school.

"My work schedule didn't allow me to get involved," Malcomson said. His children are Scott, 10, and Lori, 7. "Before the layoff, the only time I saw the kids was at lunch time. Now, I'm doing things I never did before."

The layoff has forced Malcomson and his wife, Janet, to switch roles. She goes to work and he makes supper, keeps the house tidy and goes to the PTA meetings his wife once attended.

The first job Malcomson did for the PTA was last June. He helped out at a school field day. From there, he went to unloading pumpkins from a truck for a pumpkin sale. For the school's bazaar, he roamed the neighborhood putting up signs and then retraced his steps and took them back down. He has put away chairs and tables at meetings, has swept floors and even sold oranges and grapefruit.

It was the orange and grapefruit sale which almost caused a bookkeeping crisis. For the first time in his life, he had to tally the sales tickets filled out by youngsters.

"My whole kitchen table was spread out with papers, trying to balance every kid's account," Malcomson said. "I had to count the money and keep the orders separate. And then people came in with late orders."

One of his next big assignments, if he is not back to work yet, is to be a volunteer for fifth- and sixth-grade camp.

"I would like to participate but May is so far away and it's hard to make that commitment, not knowing if I will get called back," he said.

And will Malcomson stay with the PTA once he goes back to work?

"It would depend on what shift I got into," he said. "But I will keep doing it as long as my hours permit it."

JOHN ESZES is the father who dashes off to Garfield Elementary

School's co-op nursery when he gets off work at 8 a.m.

Sound crazy? Well, he only does it twice a month. And sometimes his wife, Patricia, takes over the duty for him.

But, when he does go, it's two mornings out of the month that he loves.

"I consider myself fortunate to work midnights because I am able to spend more time with the kids," said Eszes, who lives on Pinetree and is the father of Melissa, 7, Matthew, 5, and Amy, 1.

"If I worked days, I would only be home in the evenings and my exposure to the kids would be limited. A lot of people say they couldn't do it, but it's important to have a close family unit. I want them to feel close to me, to communicate with me. Psychologically, sometimes I think it is impossible to go. But emotionally, I know I need to do it. You have to discipline yourself."

Eszes has been working the co-op nursery detail ever since Melissa went there three years ago and expects to still be there when it's Amy's turn to go.

Eszes said Matthew liked it when it was his Dad's turn to go. "Mom is always with him," he said. "I think he likes it more when Dad is there."

So, twice a month, after leaving his job at the Ford Motor Co. Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Eszes finds himself setting up snacks for the youngsters, cleaning up the work area, helping out with arts and crafts and keeping watch on the children as they play on the playground equipment.

Working at the co-op shows him just how much some children are "crying out for attention," Eszes said.

"By working with them, you can see their various needs," he said. "Some problems really stand out—those kids are really crying out for attention."

Because there are days when he, too, doesn't feel like going, Eszes said he can understand how easy it is for parents to talk themselves out of not taking part in school activities.

"But I see so many parents who aren't available to their kids," he said. "And I wonder what place their kids have in their lives."

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Elaine Krumm, a member of Teen Tech Co., shows her company's product, a 12-watt trouble light, to her parents William and Marjorie Krumm at last week's open house. Elaine is a student at Franklin High School.



Pam Collins cuts a pattern for her company's product, a decorative felt cow which bears the message "Holy cow are you eating again."



Students spend two hours one night a week at the center. Working on this bookend assembly operation are (from left) Cristly Edwards, David Chaurdy, Keith Hutchins and Bill Karinen.

High achievers JA turns teens on to business

A business doesn't have to be big to be successful. Just ask the high school students who are members of Teen Tech, a Junior Achievement company at the Whitman Center.

The company, which produces trouble (12-watt) lights, has recorded \$3,202 in sales since last October. The Livonia center posted a total sales of \$8,886. Daniel White, vice president for high school programs, dubbed the Whitman operation as "one of the most successful in southeast Michigan."

Teen Tech is one of 16 companies housed in the Whitman JA Center on West Chicago. Other companies make and sell items such as bingo bags, book ends, sun catchers and solar-powered music boxes. The young businessmen and businesswomen along with their sponsors and advisors were in the spotlight at a recent week-long open house to celebrate National Junior Achievement Week.

The achievers make and sell products through their own companies that operate out of the center. Businesses in the area sponsor the companies and supply advisors. The 57 advisors at the Whitman Center are from Comerica, GM Chevrolet Division, Ford Transmission, Ford Parts and Service Division (which supplies 18 or 32 percent of the advisors at the Whitman Center), Detroit Edison, Holiday Inn West, GM Warehouse Division, American Airlines, Forest and Gargaro Investment Co., GM Fisher Body Division and Lawrence Institute of Technology.

JA is in its 34th year in the Detroit area (it's fifth in Whitman) and thriving. The aim was, and still is, a program sponsored by business and industry, to give young people understanding of business methods and procedures.

More than 6,000 high school students participate in JA programs at 33 centers in southeastern Michigan. Another

7,000 eight and ninth graders are part of Project Business, an economic education program.

JA companies are organized in October with 15 to 20 high school students operating each business. Companies operate one evening (Monday through Thursday) per week for two hours (from 7-9 p.m.). Each center has meeting rooms and a workshop equipped with power tools and machinery needed to manufacture the wide variety of JA products.

Although most of the JA companies at Whitman are manufacturing companies. Others, such as the JA Bank sponsored by Comerica, handle the financial transactions of other companies at Whitman. The Whitman JA Center is directed by Bill White.

Staff photos by
Art Emanuele

Self-made man continues to dream despite an illness

By Bill Casper
staff writer

All his life George Cossin has lived by the motto "make a star from a scar."

At 70, the Redford Township man is dying of cancer, but he refuses to allow that grim reality to interfere with his life.

He hopes that his current efforts to cope with terminal cancer, as well as his life's accomplishments, will serve as an example and inspiration to other cancer victims.

Cossin's nearly completed autobiography will tell his story from his youth as one of nine children in a large, poor family to his rise as a prominent executive in the fast-paced auto industry of the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

HE ALREADY has published a book of poetry, "Poems, by George. Publication of his poetry book marked the fulfillment of a dream, but Cossin has always been a dreamer, a goal setter and a doer.

And although time is no longer his ally, he continues to set goals that he will strive to attain as long as he is able.

His goals are a means of coping with cancer. In addition to his autobiography, he is composing a poem to commemorate Redford's 150th birthday, working on his oil painting hobby and putting in his basement work shop. He serves as a means for him to cope with his cancer. He lives with his second wife, Elaine, whom he divorced in 1975 and remarried last year.

"I'm not going to just wait for death to come knocking on my door," said the tall, slender Cossin in a soft-spoken tone. "I'm determined not to just sit around while the cancer eats away at me. I'm going to face one day at a time

"I'm not going to just wait for death to come knocking at my door."
— George Cossin

and enjoy each day of my life. I'm going to learn to be compatible with this cancer."

His goals include a desire to meet with unfortunate members of society with the hope of providing the inspiration that may help them cope with their problems.

"I BELIEVE I have much to offer people and I'd like to have a chance to work with the downtrodden to turn a problem into an opportunity," he said. "I'm not sure at this time how best to help, but I'm working on it."

When Cossin begins working on something, he generally succeeds.

He possesses an iron will to succeed, combined with the self-determination and motivation to work toward success. He wants to teach others the same thing.

A ninth-grade dropout from Detroit's Cody High School, he educated himself and worked his way from a stock clerk at a General Motors production plant to the national television sales manager for American Motors.

As a young boy, growing up in the shadow of Tiger Stadium near Henry and 12th streets, he and his seven brothers and one sister always worked to help support the family.

As a teen-ager, Cossin sacked peanuts at the stadium when it was known as Navin Field and parked cars for a 12-cent-per-hour wage.

Later in life at the age of 25, he worked as a security guard at the renamed Briggs Stadium.

BEFORE GETTING his break in the auto industry through associations he made with an industry executive, Cossin had worked as a special Detroit police officer, a railroad detective and chauffeur.

"The first recollection I have of my desire to succeed dates way back to the time I worked a Navin Field as a boy," he said. "Those great baseball players like Charlie Genghing and Harry Heilmann became symbols of success for me to emulate. But I didn't have the talent to play professional sports."

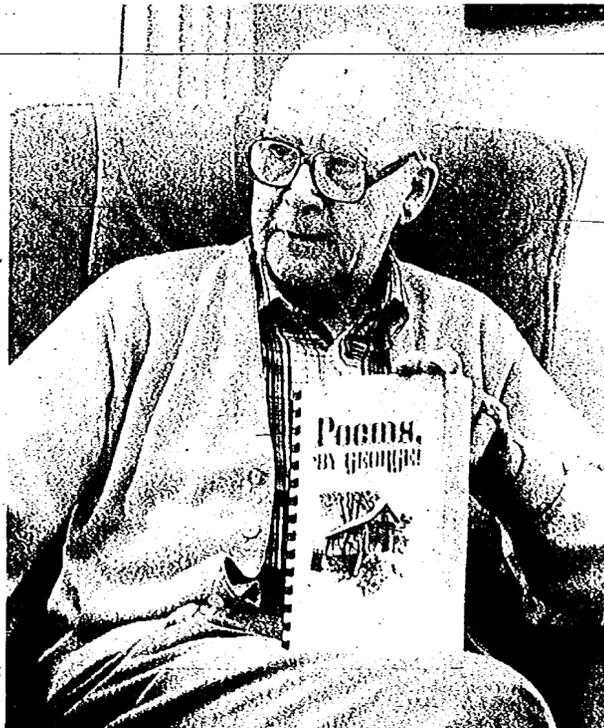
"It was a few years later when I was parking cars in a very exclusive area of Detroit at Washington Boulevard and Clifford that I again felt the desire to attain the success of the important people whose cars I was parking. It was then that I formulated the idea that nothing is impossible and I set my first goal to attain the same level success that the people around me had attained.

"Although I didn't complete high school, I always had a strong yearning to learn and I always was an ambitious person," said Cossin. "So I began to educate myself and I enrolled in Dale Carnegie course seminars. I began to gain the determination, desire, attitude that I could do anything that I really wanted to."

Cossin's poetry book contains a selection of 200 of the 5,000 poems he says he has written during the past 50 years.

"I WAS always interested in words and I became inspired by the poetry of Edgar Guest," said Cossin.

"When I was a boy, I used to park his car and read his poems that were published in a newspaper. My poems are basically nostalgic in nature. I'm going to write one to commemorate Redford Sesquicentennial celebration and pres-



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

George Cossin, 70, displays the book of poetry he published recently. The former auto company executive now suffering from cancer is determined to live his life to the fullest. He's currently working on an autobiography.

ent it to Supervisor (James) Kelly along with a copy of my poetry book.

"I'd like to be able to leave something to the township because I think it's a nice community to live in and I've enjoyed it."

Kelly, who has accepted Cossin's request to write a Sesquicentennial poem, said he remembers him as a former neighbor.

"I recall one day working in my front yard and he stopped to tell me he was so happy that he had just beaten can-

cer, that he had a second chance, and that he was going to take advantage of it," said Kelly.

But the cancer that doctors thought was in remission from Cossin's lung later reappeared in his brain and it can no longer be controlled.

But Cossin, who said he received his last radium treatment last week, has decided to take that second chance anyway and make the best of it.

Tax help available

If you're dreading your annual bout with Internal Revenue Service forms, help is at hand.

A new "outreach" effort to bring professional tax help into your neighborhood debuts when the IRS comes to town at 10 a.m. Feb. 12 at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Free help will be available in preparing 1982 tax forms, but you must bring all the necessary information with you. That includes the tax forms package you received in the mail, a W-2 earnings statement for each job you and your wife had last year, Form 1099 for interest and dividends received, and summaries of tip and unemployment income.

If you itemize deductions, then also bring along all other pertinent information.

Tax help also is available for senior citizens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays until April 15 at the Whittier Community Center, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail. The American Association of Retired Persons is providing the service.

A tax consultant will prepare all tax forms by appointment only 5-8 p.m. all Tuesdays in March and 1:30-4 p.m. all Thursdays in March at the Senior Friendship Center, 37095 Marquette.

To schedule an appointment, call 722-7632.

Libertarians meet tonight

The Libertarian Party of Wayne County will sponsor a guest night at 7:30 p.m. today in Christoff's Public House, 13736 Michigan, Dearborn.

An earlier article incorrectly reported the date as Sunday.

Keith Edwards of the Metro Libertarians will be the guest speaker. Two films about Libertarian philosophy will be shown. There is no admission charge.

Church to combine spaghetti dinner and concert

INCOME TAX
Daily - Free Income Tax service for senior citizens at Whittier Community Center, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

INCOME TAX
Daily - Free income tax help will be available to retirees through the aide program of the American Association of Retired Persons at Garden City in Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood. You must have an appointment; call 421-0610 for an appointment and further information.

BINGO
Monday, Feb. 7 - The Paralyzed Veterans of Michigan, based in Garden City, will hold a bingo fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. every Monday in the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ford Road, east of Merriman. Proceeds are used to support programs for the handicapped.

NUKE MEETING
Monday, Feb. 7 - The Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign Committee will meet at 7:30 in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia. Discussion will center around the "Just-Unjust War Theory." For more information, call 455-2149.

community calendar

Non-profit groups should mail items for the calendar to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The date, time and place of the event should be included, along with the name and phone number of someone who can be reached during business hours to clarify information.

MOVIE HOUR
Tuesday, Feb. 8 - The Garden City Library will host an after-school movie hour starting at 4 p.m. in the library activity room. The program is free and runs approximately one hour. "Mr. Magoo in Noah's Ark" and "Kitten for Kim" will be shown.

SOLAR ENERGY
Tuesday, Feb. 8 - Call Schoolcraft College for information on a 8-week course on solar energy. The number is 591-6400, Ext. 409. Students will assess their home's solar potential and discover ways to reduce utility costs.

WOMEN SUPPORT GROUP
Tuesday, Feb. 8 - Women's Support Group will meet 1-4 p.m. every Tuesday afternoon in Room 109, St. John's

Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road. The group will discuss everyday problems that affect women but does not offer therapy. For more information, call the YMCA at 721-7044.

NEW BORN CARE
Tuesday, Feb. 8 - The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association is offering a two week course for expectant couples on newborn care at 7:30 p.m. in Geneva Presbyterian Church on Ford and Sheldon Roads in Canton. For more information and to register, call 459-7477.

WISER
Tuesday, Feb. 8 - WISER a group for widowed people will meet at 8 p.m. in room B-200 in the Liberal Arts Building at Schoolcraft College. For more information call 591-6400 Ext. 430.

SCUBA LESSONS
Wednesday, Feb. 9 - The Garden City Community Education is offering scuba lessons. There will be a one-night introductory session for people to see how well they like breathing under water. For information, call 422-7198.

LAMAZE
Wednesday, Feb. 9 - The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association is offering a Lamaze series at St. Michael Lutheran Church on Cheldon in Canton at 9:30 a.m. Call 459-7477 to register.

VALENTINE'S DAY
Wednesday, Feb. 9 - The City of Westland, Department On Aging will hold a Valentine's Day celebration from noon to 2:30 in the Senior Friendship Center, 37095 Marquette. First 110 people to register for the Nutritious Lunch. A King and Queen of Hearts will be selected. For further information call 722-7632.

KITELINE MEETING
Wednesday, Feb. 9 - Franklin High School KiteLine monthly meeting will be from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Principals conference room. Parents of Franklin High School students are welcome.

GARDEN CITY PTSA
Wednesday, Feb. 9 - Garden City PTSA Council will hold their annual Founder's Day Dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person which include dinner and entertainment. Contact Beat Hudson at 425-4900.

BINGO
Wednesday, Feb. 9 - The Wayne Westland Community Schools Senior Adults Club will sponsor for the public at 2 p.m. in the center, 36745 Marquette.

RETIRED PERSONS
Wednesday, Feb. 9 - The Dearborn Heights - Westland chapter 1642 of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold their monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Berwyn Senior Center, 28155 Richardson. Dues of \$2 for 1983 are now payable and accepted at this meeting.

OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, Feb. 9 - St. Damian School will hold an open house for Kindergarten Redness, kindergarten and grades 1-8 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. The School is located at 29891 Joy Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt.

CRIME PREVENTION
Wednesday, Feb. 9 - The Garden City Police Department holds a crime-prevention meeting at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month in Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. Anyone may attend. People interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch crime-prevention group may receive information at these meetings.

VALENTINE'S DAY
Thursday, Feb. 10 - A Valentine's Day Celebration will be held at noon in the Whittier Community and Senior Center, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail. The Department On Aging's Gababout Club is hosting this event. A King and Queen of Hearts will be selected. Call 722-7632 for more information.

MYSTERY TRIP
Thursday, Feb. 10 - The Dearborn Heights-Westland Chapter 1642 of the American Association of Retired Persons will have a mystery trip. call 563-4860 for more information and dates of other mystery trips.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE
Thursday, Feb. 10 - Westland Parks

and Recreation will hold its second annual Daddy-Daughter Dance from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 for daddy and daughter and \$3.50 for daddy and two daughter. Dance will be held at Melvin G Bailey Recreation Center.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Friday, Feb. 11 - The First United Methodist Church, 6883 Merriman Road, of Garden City will hold a spaghetti Dinner and Handell Concert at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Call 422-5375 for tickets and more information. The concert will be presented by "The Brass Ring" and Adult Handbell choirs of the Church, and it will feature "The Jills," an award-winning group from Bloomfield/Andover High School.

SENIOR CITIZENS
Friday, Feb. 11 - The Westland Senior Citizens are sponsoring a fund day in Windsor, Canada. They will be 2 hours for shopping in a covered mall in Windsor and then a buffet lunch. Cost is \$20. Call Dottie Finrock at 722-5068 for reservations and more information.

LIONS CLUB
Sunday, Feb. 13 - The Garden City Lions Club has bingo Sundays in the American Legion Hall on Middlebelt, south of Ford. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Silver Bar Restaurant on Middlebelt, north of Ford.

WISER
Tuesday, Feb. 15 - Widowed in Service Women's Resource Center (WISER) will present Joe O'Brien, a certified public accountant, to share his knowledge of good money management. Bring your tax questions, too. The group will meet at 8 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, 27500 Marquette, Garden City. There is no charge. Call 427-3800 to make a reservation or for more information.

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SOUND OF MUSIC
Thursday, Feb. 17 is the first performance of "The Sound of Music" by Churchill High School at 7:30. Get your \$3.50 tickets in advance by calling 261-7300, Ext. 276. Group sales are also available. Performances will also be given on Feb. 18 and 19 also at 7:30 p.m.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT
Thursday, Feb. 17 - Epilepsy Support Program, a self-help group, will meet at 7:30 p.m. in All Saints Lutheran Church, 8850 Newburgh at Joy Livonia. All meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month, unless otherwise notified. For more information, call Joanne Meister 522-1940.

SUPPORT GROUP
Monday, Feb. 28 - The Parents of Murdered Children will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 113 A of Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan, Dearborn. Chaplin and Consultant Terry Purvis-Smith from Childrens Hospital will speak on "Death and Dying." For more information, call Judy Thomason at 278-3969.

WEIGHT CONTROLLERS
Weight Controllers, sponsored by the Garden City Parks and Recreation Department, meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Log Cabin, Cherry Hill east of Merriman. Anyone may attend. Price is 25 cents per meeting. For more information, call 421-4545.

WINTER PROGRAMS
Winter programs at Good Hope Child Care Center are available for children 2-5. Full- or part-time programs are offered to suit your schedule. Call 427-4180 for more information. The center is at 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City.

Services are held for Harold Bergquist

Services for Harold E. Bergquist, a longtime Garden City civic leader, were held Friday morning from the Garden City Presbyterian Church.

He died Feb. 1 in Advance Nursing Home, Inkster, after a lengthy illness. He was 75.

Mr. Bergquist was a Ford Motor Co. supervisor in transmission testing and twice won the company's Bell Ringer award for outstanding community service.

He was a soloist at the Presbyterian church for 30 years, was a member of the Masonic Lodge 172, F&M, and a chanter in the Moslem Temple Shrine.

Mr. Bergquist was a Boy Scout Council member and served on the city's zoning board of appeals for 11 years with perfect attendance.

In the late 1960s, he was the Republican nominee for a state House of Representatives seat.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; sons, Frederick, Daniel Johnson, Terry Johnson, Gerald, Harold E. Jr., and Randy; a daughter, Donna J. Helse; 19 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were arranged by John N. Santelu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City.



Harold E. Bergquist civic leader dies

obituaries

LAURENCE GUERIN

Services for Laurence Guerin of Westland were held Feb. 5. Dr. Arnold H. Olsen officed. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Guerin, 78, died Feb. 1.

He was a truck driver for E & L Transport for 20 years.

Survivors are his wife, Mildred; children, Margaret Petrachik, Joyce Rutherford, Gerry McNamara, Nancy Loewen, Florence St. Denis, Larry and Allan.

ARTHUR THOMAS ROCKALL

Services for Arthur Thomas Rockall, of Canton, were held Jan. 31. Rev. Kenneth V. Kettlewell officiated. Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Rockall, 88, died Jan. 25.

He was a retired hydraulic mechanic for Ford Motor Co.

Survivors are his son, Arthur A. of Canton; sister, Alice Pokriefke of Westland; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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LIVING WITH BACK PAIN

At some time, most of us have suffered from an attack of low back pain and would appreciate advice on how to treat such an episode. I have several recommendations, but in order for them to better understood, you need background on the causes of the back pain.

The back is made up of the bony spines and the cartilaginous discs. These elements are connected by ligaments; in addition the spines serve as attachments for interwiring muscles which permit the back to flex and turn.

Infections and cancer can occur in the back, but the major cause of pain, in any age, comes from mechanical strain to the muscles and ligaments of the back. The other most common, untoward event is the swelling of a disc with subsequent pressure on a spinal nerve: the "pinched nerve."

Thus, most back pain, as discomforting as it becomes, is not life threatening or crippling. This consideration should be kept in mind when deciding what steps you need to take to treat your discomfort.

In my next column, I will discuss how the pattern of your pain provides the clue as to its cause.

Dr. Weiss welcomes questions from readers; send your inquiries to his office.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, Michigan

The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids on the following used equipment for sale:

- 2 - Driving Simulators Singer Model #SS-6S
- 2 - Student Units (16 consoles in each)
- 2 - Instructor Consoles

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 14th day of February, 1983 at the office of the Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education in the Purchasing Department.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, and in the interests of uniformity and design and equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the high bidder.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of bid opening. Any questions regarding condition, location, etc., may be directed to Mr. Clyde Jack, 422-1200, ext. 255.

Board of Education
Livonia Public Schools School District
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, on or before Wednesday, March 2, 1983 at 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of furnishing an updated telephone communications system for all City buildings and facilities.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope endorsed, "Sealed Bid For Telephone Communications System".

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities when deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

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RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCEMENT

As in the past, Garden City Public Schools will offer vocational education programs at the high school. The intent and structure of the vocational education program is to provide youth with a broad range of employment skills. These classes are offered under the direction of certified teachers, with the necessary guidance and assistance from certified counselors and administrators, the cooperative education coordinator, the vocational special needs coordinator, vocational education director, and Title IX and Section 504 coordinator.

The following vocational education programs will be offered:

1. Model Office - prerequisite (Typing I & II)
2. Distributive Education
3. Drafting
4. Auto - prerequisite (Power Mechanics)
5. Electronics
6. Graphics
7. Machine Shop
8. Small Engine Repair - prerequisite (Power Mechanics)
9. Wood Shop
10. Secretarial
11. Cosmetology (tentative)

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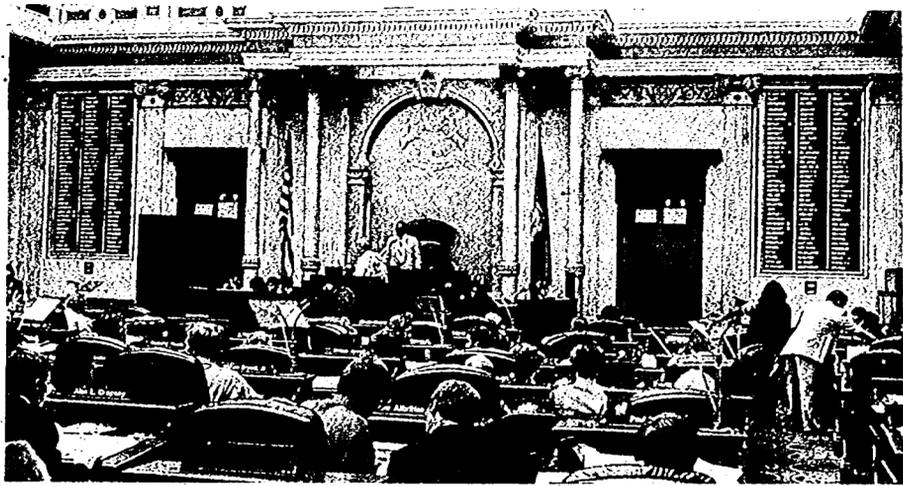
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The Michigan Legislature, for the first time in many years, will be operating without the powerful group known as the "quadrant."

Legislature's quadrant

Powerful group is no more

ONE OF THE most potent groups in state government from about 1975 to 1982 was known as the Quadrant — or the two Bills and two Bobs.

The Quadrant isn't in the state Constitution. It's not on any organization chart. You won't find it in a civics textbook. But it was how Lansing really operated.

In 1983 the Quadrant is all but dead. "At least I hope it is," said one senator.

Meeting with Gov. William G. Milliken, the Quadrant consisted, until last year, of Senate Majority Leader William Faust of Westland, Senate Minority Leader Robert VanderLaan of Kentwood, House Speaker Bobby Crim of Davison and House Minority Leader William Bryant of Grosse Pointe.

Of the five, only Faust sought reelection and his old leadership post. He is again Senate majority leader. Bryant was re-elected but dropped out as House GOP leader.

From about 1975 to 1982, governor and Quadrant put together compromises on such legislation as public transportation, workers compensation, tax proposals and other highly controversial matters that deeply divided state politicians.

"A LOT OF us were resentful that these things were arrived at without full participation," said Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Southfield, who hopes the Quadrant process is dead.

Sen. John Engler, R-Mt. Pleasant, who replaced VanderLaan as minority leader, also dislikes the Quadrant, even though he now would be a member.

"It circumvented the legislative committee process,"

said Engler, serving his second term in the Senate after four terms in the House.

Engler found Quadrant compromises were so detailed that it was impossible to make worthy amendments on the floor of either house. Typically, a Quadrant proposal was pushed through in just a couple of days before the end of a session, or in the face of some other deadline.

An individual lawmaker had to either take it or leave it. He or she had no chance to amend Quadrant proposals because the matter would have to be sent back to the other chamber for concurrence in the amendments. There was too much chance the elaborate deal could become unraveled.

ENGLER HAD another objection to the Quadrant process that I had never before heard. He said the Quadrant also gave too much power to lobbyists who drafted the proposals.

The last persons to find out what the Quadrant had agreed to were lawmakers on the affected committees, and they were prevented from using their knowledge, he said.

Faxon said James Blanchard's style as governor will be to consult many legislators rather than deal with only a handful at the highest level.

"Milliken never met with more than a few people. He had the lowest level of contact of all the governors," said Faxon.

Faxon based that remark on his own 18 years in the Legislature and service in the 1961-62 Constitutional Convention, where he got to know Govs. John B. Swainson, George W. Romney and Milliken.

"And I've visited other states," said Faxon, saying lawmakers elsewhere had much more access to their governors than Michigan legislators had to Milliken.



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The year's biggest dramas

As Oscar-time approaches, I'd like to nominate several dramatic productions which should be nominated for awards. If they weren't movies, they should have been.

"GONE WITH THE COUNTRY" — Stars Roddy McDowell as Ronald McReagan, an ambitious septuagenarian who wishes to lead the country away from government control. McReagan, who is favored by the elders of the population, becomes ruler only to see his chief aides plotting behind his back for control. At one point, aide Al McHaig (Rich Little) tells the country that he is in control.

In a subsequent purge, McHaig resigns and McReese takes control. The country is suffering severe economic hardship, but by now McReagan is deaf from jumping on and off helicopters and can't hear what his aides are telling him about a need to act.

McReagan is seen walking up and down the corridors of the mansion yelling, "Stay the course" and "Pull yourself up by your bootstraps." McReagan's wife, Lady Scarlett (Jane Wyman), and McSchultz (Howard McDuff) take charge. By slashing the defense budget, they bring the country back to stability.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" — Dustin Hoffman plays Jamie Blanchard, a young lawyer who wants to pursue a career as a Washington legislator so that he can save doddering car companies from going broke.

A crisis arises when Blanchard's younger brother (Bud Broomfield) declines to take over stewardship of

the family business (the state of Michigan). The family (played by the UAW) picks Jamie to manage the business.

Jamie inherits a mess. He soon learns that because of the depression and Uncle Billie's carelessness, the business is about to go broke. Despondent, Jamie goes down to Ren-Cen and thinks about jumping into the inky red river.

Thanks to a vision provided by a friendly angel, Jamie sees what the state would have been like in the hands of Richard Potter Headlee (Robert Vaughn).

Jamie rebounds, raises everyone's taxes and saves the state from going broke.

"ON THE DOLLARFRONT" — William Lucas Tanner (Eddie Murphy) is a former Boy Scout, school teacher, lawyer, FBI agent, comedian, talk show guest and riding instructor who rides into town from the East. He soon finds a mentor in kindly old sheriff Ray Gibbs (Jack Klugman). Gibbs teaches the young fellow all about sheriffing while running for mayor of Waterfront City.

Gibbs is elected and the likable Lucas Tanner is appointed sheriff. Lucas Tanner finds out that the county is controlled by Boss Hogg (Raymond Burr), a group of elected officials known as the "clowns" and administrators indebted to Boss Hogg.

The officials and administrators spend most of their time increasing salaries, fringe benefits and mileage allowances, buying new cars and finding jobs for friends and relatives.

Lucas Tanner decides he needs more deputies to clean up the county. He requisitions funds, but Boss Hogg and the clowns turn down the request. Lucas Tanner knows his time will come, so he bides his time.

Twelve years later he meets Dumnus Nydull (Robert Duvall), a

lawyer from the west. Nydull devises a plan for Lucas Tanner to clean up the county by being elected county savior.

The plan works, Lucas Tanner is elected and Nydull submits his bill. Lucas Tanner decides he still needs more help before he can clean up the county. He appropriates a chauffeur and four bodyguards and asks for \$600,000 for a staff of deputy savors. As we leave, Nydull is telling Lucas Tanner he will devise a plan for getting the deputy savior money — for a fee.

"ROLLOVER" — A story of love and intrigue in the mega-bucks world of high finance. William Ohgee (Nick Nolte) is a brilliant businessman who becomes president of a washing machine company and turns it into a conglomerate.

Ohgee meets young business school graduate Carry Burningham (Charlene Tilton), who is fresh out of Harvard Business School and reading a copy of "The Fountainhead."

Ohgee finds that the two have many of the same values and business beliefs. He hires her to plan takeovers, acquisitions and mergers. When gossips imply there is a romantic connection, Ohgee and Burningham issue a flurry of denials.

While they are together preparing press releases denying a romance, the couple falls in love.

To recoup lost prestige, Ohgee and Burningham plot the takeover of another conglomerate. Ohgee, however, forgets the No. 1 rule of Harvard Business School — "proper planning prevents poor performance." His company is eaten up by a third conglomerate whose parent company makes Pac-man video games.

Ohgee is made titular president of the new conglomerate corporation, told he will never have any duties and marries Burningham to start life anew, sadder but wiser.

Over lunch: a plan to utilize DeHoCo

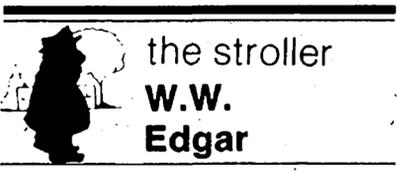
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The diner spoke up again and said, "This would not only be a help to the hungry, but it would help to steer the guests on a new twist on life that

would keep them out of trouble. In this way it would be a double benefit."

This type of program at DeHoCo could be made in to a profitable venture. It would save the taxpayers a lot of money that now goes for the food that is purchased. It could be raised right on the acres of property and it would not only provide food for the hungry, but make of DeHoCo an asset instead of just a meeting house where the guests sit and watch television.

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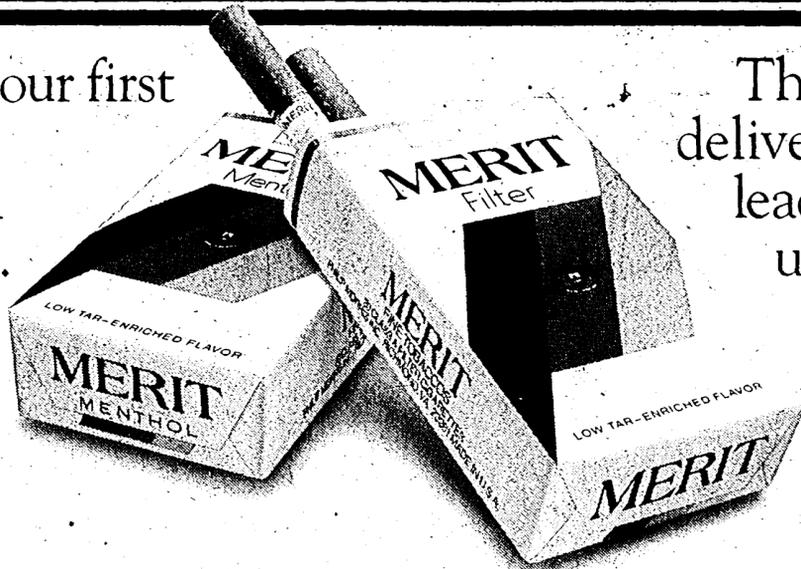
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New Year's Eve is traditionally the time for family feasting. This year what could be more appropriate than a menu featuring Red Roast Pork? The pork, the Hot & Sour Soup and the Shrimp Fried Rice are subtly flavored with soy sauce, that favorite Oriental sauce made from soybeans.

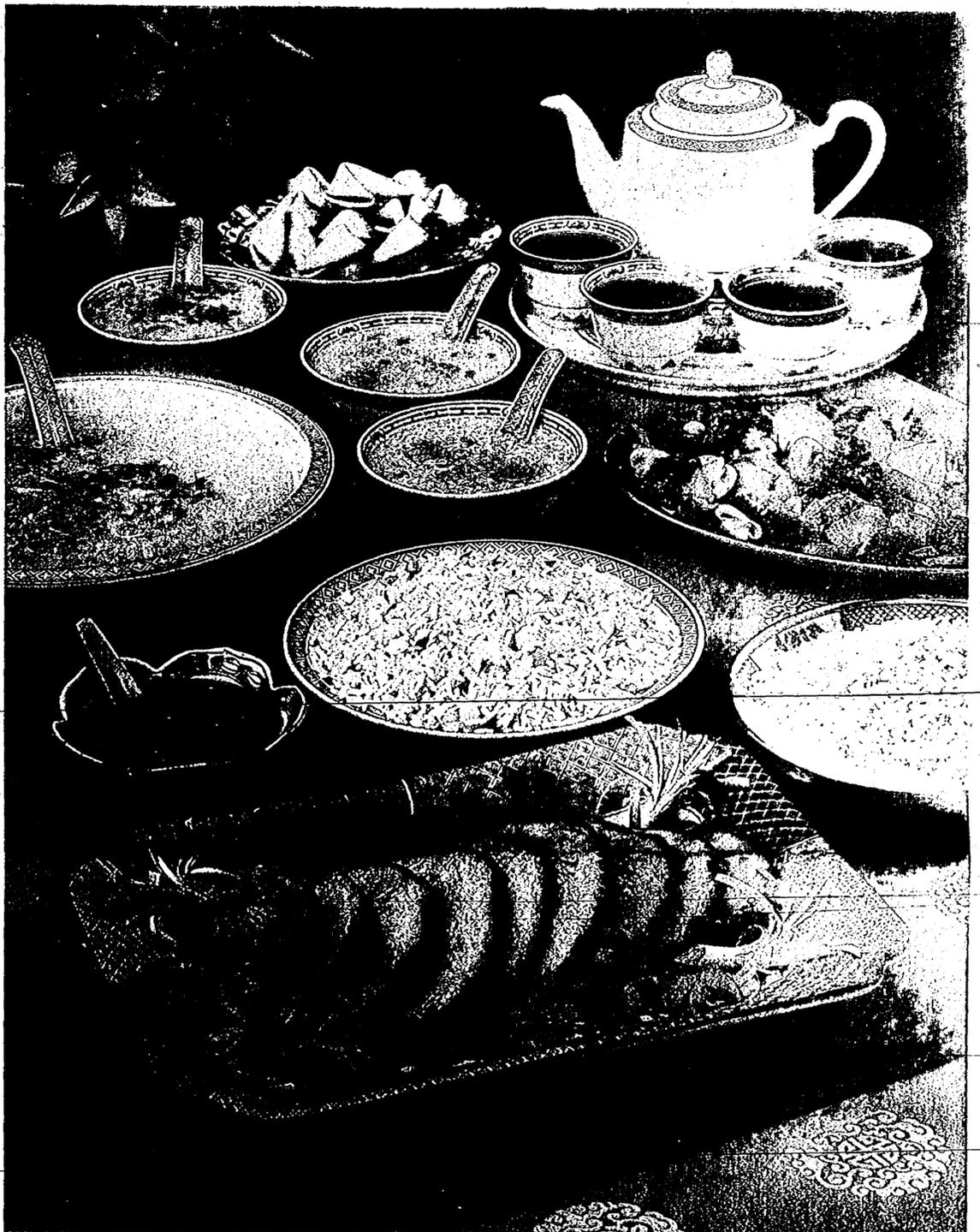
Soy Sauce is naturally brewed and imparts a salty sweet-tart flavor to the dishes. Another piquant flavor-enhancer, Teriyaki Sauce which is a combination of the soy sauce, wine and various herbs and spices, is used in the stir-fried vegetable dish on the menu.

Rice, of course, is always a staple in Chinese meals not only because it is a nutritious food but also because it is considered a good luck symbol. Consequently, rice appears in this New Year's feast not once but twice; first in the elegant Shrimp Fried Rice dish mentioned above and second in a plain version to accompany the roast pork.

Throughout the meal, small cups of steaming hot tea, the traditional drink of the Chinese, are served. As a matter of fact, according to legend, China is where tea was discovered almost 5,000 years ago. The clean, fresh taste of tea makes it the perfect accompaniment to hot and spicy foods as well as creamy-sweet ones.

Although sweets are not a specialty of the Chinese cuisine, a New Year's celebration deserves a fitting finale... ice cream flavored with another Oriental favorite—ginger—and, of course, fortune cookies.

Gung Hay Fat Choy! (Happy New Year!)



HOT & SOUR SOUP

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| 1 can (10-1/2 oz.) condensed chicken broth | 2 tablespoons white vinegar |
| 2 soup cans water | 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco pepper sauce |
| 1 can (4 oz.) mushrooms (sliced or stems & pieces) | Dash M.S.G. (optional) |
| 2 tablespoons cornstarch | 1 egg, beaten |
| 2 tablespoons Soy Sauce | 2 green onions and tops, sliced |

Combine chicken broth, water, mushrooms, cornstarch, soy sauce, vinegar, Tabasco and M.S.G. in medium saucepan. Cook over high heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil and is slightly thickened. Pour egg into soup, stirring constantly in one direction; remove from heat. Mix in green onions. Spoon into individual soup bowls; garnish with additional chopped green onions or cilantro, as desired. Makes about 5 cups.

RED ROAST PORK WITH FLUFFY RICE

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| 2 pounds boneless pork loin roast (boned, rolled and tied) | 1/3 cup honey |
| 1/3 cup Soy Sauce | 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger root |
| 1/3 cup plum jam | 1 clove garlic, minced |
| | 3 to 4 cups hot cooked rice |

Untie and unroll pork roast. Pierce both sides of roast with fork; place in large plastic bag. Thoroughly combine soy sauce, plum jam, honey, ginger and garlic; pour into bag over roast. Press air out; tie top securely. Turn bag over several times to thoroughly coat meat. Refrigerate 8 hours or overnight, turning bag over occasionally. Remove pork from marinade; reserve marinade. Reroll and retie roast. Place on rack placed in pan of water. Brush thoroughly with marinade. Roast in 325°F. oven 1 hour and 45 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted into thickest part registers 165°; brush several times with marinade. (Cover lightly with aluminum foil during last half hour of cooking time if roast browns too quickly.) Let stand 15 minutes before slicing. Meanwhile, combine 1/2 cup remaining marinade and 1/2 cup water in small saucepan. Bring to boil and simmer 1 minute; spoon over roast and serve with rice. Makes 8 servings.

VEGETABLE MEDLEY STIR-FRY

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| 1/4 cup Teriyaki Sauce | 1 medium onion, cut in chunks |
| 1 tablespoon cornstarch | 1 clove garlic, minced |
| 2 tablespoons water | 1/4 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced (about 2 cups) |
| 1 pound fresh broccoli | |
| 2 tablespoons vegetable oil | |

Combine teriyaki sauce, cornstarch and water; set aside. Remove broccoli flowerets; cut in half-lengthwise, then peel stalks and cut diagonally into 1/8-inch thick slices. Heat oil in large frying pan or wok over high heat. Add broccoli, onion and garlic. Stir fry 4 minutes, or until vegetables are tender crisp. Stir mushrooms and teriyaki sauce mixture evenly into vegetables. Cook and stir only until sauce boils and thickens. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

SHRIMP FRIED RICE

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| 2 eggs | 3 cups cold, cooked rice |
| 2 tablespoons water | 1/4 pound cooked shrimp, chopped |
| 2 tablespoons vegetable oil | 3 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce |
| 3 green onions and tops, sliced | |

Beat eggs and water together just to blend; set aside. Heat oil until hot in large frying pan or wok over medium heat. Add green onions and stir-fry 30 seconds. Add eggs and scramble. Stir in rice and cook until heated, gently separating grains. Add shrimp and soy sauce; cook and stir until thoroughly heated. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

GINGER ICE CREAM

(not illustrated)

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| 1 quart vanilla ice cream | 1-1/2 teaspoons fresh ginger juice and pulp (fresh ginger root forced through garlic press) |
| 1/2 cup finely diced candied or crystallized ginger | |

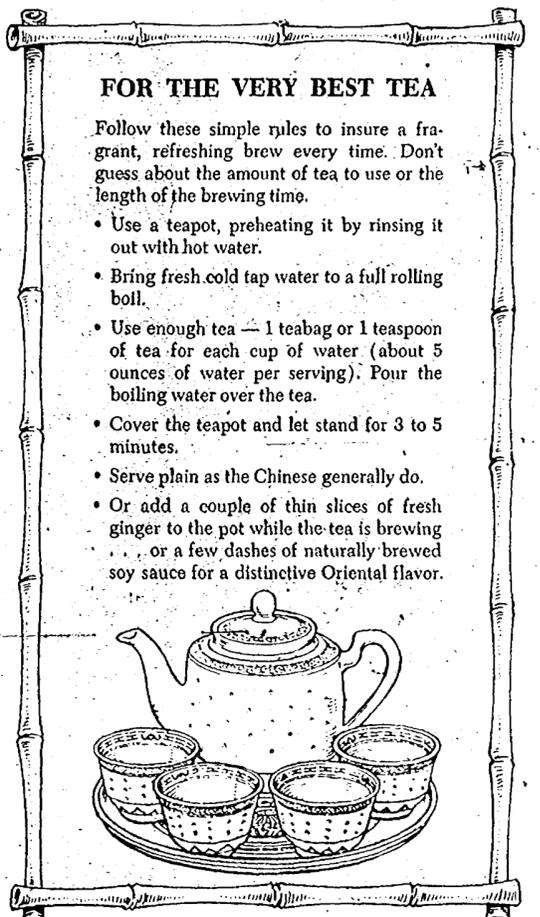
Place ice cream in mixing bowl. Allow to soften slightly. Fold in candied ginger and ginger juice and pulp. Spoon into freezer container. Store in freezer for 3 to 4 days to develop flavor. Makes 6 servings.

*OR, substitute with 1/2 cup ginger preserve.

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Follow these simple rules to insure a fragrant, refreshing brew every time. Don't guess about the amount of tea to use or the length of the brewing time.

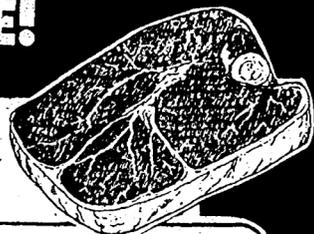
- Use a teapot, preheating it by rinsing it out with hot water.
- Bring fresh cold tap water to a full rolling boil.
- Use enough tea — 1 teabag or 1 teaspoon of tea for each cup of water (about 5 ounces of water per serving). Pour the boiling water over the tea.
- Cover the teapot and let stand for 3 to 5 minutes.
- Serve plain as the Chinese generally do.
- Or add a couple of thin slices of fresh ginger to the pot while the tea is brewing or a few dashes of naturally brewed soy sauce for a distinctive Oriental flavor.



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Greg Melikov

Spaghetti server is well worth its cost

Are you a gadget grabber? Do you reach for some gizmo hanging from a supermarket hook even though you aren't sure when you will use it? Later, does the gadget go into the kitchen drawer with your other time-saving devices?

You probably wished you could have seen the empty card — "Keep me full because customers want me" — the supplier's ingenious way of telling shoppers that an item has sold out.

In the interest of helping you kick the gadget-grabbing habit, Pilot Light from time to time will test inventive devices, but the purchase price will be close to one figure. There will be two ratings: try it or forget it.

Pasta lovers, meet the spaghetti server. When pouring the cooked strands into a colander, do you get a face full of steam? This clever creation allows you to transfer the pasta directly from pot to bowl with ease.

The server is pure nylon, with a handle about eight inches long that bends inward in the middle. The serving end resembles a hollowed out back scratcher with teeth. It also can fish out boiling eggs and works with mealballs.

When dipping into the pot of spaghetti, keep the teeth face up. The strands catch, the water drains back into the pot and you deposit the pasta where you desire. When most of the spaghetti is removed, empty most of the water and snag the remainder. If you cooked the spaghetti with a little oil, nothing should stick to the pot.

After placing the pasta in a serving bowl for mixing with sauce, meat, fowl or vegetables, it can be dishd out to smaller bowls or plates with equal efficiency.

The spaghetti server should cost less than a buck. It is change well

spent.

TURKEY TETRAZZINI

- 2 tsp margarine
- 2 tsp chopped onion
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 can (10 1/2 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey
- 1 tsp chopped parsley
- 1/2 tsp white pepper
- 1 can (4 oz.) mushroom stems and pieces, drained
- 1 package (8 oz.) spaghetti, cooked.

In Dutch oven, melt margarine on medium heat, lightly brown onion, add broth, then soup and stir until smooth. Add turkey, parsley, pepper and mushrooms, reduce heat to low and cook 5-7 minutes, occasionally stirring. Drop in spaghetti, stir and heat through. Yields 4 heaping portions.

CHICKEN AND SPAGHETTI

- 2 chicken breasts, boned, skinned and diced
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 8 mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tsp salt
- Milled black pepper to taste
- 1 package (1 lb.) spaghetti, cooked
- 2 tsp grated Parmesan cheese

In large skillet, cook chicken in 6 tsp melted margarine mixed with oil on medium high heat 10-12 minutes, stirring often. Add mushrooms, cook 2-3 minutes, stir in salt and pepper, remove from heat and keep warm. In large bowl, toss spaghetti with remaining margarine and cheese, then with half of chicken-mushroom mixture. Serve in soup bowls and top with remaining chicken-mushroom mixture. Yields 5 heaping portions.

Color February red

Color perception depends upon many complex scientific factors. Conditioning and training, however, influence color perception of many objects, including foods. For instance, apples are expected to be red, green or yellow and never blue.

Colors of food also affect taste perception. Studies reveal that certain colors elicit certain expectations. For example, reds excite and call the viewer to action. Red is frequently associated with sweet, succulent flavors.

Valentines and George Washington's cherry tree create expectations of the color red. Home economists have developed two timely recipes that permit us to fulfill color and taste expectations of the ingredients. Maraschino cherries flavor, as well as color, Angle Souffle. Red tart cherries add color and excitement to Date-Cherry Crumble Dessert.

ANGEL SOUFFLE

- 1 package white angel food cake mix
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla

These days, most of us are thinking about foods with fewer calories. One easy answer is stir-fry, using lots of vegetables and perhaps a little pork, beef or chicken for extra flavor.

Need to lose weight? Try Chinese stir-fry

Another time, prepare tender beef strips with snow peas and add carrots for color. Again, use slivers of pork, green peas, green pepper and onions with a sweet-sour sauce.

A good many people have been attracted to Chinese wok cooking because of time. If you work a full day, stir-fry is a fast method of preparing dinner in less than an hour. The most time-consuming part of the job is the slicing of meat and vegetables.

You'll find meats can be sliced more thinly if you pop them into the freezer for a few minutes to firm the tissue.

A food processor is handy for slicing vegetables, but a cleaver or sharp knife will also do the job.

Keep some Michigan sherry, fresh ginger root and soy sauce on hand for your wok cooking. And use your imagination in combining ingredients for stir-fry. Strips of chicken breast can be combined with sliced onion, slivers

- 2 cups chilled whipping cream
- 1 jar (10 ounces) maraschino cherries, drained
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows

Bake and cool cake as directed on package. Tear cake into about 1-inch pieces. Beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla in small bowl on medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally, until smooth and creamy. Beat whipping cream in chilled bowl until stiff. Gently fold whipped cream, cherries and marshmallows into cream cheese mixture.

Toss cake pieces and cream cheese mixture. Make 4-inch band of aluminum foil 2 inches longer than circumference of 6-cup souffle dish. Extend dish by securing band around outside of dish. Turn angel food mixture into dish. Refrigerate until set, about 8 hours. Refrigerate any remaining souffle. 12 to 16 servings.

DATE-CHERRY CRUMBLE DESSERT

- 1 package date bar mix
- 1 can (16 ounces) pitted dark sweet or red tart cherries, drained and coarsely

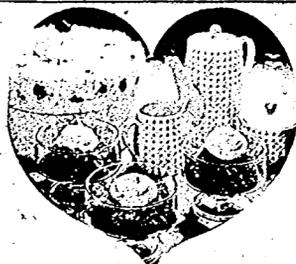
dish, stir-fry together sliced Michigan onions, green pepper and shredded Michigan cabbage. It may not be oriental, but it's mighty good.

You can serve crusty French bread with stir-fry foods. Surprisingly good, too, is hot cornbread as an accompaniment.

chopped Whipped cream or ice cream

Heat oven to 375°. Prepare date mix and crumb mix as directed on package. Stir cherries into date mixture. Press half of the crumb mixture lightly in ungreased square pan, 8x8x2 inches.

Top with cherry mixture. Sprinkle remaining crumb mixture over cherry mixture. Bake until crumb mixture is golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream. About 8 servings.



These two desserts which feature the color red are ideal for Valentine's Day or George Washington's Birthday.

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IT WAS A night to remember for former Girl Scouts of Troop 33 of Parker neighborhood, Detroit, who gathered recently at the Farmington Elks with mothers, fathers and husbands to reminisce about their Scouting days. The troop's original leaders, Mrs. Ralph Gehrler and Mrs. Stanley Stock, have kept in contact with the girls ever since their graduation at the senior level back in 1962. They've tried to hold a reunion every year and as events presented themselves, each girl was given a bridal shower and baby shower. This was the group's 20th anniversary. This time the girls turned the tables on Gehrler and Stock by honoring them with a personalized plaque of appreciation and a needlepoint bookmark in GS colors. Many of the former Scouts live in Livonia and Westland, and others came from Edwardsville, Hastings, Algonac and Mt. Clemens for the observance.

WILLIAM Kusey of the W.R. Grace Co. will present a program on various commercial horticultural products and their uses in the garden at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Greater Detroit Chrysanthemum Society in the Tel-Twelve Community Room in Southfield. Plant chairman Mrs. Joseph Neaton also will report on new and available morn plants to be offered this year at the society's annual plant sale. The public is invited; there is no admission charge. Call Ed Slesak at 422-6165 if you need more information.

FAT-FREE fat sounds almost too good to be true, but studies indicate that a new synthetic, calorie-free fat substitute, called sucrose polyester (SPE), is an effective weight-loss agent in the chronically obese. A report released this month reveals that tested dieters who weighed from 200 to 390 pounds lost an average of four-tenths of a pound daily when SPE was substituted for a portion of the fat in their diets.

SPEAKING of weight loss, Lois Brown, who has lost more than 200 pounds over a period of 25 months on the Weight Watchers program, will be guest speaker on Feb. 8 at a WW open house meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 136 of John Glenn High School in Westland.

WW'S LARRY Janes will do two low-calorie cooking demonstrations at area shopping malls. One will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Westland Center and the other will be at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Wonderland Center. Along with the good advice you'll get free recipes, too.

THIS IS the 73rd Anniversary Week for Boy Scouts of America.

MOMS WILL have a chance to keep up with their children's advancing computer knowledge with a two-day "Computers for Moms" workshop in room 117 at Madonna College from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, and Thursday, Feb. 24. Moms will get able to bite the bit on basic hardware/software terminology and take part in hands-on activities. The cost is \$20 and will include all materials for the class. To register, or for information, call the Office of Continuing Education at 591-5049.

IF YOU'VE never had the opportunity to catch the clever "Dolls for Democracy" presentation by Judy Poger of Westland, here's a chance to do so. It'll be from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in historic Christ Church, 980 E. Jefferson, Detroit. The presentation is an original idea by Poger to help foster an appreciation of our friends of other cultures by understanding our common goals. The "Doll Lady" is appearing at the invitation of the Women's Division of the Greater Round Table of the National Conference of Christian and Jews. And while you're at Christ Church, visit the stained glass and see the beautiful church proper and windows there by Louis Comfort Tiffany.



Warming up to wood burners

By Kathy Maday special writer

Wood-burning stoves not only can fry hotcakes, they're selling like them to meet today's demand for alternative energy resources in home heating.

Imagine drifting off to sleep to the sound of a crackling fire, or picture dining by the warmth and cheeriness of a wood-burning stove. No matter where you put one, a wood-burning stove can create a mood of relaxation and pleasure.

Today, as they did more than a century ago, wood stoves are warming homes - and some models are also being used to cook meals. There is a variety in feature, size and design, but all are contributing to a self-sufficient lifestyle.

One or more stoves can heat a house, or supplement a conventional heating system.

WOOD-BURNING STOVES represent more than a charming touch to the decor, however. They have already become a necessity to many with the onslaught of today's rising prices for home heating.

Considering that Consumers Power Co. customers could pay 25 percent more for natural gas in 1983 under the most recent rate hike filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, wood stoves are an alternative in home heating.

About 70 percent of Michigan households, relies on natural gas for their heat, but the use of wood-burning stoves is catching on.

According to Craig Wroblewski, a salesman at A-1 SALES AND

Service in Westland, wood-burning stoves are selling 10 times as much this year despite the mild temperatures - as they were five years ago.

"One of our customers came in today to testify that his heating bill was \$100 last year at this time, and so far this year he has only paid \$30," he said.

Scott Irwin, manager of The Energy Store in Livonia, said that overall sales on woodburning stoves have tripled in recent years.

"OUR WOOD STOVE customers calculate the heat portion of their gas bill and find that if they heat with natural gas, they will have a 50 to 100 percent savings on their heating bill depending on their access to wood and how often they plan to use their stove," he said.

Do you have a heat-wasting, wood-wasting fireplace that you would like to reform? Consider converting it to receive an insert model wood stove. By taking advantage of the existing flue and hearth, you can cut the cost of installation.

Irwin, said, "Fireplace inserts are far more popular in terms of sales. People who already have an existing structure in their home find that a fireplace conversion works with greater efficiency than a fireplace alone."

If you don't have an existing fireplace, free-standing, wood-burning stoves are available in many colors and finishes, offering many decorative possibilities.

IF YOU ENJOY watching an open fire, you might want an insert or a free-standing model with front door that can be left open during use, or one with a glass front. However, open doors reduce heating efficiency, and glass doors must be cleaned to remove smoke residue. Detachable metal screens are utilized by

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Triple reasons to play safe

By Kathy Maday special writer

Ray and Mary Jo LaBeau use three wood-burning stoves to heat their five-bedroom, 11-room house in Plymouth Township - so safety is one of their main concerns.

"Improper installation and poor maintenance are primary causes of home fires involving wood-burning stoves," said LaBeau, an engineer with Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

"Wood stove owners must meet local ordinances requiring the placement of the stoves a safe distance from all combustible materials. In addition, you must provide adequate floor protection around the stoves - at least 18 inches - in the event sparks fly from them," he said.

In the LaBeaus' case, they had to remove some of the carpeting in their living room to make room for additional stoves they had installed around the living room hearth.

LaBEAU CLEANS each of their three wood stove chimneys himself once a month to prevent a fire from creosote buildup in the stove pipes that act as chimneys. All three stoves are vented through the roof. To get a good draw of air, three sections of pipe had to be installed to reach beyond the peak of the Cape Cod-style

house. The installation also required special roof bracing.

The Saturday morning ritual is "a messy job," he admits, but a necessary one. But this winter it was a lot easier to do than last winter when record amounts of snow made the rooftop job dangerous as well as necessary.

Good maintenance means LaBeau has to climb up on the roof once a month and drop an expandable metal bristle brush down the openings to scrape away any buildup.

He also takes down the three chimney caps to ground level for a good brushing. The precautions are necessary, he said, because often fires start at the top of the openings where the creosote tends to build up and harden because of cooler air temperatures. Hardened creosote is the chief danger and anything over one-quarter inch is a potential fire hazard.

HAVING THREE stoves has also meant that the family - including the family pets - had to be trained to stay a safe distance away from them.

The LaBeaus have also instructed their four children, Chris, 24, Joe, 20, Mike, 17, and Sue, 14, how to stoke the wood stove using asbestos gloves because "you can't be careless about loading them, or risk getting a serious burn ei-

ther from the door handles or placement of the wood inside the stove," said Mary Jo LaBeau. Each stove has its own pair of near-elbow-length asbestos gloves within easy reach.

They advise anyone considering the purchase of a wood burner to read up on them. They liked the book "Wood Heat Safety" by Jay Shelton (Garden Way Publishers, 1979).

"For safety's sake," LaBeau advises, "you're better off buying the best wood stove you can afford." He added that he looked at over 100 models before he selected the three they now own.

Why three? "We could have done the same thing with one stove and vents, but we didn't want to do that because of the size of the house and the area to be heated. Besides, it would have meant hooking up the stove to the furnace blower system and we didn't want to haul wood down the basement."

THE LABEAUS HAVE two free-standing stoves made by Gøtol, a Norwegian manufacturer. One was installed in the living room and the other in an upstairs bedroom in 1979 and 1982, respectively. They also have a Vermont Castings

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GARY CASKEY/staff photographer

Ray and Mary Jo LaBeau stand alongside one of the three stoves they use to heat their 11-room, five-bedroom home in Plymouth Township. The stove, a Gøtol, is made by a Norwegian manufacturer.

Burning wood is cheap, if you grow your own

By Sherry Kahan staff writer

The wood which King Adamson places in his wood-burning stove costs



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

King Adamson lifts off a round from the woodpile for the wood-burning stove he has. The retired Wayne State professor not only cuts his own wood - he grows it.

him nothing. Most of it comes from dead trees on his two-acre property in Livonia.

But when he bought two gasoline power saws at \$500 apiece to cut his wood, it became clear that he did not install a stove for the sole purpose of saving money.

The reasons were comfort, exercise and the fun of it, said Adamson, who retired recently as associate dean of liberal arts at Wayne State University.

Not that he doesn't save money. He figures that this year he will send about \$750 less to the oil company.

Then he looks at the estimated 600 hours a year he spends taking down the trees, chopping them up, stacking the wood and bringing it into the house. He figures he "earned" about \$1.25 an hour.

But Adamson, who is a vigorous 73 and a birdwatcher, regards his stove as another hobby. "The exercise is marvelous," he exulted. "I love getting outdoors. I'm a frustrated outdoorsman, and always resented working inside."

This enjoyment of the stove is enhanced by the fact that he and his wife Florence, recyclists to the core, save the ashes for use as fertilizer on their sizeable garden.

MRS. ADAMSON is more turned on by the fact that the living room is now a toasty cozy place to read a book or hold a meeting. The stove makes up for the poor insulation in the walls.

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Virags are revisited

By Marie McGee staff writer

Look no further than Tony and Bonnie Virag's home at 14476 Blue Skies, Livonia, for proof of the efficiency of a wood-burning stove.

Theirs has been a six-year love affair with an air-tight Hearthmate (formerly known as Better 'n Ben) stove that has become the center of family activities including those of their teen-age son and his pals.

The Virags were first called to the attention of Observer readers in a special section in 1977. In the first wave of homeowners to see the possibilities that burning wood offered as an alternative fuel, an enthusiastic Bonnie Virag was pictured stoking the stove. An accompanying story told of the family's decision to resort to an alternative fuel that is plentiful supply in this country rather than face spiraling prices brought on by a dependence on foreign suppliers.

IN FACT, THE story reported, the couple were so impressed with the stove's efficiency they became Better 'n Ben dealer for several years, operating out of their home. They dropped the dealership in '81 because it was getting too involved.

"We were getting so many inquiries it became obvious to us that we would have to open a some kind of store and we didn't want to do that," she said.

Way back then the couple were singing the praises of the stove and how it was saving them money in addition to being a cozy addition to an otherwise chilly family room.

Today, it's much the same story, a recent visit to the home revealed.

They're still saving money. Their gas fuel bills run between \$25-30 a month. The lowest one this year was

\$18 to heat their 1,200-square foot, three bedroom ranch.

And they have yet to buy any wood. Virag keeps his eye peeled for free wood and has found that people are more than willing to have them take fallen trees and dead limbs off their hands. He and his son Brad, 15, cut it up.

THERE IS ALSO a new wrinkle in the hearth operation.

Bonnie Virag has taken to baking regularly on the stove as well as using the heat generated by it in the dough-raising process when she makes home-made bread. She's also taking advantage of the heat to dry herbs she grows.

A couple of other things she noticed

in the family's "pioneer" days as suburban wood stove owners. They famously seem to have less colds - and her son and his friends seem to be drawn to the cheeriness and warmth of the Virag family room.

As for Bonnie Virag, she almost hates to see the cold weather go.

"You know," she said with a smile, "I miss not having the stove going when it gets warmer. It's like a good friend to me."

But the real testimonial came from their oldest son, Mark, 22, a computer analyst in Ann Arbor, who was recently married.

"They're buying a house, and one of the first things they want is a wood-burning stove."



BILL BRESSLER/staff photographer

Fresh baked rolls are a frequent occurrence at the home of Bonnie and Tony Virag. She also uses the heat to dry herbs she raises and often dries clothes by placing a drying rack near the stove.

Save more, build your own stove

Are you a do-it-yourselfer interested in designing a custom-made wood-burning stove?

Some people who are handy with tools buy commercial kits complete with blueprints and instructions on how to assemble a wood-burning stove. Some take it a step further and modify the plan to suit their own needs.

Mike Mangan, a steel fabricator by trade, modified the blueprints from one company's kit to meet the unique heating requirements of his Garden City home.

The stove, which he estimates would sell for \$700 retail, took 52 hours to build with the help of some friends. They built it three years ago from scrap steel parts.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: The Mangan wood stove has two parts: an inner body for the firepot and an outer skin that acts as a heating chamber. The wood stove's blower circulates cold air through the outer box. That box, which ties directly to the house's forced-air system, circulates cold air into the plenum of the gas furnace. That, in turn, circulates heat throughout the house.

Mangan pointed out some of the negatives of owning a wood-burning stove: "Hauling the wood from the wood site to the house is a man's job I have to do myself, but transferring it from where it is stored to the basement has become a family chore."

"After we have the wood stacked in

the basement, we have to clean the loose bark, dirt, and sometimes bugs that are carried in with the logs. It can be quite a mess. And once a week we have to empty a five-gallon bucket of ashes."

Also, he said, the fire has to be stoked regularly, and his children had to be taught not to touch the stove, which sometimes reaches temperatures of more than 800 degrees.

MANGAN CONSIDER the tailor-made stove to be a help, not a hindrance, especially during winter storms with the electricity goes off and his house is heated.

He said, "Last winter my family of five came out \$100 ahead of the game,

even after buying wood, and we kept the house at 70 degrees all season."

He said his family likes the heat the wood-burning stove provides "because it's a constant, steady, dry heat that warms floors, the furniture, and even the bathtub and the towels in the bathroom."

Last year the Mangans used choked-cherry oak and maple wood in their stove, and Mangan said, "The smell of that wood burning was beautiful. We could even smell it when we were in the car a block away from the house with the car windows rolled up."

His wife, Sue, recently bought a portable oven which she plans to place on top of the wood stove to make breads and cookies.



Mike Mangan loads up the stove he built at his Garden City home that uses his furnace blower system to circulate the heat.



Florence Adamson takes out the ashes. She'll save them for use in the large vegetable garden the Adamsons have behind their home.

Garden benefits from ashes

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"The room could be 75 degrees by the thermostat," she said. "But sitting 10 feet from it you'd be cold because of the lack of insulation in the walls."

She keeps a tea kettle filled with water on the stove most of the time. Its steam increases the humidity which both the Adamsons and their plants appreciate. Its water means that coffee, tea and cocoa are instantly available.

Another plus is that it is a backup heating system in case of a power outage. In addition, the chimney which vents the smoke is inside, allowing the stove to warm one of the kitchen walls, making that room more pleasant.

The Adamsons have lived for 37 years above a ravine through which trickles a tiny tributary of Bell Creek, itself a tributary of the Rouge River. Their trees are varied as are their wildflowers. They pay close attention to them all.

"We only cut those trees that are expendable so we don't denude the woods," said Mrs. Adamson. Her husband added: "We will eventually cut all the white ash, black cherry and hornbeam (iron-

wood), and encourage the red and white oak and hard maple."

THEIR PERSONAL source of wood is not enough, however, for their hungry stove.

"A neighbor took off his roof and we acquired the scrap lumber he didn't want," said Mrs. Adamson. "Several people who cut down a tree have let us know about it. We go over and get it."

Walking or driving through the area, they keep their eyes open for signs announcing that scrap lumber is available.

Adamson pointed out that classified ads in newspapers advertise firewood for sale. So far they haven't had to purchase any.

"We now separate waste," said Mrs. Adamson. "In one bag we place anything that is burnable, such as paper napkins, paper products and burnable food."

"A two-inch pile of Wall Street Journals will pretty much heat the house during a 50-degree day in April of October," said Adamson, adding that theirs is a small house and the bedrooms are not heated.

Cleaning is Saturday ritual

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Vigilant model which was installed in 1979 in the family room.

All three are air-tight stoves and two of them replaced free-standing fireplaces which turned out to be inefficient home heaters.

The LaBeaus also use an oil-burning furnace which has an energy-conserving thermostat with a timer on it. The timer automatically adjusts the house to 65 degrees when the family is away and no one is available to tend the stoves.

Before the LaBeaus installed the wood-burners, their oil heating bills totaled \$1,800 a year. Now they average \$500 a year with the price of wood included.

Last year the LaBeaus bought a semiload (20 face cords) of wood from up north with 18 other families as part of a fund-raiser by the Plymouth Centennial Band Boosters group. The wood and rentals fees for the tool needed to split it brought the price to \$25 per face cord. And they still had enough wood left over to carry them well into this heating season.

Tiny writing shows good concentration

Dear Mrs. Green:

I've dabbled in graphology, but it was a long time ago. I never got far enough to analyze my own writing, or have it do me any good.

I'm 26, right-handed, and female. Could you tell me what profession I would be good at by my writing. Also a general analysis.

I'd also like to know where a reputable school is to study graphology. Are there any in the Detroit area? Is there an demand for people to do this?

Thank you very much for your time.
C.B. Canton

Dear C.B.:

In graphology, as in any field, the competent usually will find work. However, since graphology is a relatively new science in this country some entrepreneurial skills also would be helpful. Although there are no graphological schools in the metropolitan Detroit area, classes are taught at both Oakland and Schoolcraft Community colleges and in the Livonia community education department as well as in other suburbs. Correspondence courses are also available.

I do not know what schooling or training you have had, and I also need a much longer sample of handwriting to make vocational recommendations.

I've dabbled in graphology a long time ago. I never got far enough to analyze my own writing, or have it do me any good.



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Lorene Green

Hopefully this picture of your strengths and weaknesses may prove helpful.

Since you have "dabbled" a bit in graphology, you probably know that tiny writing, such as yours, is usually executed by a person with well developed concentration. You like to zero in on one thing at a time without distraction. And you can work in a small area or behind the scenes. You do not require the spotlight. In fact you would probably shy away from it.

You are not a wasteful person, and your need for security is, definitely

here. At times you may equate material things with love.

In a new experience you seek guidance so will read the instruction manual or ask questions. You are concerned about doing a thing correctly. A conscientious worker who seeks to be efficient would describe you.

There is, however, an element of caution woven throughout the handwriting. You appear to exercise much control and forethought so that risks may be avoided or minimized. Bet a cloudy day always finds you with

an umbrella.

This caution also carries over to your relationships with others. You are often selective of friendships. Frequently you tend to hold others at arms' length, not allowing them any closer than you wish them to come.

Your nature is both caring and empathic. And you seek to get along amicably with others. Frictions makes you uncomfortable.

It appears that you are quite concerned about something that may be happening in the future. Although I do not know what this is, I feel quite certain you will know.

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Miracle shot wins it for GC

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Brett Emery was supposed to call a timeout.

Instead, he was mobbed by schoolmates and fans as he swished a 55-foot desperation shot at the buzzer Friday to give Garden City a miracle 73-71 Northwest Suburban League (NSL) basketball win over Westland John Glenn.

"I still can't believe it," he said, after watching the replay of his game-winning shot on a local Cable TV monitor. "The first thing was to grab the ball and get a timeout so we could take the ball out at half-court.

"But I knew if we missed it (the shot), it would be overtime."

The game was seemingly in Glenn's hands with Todd Jennings going to the free-throw line with two seconds left.

"If he (Jennings) made one or even missed, I was going to get a timeout," Garden City coach Bob Dropp said. "But Brett just took dribbles and makes the shot. That's great coaching, isn't it?"

The Cougars had tied the game at 71-all on Mike Krauss' short jumper in the key with five seconds to go.

JOHN GLENN coach Dan Henry left the Garden City gym boiling.

Henry and his staff contended that Jennings was fouled by Tom McGrath with no time remaining. The GC timekeeper, however, disagreed and the game officials went along with it.

Glenn players remained on the floor during the mob scene to await a ruling on Emery's shot. The officials first seemed to indicate that it wasn't in time, but later reaffirmed the inevitable as the Garden City players celebrated in the dressing room.

Dropp, who was hoisted up on the shoulders of GC students, still is amazed at his team's resourcefulness.

"They just don't give up at any time," he said.

The loss was particularly damaging to the Rockets' title hopes. Glenn now trails league leader Redford Thurston

by two games with three left to go. The two teams meet Friday at Glenn.

As for the other 31 minutes and 59 seconds, Glenn had the advantage early.

PAUL GRAZULIS, a 6-foot-8 senior, did all the scoring as the Rockets jumped out to a 9-2 first-quarter lead.

But the scrappy Cougars clawed back and tied it after one period, 13-13.

With 1:19 to go in the second quarter, GC went up by seven on a basket by Tom Ferrell, but Glenn came roaring back with eight unanswered points to hold a one-point halftime advantage.

Garden City held a 50-47 lead going into the final quarter.

That's when 6-4 senior Craig Dimaya, bothered of late by ankle and foot problems, came alive, scoring six consecutive points to put the Cougars up by eight.

Greg Gill, a 5-9 junior guard, then got hot for Glenn. He scored 13 of his 21 points in the final quarter. His two free throws with 1:09 left lifted the Rockets to a 70-67 advantage.

Glenn, however, couldn't put it away, missing three of four free throws in the final 38 seconds.

SCOTT McCLOSKEY, a 6-4 junior, had a big night scoring 21 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Krauss had 17 points, Ferrell added 14, and Dimaya tallied 11.

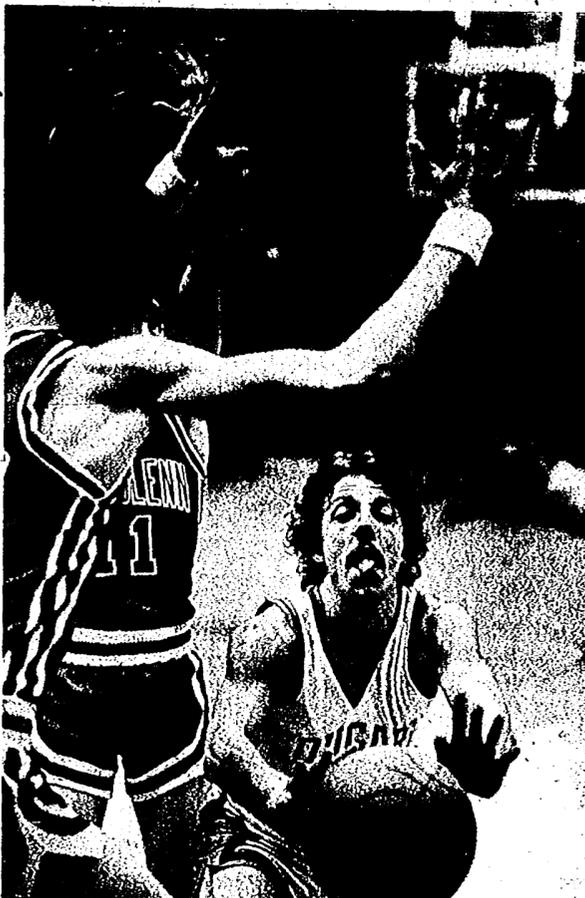
"The whole team played a tremendous game — especially Scott," said Emery, who finished with eight points.

For Glenn, Grazulis and Gill each had 21 points. Jennings and sophomore Mike Baydarian scored 10 and nine, respectively.

"Grazulis has those long arms, and he hurt us a lot," Dropp said. "He was getting that 99 percent shot and what can you do? We sagged on him during the second quarter and made them shoot the outside jumper.

"He's hard to stop, but he didn't score in the second quarter."

Garden City is now 10-4 overall and 4-3 in NSL play. Glenn is 11-4 and 5-2.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Brett Emery was the hero Friday night as he sank a long, desperation shot at the buzzer as Garden City defeated Westland John Glenn. The senior guard makes the pass here against a pair of Glenn defenders.

Thurston tips Pats; Churchill triumphs

Dan Starlinsky canned a pair of free throws with 30 seconds left to provide Redford Thurston with its winning margin, 48-47, over Livonia Franklin Thursday at Franklin.

The basketball victory kept the Eagles' Northwest Suburban League (NSL) record unblemished in seven games and lifted them to 13-1 overall. Franklin fell to 3-4 in the NSL and 5-9 overall.

A 16-6 first-quarter rampage allowed the Patriots to take control early, but Thurston charged back to go in the third quarter. George Sibel, who tallied 21 points in the game, netted nine in the third-period Eagle comeback.

Sibel also collected 10 rebounds for Thurston. Teammate Jim Weiss added 11 points and 12 rebounds and Starlinsky had six points and nine rebounds. Mike Johnson poured in 18 points for Franklin and Bob Stebbins contributed 13.

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE 56 WOODHAVEN 47

Clarenceville took advantage of the cold-shooting Warriors Friday to avenge a 15-point loss suffered earlier this season.

The Trojans opened up an 11-point advantage after one half, and Woodhaven never got closer than nine in the second. A combination of rugged zone defense by Clarenceville and a 17-for-62 shooting performance (27.4 percent) from the floor crippled Woodhaven.

Tim Spencer sparked for the Trojans, now 4-9 for the year, pumping in 14 points, passing off for eight assists and making five steals. Ken Large con-

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tributed 14 points, and Rick Williams came off the bench to score 12. Derek Leroy topped Woodhaven (6-5) with 14 points.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 65 FARMINGTON HARRISON 27

Churchill has lost just two Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) games this year, and one came against Harrison. Thursday at home, the Chargers made certain that mistake wasn't repeated.

The game was over by halftime as Churchill stormed to a 31-13 lead. The Chargers played nearly perfect basketball, committing only eight turnovers.

John Merner's 19 points topped Churchill (8-2 in the WLAA, 9-4 overall), with Dave Riley netting 11. Craig Hunter, a 6-4 junior guard, scored six points, dished out five assists and blocked eight shots.

Wes Jones led Harrison 2-7 in the WLAA, 3-10 overall with eight points.

NORTH FARMINGTON 63 REDFORD UNION 48

RU just didn't have the guns to hold off North Farmington as the Panthers' winless streak climbed to 13, including an 0-7 NSL mark. North is 6-8 overall, 2-5 in the NSL.

Todd Dillenderfer's 16 points were high for RU, with Rick Williams contributing 12 and Pat Lowney 10. Ray Boyle netted 15 for North, with Mike Black and John Nowak each bagging 12.

Last relay secures Charger victory

In what Livonia Churchill boys' swim coach Manse Tian called, "Our best meet of the season," the Chargers rallied to knock off Northville Thursday, 66-61, at Churchill.

The win rested on the result of the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Churchill trailed, 57-56, going

into the event. Brian Comstock, Eric Baird, Russ Bergendahl and Drew Baird made Churchill the victor by capturing top honors (3:39.3) with an easy, seven-second win.

Other Charger first places went to Eric Baird, in the 50 free (23.1) and 100 free (52.8); Drew Baird, in the 200 individual medley (2:14.3) and 100 backstroke (1:02.3); Vic Valente, in the diving (179.0 points); and Eric Hutchison, in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.1).

Comstock turned in a pair of solid performances, placing second in the

500 free (5:25.4) in a time that bested his own team record (5:25.7), set last year, and second in the 200 free (1:58.3); and Hutchison took a second in the 100 fly (1:00.8).

Tuesday, the Chargers, now 5-4 for the season, travel to Farmington for a 7 p.m. dual meet.

Lady Ocelots surprise Henry Ford

Cathi Hengy scored 24 points to lead the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team to an upset 74-73 win over Eastern Conference leader Henry Ford.

It was Ford's first conference loss in 10 games. Schoolcraft, meanwhile, is now 6-4 in league play and 11-5 overall.

Hengy, a guard from Redford Union, sparked the Lady Ocelots to a 39-33 half-time lead with her accurate outside shooting.

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The visitors from Ford, however, rallied in the second half, closing the gap to one, but failed to convert the go-ahead basket with possession of the ball in the final 11 seconds.

Gina Johnson and Cheryl Sobkow each added 17 points for the winners. Deborah Johnson chipped in with 14.

Sobkow continues to lead the conference in rebounding as she came up with 10 loose balls.

Marsha Weiser and Kathy Siemiesz scored 19 and 13 points, respectively, to pace Henry Ford. Livonia Franklin grad Julie Wilga added eight.

Near perfection

Flawless Salem sinks Stevenson, 55-50



GARY CASKEY/staff photographer

Curt Ullstrom (No. 30) and teammate Bob Sjuka wrestle for the ball during Stevenson's Western Lakes Conference cage battle with Plymouth Salem.

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

There are a lot of people in Livonia, Plymouth and Canton who missed something special Thursday night.

If they were at home watching "Shogun" reruns, playing videogames or counting snowflakes, they were in the wrong place. Where they should have been is at Livonia Stevenson High School, where the Spartans hosted Plymouth Salem in a key Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) basketball game.

The crowd at Stevenson half-filled the gym, but what they saw was a classic contest, as Salem turned in a near-flawless performance to knock off the Spartans, 55-50.

IT WAS A BIG game for both teams. Salem had one loss in the WLAA Lakes Division coming into the contest — against Stevenson Jan. 7, by a 49-48 margin. Stevenson had one loss on its overall record (12-1) and was unbeaten in nine WLAA Lakes Division games.

A Spartan win would have just about wrapped up the homecourt advantage throughout the upcoming WLAA playoffs. But the Rocks had other ideas.

As Salem coach Fred Thomann accurately described it, "We couldn't play that team any better than we did tonight."

How close was it? Tied at 14 after

one quarter and at 26 at the half. The biggest lead for either team in the opening half was four points by Salem.

A Rick Berberet basket with 18 seconds left in the third quarter allowed the Rocks to take a 39-36 advantage into the final eight minutes. Salem then scored the first five points of the last quarter, on baskets by Marvin Zurek and Matt Broderick and a Dave Houle free throw, to open up a 44-36 lead.

A PAIR OF Gary Mexicotte free throws sliced the deficit to six for Stevenson, and the Spartans seemed ready to roll when, with 5:48 still to play, Bob Sluka took a Mexicotte pass and layed it up and in.

Well, not quite in. Houle leaped up and slapped the ball away just before it hit the rim, an obvious goaltending call. Except the officials never saw it. They did see Stevenson coach George Van Wagoner explode on the sidelines and tagged him with a technical foul.

Broderick bagged both free throws and Stevenson, instead of closing to within four, was back down by eight, 46-38.

The Spartans never gave up. Twice they closed to within four, on Mexicotte's bucket with 3:03 to go and on Pete Rose's field goal with 1:03 left. But Salem always answered to frustrate Stevenson.

"They played well," Van Wagoner

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Bentley ices Bears

Tom Anderson's hat trick propelled Livonia Bentley to a surprising 8-1 Suburban Prep Hockey League (SPHL) win over Wyandotte Roosevelt Wednesday at Yack Arena.

The victory moves Bentley into fourth place in the SPHL standings with a 7-5 record. The Bulldogs are 9-7-1 overall. Roosevelt, meanwhile, fell to 6-6 and 9-7.

Bentley jumped out of a 5-0 first-period lead and never looked back. For the game, the Bulldogs 43 shots on goal.

Joining Anderson in the Bulldog scoring parade were Scott Smith, two goals and three assists; Paul Maderosan, two goals and one assist; Scott McDonald, a goal and assist; and Ken Schmidt, two assists. Goalie Dave Benson, a senior, made 21 saves for the winners.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4 BRIGHTON 2

Craig Hansen tallied two goals, including the game-winner in the third period, as Churchill (3-11-1) gained the non-league triumph Wednesday in the first half of a double-header at Edgar Arena.

John Jardine's goal in the first period gave Churchill a 1-0 advantage. Kevin Gagnon added an insurance goal in the final period.

Churchill goalie Keith Walk stopped 20 Brighton shots.

The loss drops Brighton to 5-11.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 6 BLOOMFIELD LAHSER 0

Patriot goaltender Mike Vasilco earned his first shutout of the year as he made 26 saves in the nightcap.

Franklin, 4-8 in the SPHL and 4-13 overall, scored three times in the first period; once in the second and two in the third.

Scott Williams led the winners with two goals and one assist. Teammates John Chmielewski and Ed Zajdel each contributed one goal and three assists. John Ronchetto and Jim Barnes collected the other Franklin goals.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 7 WINDSOR CENTENNIAL 2

Mike Cannon lifted the Shamrocks (10-4-1) with a goal each period in a non-league game played Wednesday at the Garden City Civic Center.

Dave Morse and Brian Beck added two goals apiece and Joe Hamway chipped in with three assists for the winners.

Chris George had both Centennial goals. The loss dropped the Ontario team to 10-8-1.

Junior Brian Vella was the winning goaltender. He stopped 22 shots. CC, meanwhile, tallied 34 shots on goal.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 4 BLOOMFIELD LAHSER 2

The Spartans scored twice in the opening minute of play and went on post their 10th league victory in 13 tries.

The game was played Thursday at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Stevenson led 2-0 after one period on goals by E.J. Perrault (unassisted) and Alan Harmon (from Perrault). The scores came at 30 and 56 seconds, respectively.

S'craft stomps Henry Ford, avenges loss

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Teamwork was the key Wednesday night as Schoolcraft College avenged an earlier loss to Henry Ford Community College with a homecourt 88-83 basketball triumph.

Schoolcraft and Henry Ford went into Eastern Conference action this weekend tied for second place at 8-3. Flint Mott holds down the top spot.

The Ocelots, sporting a 19-5 overall record, played flawlessly in the first

half, racing to a 44-27 advantage.

In the second half, Schoolcraft went ahead by 22 points with 12 minutes to play, but Henry Ford made a futile run, cutting the lead to five in the final minutes.

The Hawks frustrated Schoolcraft in the second half with a half-court trap.

"We had a super first half but I had a bad second half," said Schoolcraft coach Rocky Watkins. "I took the momentum away from them by substituting and playing too conservative."

SCHOOLCRAFT point-guard George Merriweather was charged with 11 turnovers. As a team, Schoolcraft turned it over 20 times in the second half.

Carlos Briggs, the nation's leading scorer, enjoyed a fine all-around game as he poured in 21 points and added 10 assists. Many of his passes went to 6-foot-4 reserve forward Ricky Johnson, who tallied 17 points.

Johnson made all seven field goals attempts and was 3-for-3 from the free throw line.

Livonia Stevenson grad Bill Keyes, who spearheaded the quick Schoolcraft start, contributed 12 points and five rebounds. Merriweather and Scott Conrad added 10 and nine points, respectively.

CHARLES CRUMP, a guard, led Henry Ford with 19 points. Four other Hawks were also in double figures including Redford Union grad Jerry Burk (15), Pat Riazzi (16), Bob Gyori (12) and Bob Brusco (11).

Churchill ends Stevenson spikers' streak

Ladonna Sevakis was instrumental Wednesday in leading Livonia Churchill to a 15-6, 16-14 Western Lakes volleyball victory over previously unbeaten Livonia Stevenson.

The two teams each lead their respective divisions with 7-1 records.

"Nobody played well for us," Stevenson coach Lee Cagle said. "We didn't serve enough aces, and we didn't play defensively well enough."

"Churchill played well. They played together. We were scrambling and they didn't have to."

The victorious Chargers return to action Thursday at Walled Lake Western. Stevenson, meanwhile, travels Wednesday to Farmington Harrison

REDFORD ST. AGATHA muffed an opportunity to go unbeaten in the Catholic League's West Divi-

sion as Detroit Immacula pulled an upset victory Thursday, 15-13, 4-15, 16-14.

Nattie Hardy was the culprit as she accounted for 18 Immacula points.

Immacula, a Class D school, finished league play in second place with a 7-3 record. The Blue Angels have won five straight. The Aggies, ranked No. 7 in a Class C statewide coaches poll, ended up 9-1.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN, coached by John Miltz, upended Redford Union Wednesday in a Northwest Suburban League (NSL) encounter, 4-15, 15-6, 15-13.

Franklin is now 2-4 in league action. It was the Patriots' second straight victory; they swept South Lyon Monday, 15-1, 15-7.

"I knew Franklin could play," said RU coach Jim Gibbons, whose team dropped to 4-2 in the NSL.

"They played real good defense and took it to us."

"Julie Barden played her best match of the year for us. She set 23 points."

"And Amy Livey and Kathy Storvis played their usual steady games."

Senior co-captain Kim Halkey "played good defensively as well as with her sets," Miltz said. The Franklin coach also singled out Mary Pollard for her spikes and serving and Carolyn Smith for a solid, all-around performance, which included some clutch spikes in the final game.

Tonight, unbeaten and first-place North Farmington invades the second-place Panthers. The match begins at 7 on the RU court.

Aggies romp

It was tense to the end, but Redford St. Agatha managed to hold onto its slim lead and, with it, retained a spot at the Catholic C-D League playoffs by beating Detroit St. Andrew Friday, 43-37, at St. Andrew.

Foul trouble nearly cost the Aggies, now 7-6 overall and 4-3 in the C-D Division's West Bracket. Center Joe Churches and point guard Pat Haran, both starters, were tagged with their fourth personals early in the third quarter.

With Churches and Haran on the bench for most of the third quarter and half of the fourth, St. Andrew closed to within two with four minutes left. Coach Joe Charney reinstated the pair, and the Aggies pulled away to win.

The victory gives St. Agatha one last shot at the playoffs. A victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at home Friday would assure the Aggies of a berth.

Churches tallied 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Aggies, with Joe White scoring 13 points and nabbing 13 rebounds. Doug Haran had 10 points.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 55 HARPER WOODS N.D. 44

Leading scorer Mike Maleske was on the sidelines with a strained achilles tendon, but Detroit Catholic Central rolled over Harper Woods Notre Dame anyway Friday at Notre Dame.

The win, combined with Birmingham Brother Rice's 60-47 loss to Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, clinched the Central Division title for the Shamrocks.

Salem topples Stevenson

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said of Salem's performance. "We played well, but not well enough."

"No way do I think they are better than us. They normally don't shoot well from 20 feet."

SHOOTING WELL from 20 feet for the Rocks was Glenn Medalle and Broderick. Medalle sizzled, riddling Stevenson's 1-3-1 zone defense with jumpers from the free throw line and the corner to finish with 16 points.

What Medalle missed, Houle collected. The 6-foot-4 senior was outsize underneath by Stevenson's 6-7 Tom Domako and the 6-4 Sluka, but he more than held his own and finished with 18 points. Broderick complemented

Medalle's outside shooting with some of his own, pumping in nine points.

Domako netted 14 points and nabbed 13 rebounds for the Spartans. Rose had 12 points and three steals, Mexicotte contributed 10 points and five assists and Curt Ullstrom had 10 points.

The game left something to be talked about: a possible rematch in the WLAA tournament finals.

"I thought this was a great high school basketball game," Thomann said, then added his prediction: "And I think the next time we meet it will be, too."

"The thing is, the next time we play them we'll have to be that much better because they'll be improved."

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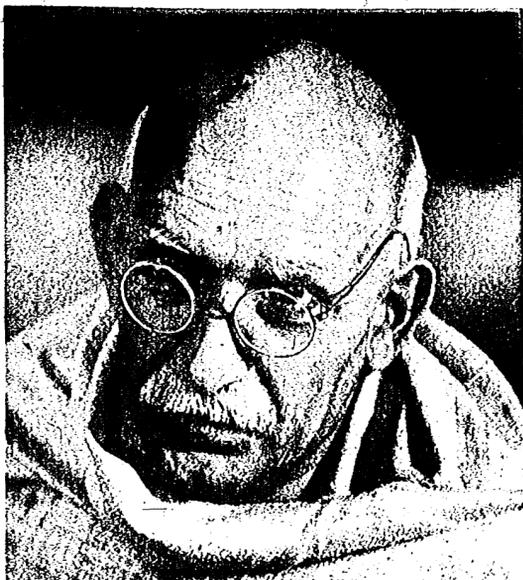
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Ben Kingsley makes his motion picture debut as spiritual and political leader Mahatma Gandhi in Richard Attenborough's "Gandhi."

the movies
Louise Snider

3-hour 'Gandhi' lives up to billing as significant film

"Gandhi" (PG) is three hours and 10 minutes long, and you can count that as time well spent. It's epic in more than length. Its scope, its cast of characters and, most important of all, its subject are all on a grand scale. Too often we see large, costly films that simply magnify trivia. That is not the case here.

The story of the great Indian leader, Mohandas K. Gandhi, called Mahatma (Great Soul), is the story of a man who affected the course of history and left an important philosophical legacy.

He is still a controversial figure in India and elsewhere, where proponents of social and political change look for quick solutions and regard Gandhi's strategy of noncooperation and nonviolence as impractical.

Yet, putting his teachings into practice, he stirred the conscience of the world and inspired millions of his countrymen to follow his own example of moral courage. He spearheaded the drive for Indian home rule and succeeded in creating an independent India within the British commonwealth.

THE FILM, WHICH spans 56 of Gandhi's 79 years, took producer-director Richard Attenborough 20 years to make. Most of those years were spent in cutting through bureaucratic red tape, winning Indian government approval and obtaining financing. Gandhi surely would have been amused by the irony of an Englishman, Attenborough, making a film about the man who contributed so largely to the dissolution of the Empire.

And Gandhi probably would have been pleased. Even though he sought to expel the British from India, he wanted "to part friends." His ties to England and his advocacy of English law emerge from the first half of the film.

It shows Gandhi as a young, English-educated attorney, arriving in South Africa to undertake work for an Indian client there. He is shocked by the harsh discrimination he encounters and moved to enlist other Indians in opposing and overturning the discriminatory laws.

This is by far the best part of the film. We see Gandhi as a mortal man given to outbursts of temper, quarreling with his wife, learning to become a forceful speaker and struggling to find his way to effect change.

At the conclusion of this important chapter in Gandhi's life, with the victory in South Africa won, the action shifts to Gandhi's role in the liberation of India from colonial rule. Unfortunately, this portion of the movie lacks cohesiveness. There is a disturbing randomness to events and absence of information about characters (background, motives, etc.).

WE ARE, FOR EXAMPLE, presented with the instance of an Englishwoman, the daughter of a British admiral, who travels to India to join Gandhi's household. We are given no clues to her conduct and simply left to guess about her reasons. We are also left guessing about the nature of Gandhi's political alliances. In one speech, he warns his countrymen about the danger of replacing British exploiters with Indian ones.

Later we see him working with political figures, at least one of whom seems to be the kind he was warning against.

The contradictions and loose ends, however, pale beside the bright core of this film, the incredibly realistic and magnetic performance of Ben Kingsley as Gandhi. Kingsley, half-Indian by birth, bears an uncanny resemblance to Gandhi. His body takes on the contours and shape of the Mahatma as he sits, wearing a loincloth and spinning cotton into yarn. His luminous eyes hold our attention and project the glow of a vital, burning spirit.

When we leave the theater, we may still be vague about Indian politics, and Gandhi, the man, may still be an enigma to us, but the image of Gandhi created by Kingsley's brilliant performance is sharp, concrete and lasting.

what's at the movies

AIDA. Sophia Loren stars in 1954 film version of Verdi's opera "Aida." Sophia's dubbed singing voice is that of opera star Reneta Tebaldi.

BEST FRIENDS (PG). When marriage comes in the door, friendship goes out the window in this romantic comedy with Burt Reynolds and Goldie Hawn as a couple of screenwriters who work well together until they get married.

THE CHOSEN (PG). Dramatization of Chalm Potok's novel about father-son relationships, the interlocking lives of two teenage friends and the faith that divides and unites them.

THE DARK CRYSTAL (PG). An adventure-fantasy by the creators of the Muppets features strange, elf-like creatures caught up in a struggle between the forces of good and evil in a setting that resembles J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth.

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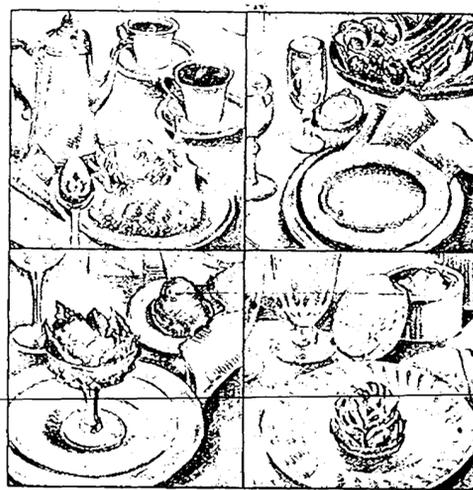
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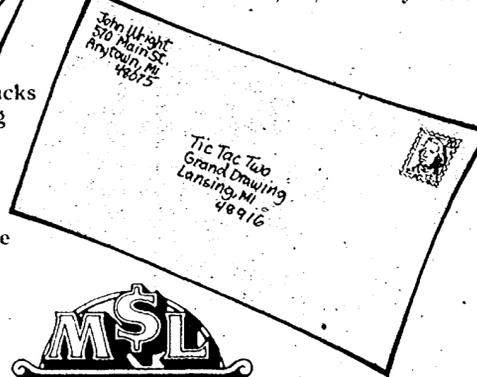


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Local soprano sings role of beautiful loser

By Mary Jane Doerr
special writer

FOR BIRMINGHAM RESIDENT and coloratura soprano Jan Albright, singing the part of Elsa Schraeder in Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "The Sound of Music" is a totally different experience.

"She is not like any character that I have played," said Albright. "She doesn't win."

In the stage play of "The Sound of Music," Elsa Schraeder is a wealthy widow from Vienna who is engaged to the Baron. Unlike the movie where it is almost a cat fight between Maria and Elsa, the stage play portrays the Viennese lady in quite a different perspective.

"She is a strong person who has carried on her husband's business after his

death. She knows her place and can stand on her own two feet. She doesn't need the Baron, but it would be nice," Albright said.

THERE ARE TWO solos not in the movie that Albright will sing, "How Can Love Survive?" (Act I) and "No Way To Stop It" (Act II), which add dimension to the character.

"Elsa truly loves the Baron, but completely disagrees with his philosophical approach to life. She is a survivor. She believes if you smile and are charming and don't have any confrontations everything will be alright. You just play life day by day."

But as the story tells, the Baron couldn't be forced into smiling his way along with the "Anschluss," the German take-over of Austria. Finally Elsa realizes the incompatibility of their two philosophies and bows out.

For Jan Albright, the 3 1/2 years she and her husband Michael Albright, now with Kelly Services of Troy, spent in Germany helped her to better understand this musical.

"We talked with the people in Germany. We had German friends. We spent time in the Alps," she said. "I think because of that experience I have a better comprehension of the character."

The attractive, slim, redheaded Albright was talked into taking this part by her sometimes accompanist, David DiChiera, MOT's general director. Albright has sung with the company since 1971 in over 12 different roles both at Music Hall and on tour.

She has sung everything from minor parts to major ones such as Musetta in "La Boheme," Lucia in "Lucia di Lammermoor," Marietta in "Naughty Marietta" and Adele in "Die Fledermaus."

BESIDES THOSE OPERA roles she has sung with nearly every symphony in Michigan, countless oratorio and solo engagements, and now is a member of the voice faculty at Oakland University.

Two of Albright's students are also singing in this production. Coleen Downey is Liesl and Irene Onken will sing Sister Margaritha.

"I have discovered teaching and I am hooked on it," said Albright, a graduate in music education of Indiana University. "I teach both at Oakland University and at my home nearly six days a week."

Albright's husband shares her interest in music. He serves as her vocal



Judy Kaye as Maria is surrounded by the children, and Jeff Duncan, in the Michigan Opera Theatre production of the hit musical.

coach as he also studied voice for four years at Indiana University even though he graduated with a business degree. He is a substitute singer at Metropolitan Methodist Church where

his wife is soloist with the choir, and he sometimes joins the MOT chorus.

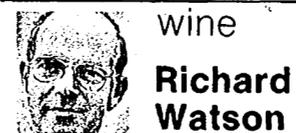
reer in opera. It was her husband who encouraged her.

A few years ago when Albright decided to go to New York to seek a ca-

"To have that kind of life, one really must be a gypsy," explained Albright.



Jan Albright is Elsa Schraeder and Bob Grossman is Max Detwiler in "The Sound of Music" at the Music Hall.



wine
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William Gibbs III was in town recently. Bill — Brother Rice class of '68, Michigan State University class of '72, which makes him a bit younger than Bronco Nerd of Michigan's Kalkaska Mountain Winery — is most recently of Felton-Empire Vineyards.

His purpose in being here, in addition to visiting his family, was to announce his decision to make his winery a significant marketing matter in the Detroit area.

Its presence has been evident for a couple of years but just barely. Now associated with a new distributor, Bill has seen our area as a significant national market for his 15,000-cases-a-year winery and has decided to concentrate his attention on us as one of his prime "outstate" markets.

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When winemakers are free to purchase their grapes, they can make anything they want to and are not dependent on their own grape production. Leo and Bill have taken advantage of this and have, over the years, produced a large array of wines.

However, personal preference seems to be aiming them in a Germanic direction, their preferences being gewurztraminer and, most important, white riesling. The latter has been especially effective for them. They have won much national acclaim for their late-harvest desert wines and have done nearly as well with their table wine production.

Their goal is to be known as table wine producers. The late harvest is a quirk of nature they plan to take advantage of when they can.

ADDITIONALLY, two excellent reds have been made recently. A full, complex and warm pinot noir from 1979 is a beautiful thing. Small amounts are in Michigan, to be followed by a 1980 cabernet sauvignon using Hallcrest grapes just loaded with

good fruit and balanced with strong tannins.

In addition to the pinot noir, a riesling and a gewurztraminer, both from 1981, are now on the shelves. Worthy of investigation.

And then there is the unfermented grape juice they have bottled. Several different grapes have been used in this venture but riesling and beajoulais have been most successful. Designed as a quick cash-flow operation, it has been a huge success for them, essentially allowing them to buy time for their aging wines.

The first six years of Felton Empire have been interesting ones, and successful as well. The future looks good with Leo in the winery and Bill on the road making white wines in a world that cannot seem to get enough of them.

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