

briefly speaking

HOLIDAY 'HOMECOMING'

The Plymouth Community Chorus will present its annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas Homecoming," at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

The annual concert by the chorus will feature sacred and secular songs of the holiday season, including arrangements by Harry Simons, Norman Luboff, John Ness Beck and Robert Shaw.

Tickets may be bought at Sideways in Plymouth, Bookbreak in Canton and the Giftfinders in Northville as well as from chorus members. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children. Group rates are available. For more ticket information, call 455-4080.

POLONAISE CHORALE

"Polonaise Chorale," a concert of Polish Christmas carols, will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Activities Center at Madonna College. Under the direction of Bronislaw Siarkowski, the mixed chorus will perform the carols in original folk costumes of Silesia, in southern Poland.

Instrumental arrangements of American Christmas carols will be presented by Diane Littlefield, flute soloist, and Virginia Rivard, piano accompanist. An audience singalong of Polish and English carols will highlight the afternoon. Cake and coffee reception will follow the performance. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public. For information, call 464-7998 or 939-3407.

WSU CHORALE

The Wayne State University Department of Music will present the Women's Choral in concert at 7:30

p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, in St. Aiden Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Open to the public, the concert will be directed by Dennis J. Tini, director of Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media Division at Wayne State. Assistant conductor is Lawrence Lieberknecht, director of music at St. Genevieve Church, Livonia.

CIVIC BALLET

Livonia Civic Ballet Company, under the artistic direction of Jean Newell, will present "The Nutcracker" at three performances Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13 in Plymouth-Canton High School's Little Theater. Performances on Saturday will be at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Sunday's performance will be at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Newell will be assisted by Dawn Green.

For more information, call Miss Jean's Dance Arts Studio, 478-6236 or Joanne's Dance Extension, 455-4330.

YW-REDFORD BENEFIT

The Northwest YWCA will host a benefit performance of the award-winning Australian movie "My Brilliant Career" at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 in the restored Redford Theater.

The evening will begin with a champagne reception and organ concert on the Redford Theater pipe organ by Sharon Patterson. The film, which won six Australian Academy Awards, including one for best picture, will begin at 8:15 p.m. All money raised from the evening will be used for the Northwest YW in Redford as a community service organization.

Everyone is welcome. Patron tickets are \$25 per person, and general admission is \$10. The theater is at 17360 Lahser. Valet parking will be

provided. Call the YW at 537-8500 to reserve tickets.

DICKENS FESTIVAL

Historic Holly will present its annual Dickens festival beginning with a hospitality weekend this weekend, followed by celebrations the next three weekends in December.

The event calls for authentically dressed Dickens characters strolling through the town and shops, including Scrooge, Tiny Tim and Marley's Ghost. Shopkeepers in Victorian costumes, strolling musicians, carolers, jugglers, food vendors hawking their wares of roasted chestnuts, baked potatoes, meat pies and wassail are others who will add to the atmosphere.

Other characters will be the town crier, who will announce special events and pass out gift certificates; Father Christmas; and "Put-Pockets" who will put little gifts in people's pockets.

Hours for the festival are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 634-3501 or 634-7711.

CRAFT GALLERY

Craft Gallery will hold a holiday show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill. Sixty exhibitors are expected. Lunches and refreshments will be available. Admission is \$1.50.

CRYSTAL DISPLAY

An exhibit of limited-production and special-production crystal from Sweden's renowned Kosta Boda Glassworks will be presented Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Gift Place, 26263 12 Mile, Southfield.

A Kosta Boda representative will be on hand all day to show a wide

range of fine glass pieces representative of the best in the art of Swedish glass-making.

PHOTOGRAPHING WATERCOLORS

Dirk Bakker, director of photographer at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will address the Michigan Watercolor Society at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1515 Cranbrook, Birmingham. His presentation is "How to Photograph Your Water Colors." There is no admission charge, and everyone is welcome.

STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

A student photography exhibit will be on display at Madonna College from Tuesday, Dec. 8, through Tuesday, Dec. 15, in the Exhibit Gallery, Library Wing. The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 591-5197.

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Auditions will be held at Madonna College, Livonia Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 16-17, for the 1988 Young Artist Competition sponsored by Oakway Symphony. Competition includes all instrumental, piano and vocal students. To compete, instrumental and piano students must not have reached the age of 25 before Feb. 28, 1988; with vocal students, they must not have reached the age of 30 before the same date.

To obtain rules of competition and application forms, write to Oakway Symphony, 18549 Levan, Livonia 48152 or 1471-7049. Application deadline is Dec. 31.

HUMANITIES CLUB ART SHOW

The annual fall art show and sale, presented by the Arts and Humanities Club of Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak, opens with a reception at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. Featured artist will be Liz Thomas. The show will hang in the Royal Oak campus gallery until Dec. 17.

ANTIQUE/CONTEMPORARY PRINT EXHIBITION/SALE

Henry Ford Community College, in conjunction with Lakeside Galleries, will hold an antique and contem-

porary print exhibition and sale through Friday, Dec. 18, in the Sison Art Gallery, on the campus of the college, 5101 Evergreen.

Lakeside is a nationally known studio and print dealer that offers its collections of American, European and Asian prints for viewing and sale. Images executed in intaglio, relief, lithography and silk-screen will represent a cross section of printmaking from the 20th century and before.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, call Martin Anderson, guest curator, 845-9534 Ext. 488.

Chamber Winds welcome the holiday season

Detroit Chamber Winds will give their annual seasonal concert for brass choir, "Holiday Brass," at 8 p.m. Friday at Christ Church Cranbrook.

The 11-member ensemble will present masterworks by Handel, Susato, Gabrieli, Scarlatti and Joplin. The ensemble will premiere seasonal favorites arranged especially for Detroit Chamber Winds by Michigan composers, John Moss and John Stout. The concert will conclude with

an audience sing-along.

The musicians are members of the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theater orchestras. "Holiday Brass" will be conducted by Donald Schleicher, associate director of bands, University of Michigan.

Tickets, \$12 and \$8 for students and seniors, are available at the door or by calling 851-8DCW. Christ Church Cranbrook is at Lone Pine and Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.

To play Gundharva music

A concert of Gandharva music will be given at 8 p.m. Saturday in McAuley Auditorium on the Mercy College campus, 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students.

The performers are Shrikant Bakre, singer, Shri Samrita Lahiri, sitar, Charanjit Lal, tabla, Lalji Vyas, harmonium, and Vishwanath Shastji, tanpura.

Civic Orchestra to give concert

The newly reborn Detroit Civic Orchestra will perform its first concert of the season at 8 p.m. Friday at Orchestra Hall. The Civic's season had been canceled due to the Sept. 21 work stoppage.

The Civic Orchestra was resurrected by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians as part of their commitment to keep playing music for the metropolitan area. The musicians acted in cooperation with Wayne State University.

The Civic Orchestra is a training ensemble for young musicians preparing for careers in music. The Friday concert will open with Wagner's noble Prelude to "Die Meistersinger." Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist Jacob Robbins will be featured soloist in the Concerto in E minor by Jules Conus and Beethoven's Romance in F major. The performance will conclude with

the Symphony No. 2 in D Major by Johannes Brahms.

The program will be conducted by two DSO violinists, Joseph Striplin and Felix Resnick.

"We felt it was important to maintain the Civic Orchestra because it represents valuable professional experience for many students," said Striplin, who was instrumental in saving the orchestra. "The quality of the ensemble is strong, the orchestra performs great symphonic masterpieces, is coached by DSO musicians, and has been conducted by Gunter Herbig. We have rehearsed for details and ask a lot of our musicians."

Admission is free, but donations are encouraged and will be used to pay for production and promotional expenses. For information, call the Musician's Concert hotline at 559-1887.

condo queries

Robert M. Meisner

Q. Are there any rules governing the proper hangings on a door wall or windows in a condominium complex? There is nothing in our bylaws regarding this and we've never had the problem before. We have an "eyesore" of a sheet hanging on a doorwall. Should we have a statement in our bylaws stating the proper window treatment?

A. Generally speaking, the condominium bylaws provide for architectural integrity at the condominium. However, if there is not a specific restriction on what can be placed on a doorwall or window in terms of the proper hangings, here may not be a basis by which the association can enforce a uniform hanging requirement.

It may be appropriate, therefore, for the board of directors to either pass a rule or regulation if it has the authority to do so to cover the point, or to propose a bylaw amendment to the condominium documents, depending upon the requirements for obtaining approval of amendments to the condominium bylaws.

Q. We are starting a new business and wish to form a corporation. Can you give us some idea of what documents we must have prepared in order to accomplish that and what the cost would be?

A. There are a number of formalities required to form a corporation in Michigan. In order to comply with these requirements, a number of documents have to be filed with various state agencies. Documents also have to be filed with the federal government. These articles include the articles of incorporation, which are completed

in conformity with the statute, and certain basic decisions about the corporate structure and the incorporators have to be made and included on this form.

If the corporation has employees, a federal employment identification number has to be obtained from the IRS as registration with state taxing authority.

In order to support these documents, there has to be sufficient underlying documentation, such as bylaws of the corporation, minutes of the incorporation, election of the first board of directors, and minutes of the meetings of board of directors setting up the basic operation of the corporation.

In a small corporation where all of the incorporators are usually the owners of the business and key employees of the business, additional documents between the owners such as buy-sell agreements, employment agreements, and/or pension plans are also critical to the corporation's well-being.

The form of the corporation for tax purposes is also important depending upon the nature of the business and the projections of future income or losses. You are well advised to seek the counsel of both a CPA and attorney in setting up the appropriate corporate form and completing the necessary documents.

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Christmas cactus needs help

Your Christmas cactus (Schlumbergera truncata) is in a slump with only a few blooms, just at the time of year you want it to blossom. What to do?

If you have had a plant for some time and the blooming has stopped, it is good to know that there are some particular requirements for these plants, which will encourage buds to form. The Christmas cactus is a succulent and therefore stores water in the leaves and stems. This plant also has a natural dormant period at which time it sets buds. If these plants are not "treated" to a dormant period, they remain as foliage plants.

Place the plant in a dimly lit place (perhaps a closet or a room that is not used at night) and do not water until buds are set. Do not turn on the lights. This usually takes about a month. After this period put it in its usual location in your home and resume watering, giving only a little water at first and slowly increasing the amount given.

Christmas cactus plants are now available for



down to earth
Marty Figley

the upcoming holiday season — perhaps one would be a nice hostess gift for a friend, a thoughtful gift for a shut-in or used as a table centerpiece. Flowers come in red, white, orange and pink.

An area of your home which gets only a little sun is a good place for one of these cacti, because it is considered a short-day plant. It likes night temperatures as low as 45 degrees. Allow the soil surface to dry between thorough waterings. The plant will tell you when it needs water as the tissues begin to show a slightly wrinkled quality when the stored water supply is depleted.

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