

Directing: Steve SeGraves-repeats instructions to tenors who didn't hear him the first time during a rehearsal.

# Chorus from page A1 Clingan is a member of the chorus' select subgroup, The Perfect Blend, and will perform a solo of "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm" in this year's

So Todd Clingan has found. He is visually impaired and counts on another chorus mem-ber to take him to rehearsals.

Clingan, 32, who grew up in Farmington, started singing when he attended the Michigan School for the Blind. He was mainstreamed into the Lansing Sexton High School chorus and continued with the Agape Singers, which performed at nursing homes and other social events.

His resonate bass voice found spot in his hometown chorus 11 years ago.

"He's just a sweetheart," Hall said. "He sounds just like Sinatra."

out."

Larry Moloney reflects the chorus' church influence. He's joined by Sister Maureen McGarrigle, who is with the Sisters of Mercy.

McGarrigle sang in church choirs but didn't have an outlet for her talents. She's known for her stirring version of "Danny Boy." Boy."
"Singing invigorates me," said
McGarrigle, who works at
MacAuley Center. "With singing
— no matter how tired I am —
I'm always more energized after
rehearsal.

"I enjoy doing it to make peo-ple happy," said Clingan, who lives in Farmington. "It's giving your talent and sharing it with everybody.

"It's kind of my way for me to get what I feel inside me to come out."

"What I really enjoy about it is it pushes my musical abilities to the edge."

Farmington Hills resident is married to Anne and has three children: Molly, Maureen, and Sean.

He's been with the chorus for six years as one of its many bass vocalists.

"I've been singing all my life in choirs and at church," Moloney said. "I enjoy making audiences happy."

This year's holiday show fea-tures choreographed numbers as well as jazzed up version of "Here Comes Santa Claus." A Hanukkah number will also include a traditional Jewish dance.

Another highlight is the per-rmance of Dick Holmes, who is a social worker but dressed up as a Christmas tree and did a yule rap number at previous shows. Holmes will be dressed up as a fruitcake this year.

"We never know what he's going to do," Hall said. "We always wonder how he's going to top last year's performance.

"We get a lot of characters, that's for sure."

Moloney was a Catholic priest in the Detroit Archdiocess for 10 for seniors and students. Call years. He left in 1972. The

United voices: Membérs of the Farmington Community chorus unite in song under the direction of Steve SeGraves.

## Good voices needed

The Farmington Community Chorus is always in search for a good singing voice. However, added organizer Kathy Hall, 'It's getting more difficult to get in."

The group has an audition 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Wm. Costick Activities Center, 11 Mile Road, cast of Middlebelt.

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The chorus is open to people 18 and older. Many members have backgrounds singing in church or school choirs.

People with various degrees of talent turn up for tryouts.

"We do get some people who might not be able to hit a note from any place," Hall said. "We have to (tell them) very diplomatically. "It's not like telling them they can't toot a horn. A voice is a part of a person; They take it very personally."

Some didn't make the cut, but took vocal lessons and became members of the chorus later, Hall said.

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children. Mans said she was pleased that he did go beyond the probation department's rec-ommended minimum of 2 years.

Gilbert's attorney, H. Wallace

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Parker, said the guidelines start at a minimum of one year and more time is usually added based upon the criminal record or other problems.

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"My client had never been convicted of anything, so he should be sentenced at the low end." Parker said. "But in this day and age, this type of crime is going to carry more punishment. It's like the Salem witch trials."

Mans said Gilbert had con-tacts with several pedophile groups through the Internet and had invited the Novi boy, who was not sexually abused as far

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"The (Novi boy, not the victim) one child had had contact with Mr. Gilbert through a bulletin board system and invited him over," she said. "The kid made up a story about visiting a friend."



That lack of knowledge by parents in this case should serve as a warning, Maas said.

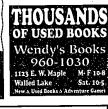
as prosecutors know, to his

"It just tells parents that you need to be very involved with their lives," she said. "Know what area's they are accessing on the computer."

Parker said his client would appeal the conviction because of questionable evidence.

"The court allowed in a ten of info from the Internet that anyone could have put there," Parkers aid, adding that he was considering handling the appeal probono, without asking a fee.







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