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me one of his excess heads and antlers." — Jeff Craig, Livonia.

■ "The holiday gift that left me mostly speechless was the year my husband gave me a set of tools for Christmas. I do most of the household chores around the house so when I opened my gift there was a ratchet set." — Peggy Jenkins, Bloomfield Hills.

■ "Two years ago, my husband had a large wicker basket under the tree with lots of little items wrapped in it. Slowly, he gave me one gift at a time: also vera gel, cocoa butter, sunburn spray and a beach towel. There were two gifts left. I opened a colorful travel brochure. My husband had cut out our pictures and placed us on the beach. The last gift was a tour book on our destination, Ixtapa, Mexico." — Jan Mahot, Canton.

■ "My husband and I had been dating for over three years. My present was a gorgeous gold watch that left me absolutely "Speechless." I had expected to receive an engagement ring. We've been married 28 years now, and I did receive the ring one year later. Every time I look at my beautiful watch, I am reminded of my quick thinking to cover my obvious disappointment." — Harriet Jacobson, Bloomfield Hills.

New Year's event is a 'showstopper'

Nancy Gurwin will present her new musical review, "They Stopped the Show," at a very special evening to welcome in the new year, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple and include dinner, show dancing and party favors. Call (810) 353-3729 or (810) 352-2797 or Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6666 for reservations.

The party begins with cocktails and nibbles — a buffet dinner which includes vegetables, rolls, and a fruit tray

desserts.

After dinner, sit back and enjoy the show which stars Gurwin, Edgar A. Guest III, Lori Murphy, Jamie Richards, Christopher Keen, Gary Lee Temple, and 10-year-old Dana Stangelid.

The show will be narrated by Guest III, and take you to Broadway where you'll hear the greats, old and new, including melodies from "Gypsy," "Pal Joey," "Guys and Dolls," "Fiddler on the Roof," "My Fair Lady," "Sound of Music," "Les Miserables," "Phantom of the Opera," "South Pacific," and more.



Show stoppers: This talented cast, Edgar A. Guest III (left to right), Nancy Gurwin, Gary Lee Temple, and 10-year-old Dana Stangelid, will "Stop the Show," on New Year's Eve.

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■ Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Dance Detroit Detroit will present "Nutcracker" Dec. 15-18, 20-23, at the Fox Theatre. Tickets \$22, \$25 and \$27, call (313) 533-3700 or Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6666 for tickets and show times.

■ Oakland Festival Ballet Company is staging six performances Dec. 16-18 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Guest artists Karen

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(810) 476-7074.

■ A special thank-you to the Cauty family of Livonia — Gerry, Linda, Stacy, and Brittany who shared information and photos of their holiday weekend getaway to the Festival of Lights in Battle Creek. Remember to take your hometown Observer along on vacation this winter, and send us a photo of your family holding the paper in a scenic spot. We're look-

ing for reader suggestions for great winter getaways in warm and cold places.

■ Getaway from it all without leaving town. Schoolcraft College is hosting its "Winter Getaway," night which features a seven-course gourmet dinner and dancing to the Johnny "Rudell Orchestra 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$37.50 per person; tables seat eight. Call (313) 462-4417 for reservations.

■ There's still time to reserve tickets for a benefit dinner for the 1995 United States World Pastry Cup Team, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at Schoolcraft College. The gourmet dinner will be prepared by E. David Auara, Milos Cihelka, Kevin Gawronski, Jeffrey Gabriel, Daniel Hugeller, Ed Janos, Brian

Polcyn, Leopold Schaeff, and Jeff Smith. Tickets are \$75 per person. Call (313) 462-4417.

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Concerts feature Irish tenor

Celebrate Christmas with Irish tenor Mark Forrest at benefit holiday concerts for Bosnian relief. He will be performing 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at St. Beatrice Catholic Church, 17235 Mt. Vernon, Southfield, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15989 Newburgh, Livonia.

offering will be taken. Forrest has sung for television, radio, stage and performed with many stars including Maureen O'Hara, Shirley Bassey and Charlton Heston. During his concerts, he usually shares his experiences from his trips to Medjugorje. He has built an international following for his singing for Marian conferences and church-sponsored programs.

Holiday lights sparkle

There's still time to see the lights! Wayne County's LightFest, Domino Farms Christmas Light Display, and the Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" Festival are lighting up the winter sky.

■ Wayne County's four mile LightFest, on Edward Hines Drive features a variety of colorful displays. Enter at Merriman Road in Westland and drive east-bound to Warren Avenue.

Open: Daily 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Closed Dec. 25. Admission: \$5 per car, (313) 261-1990.

There are food concessions and

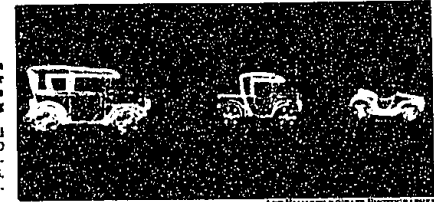
photo opportunities with Santa available at the picnic area near the exit. The \$5 entrance fee helps to keep county parks operating and maintained.

■ The Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" display of more than 40 colorfully lit animal sculptures continues through Jan. 6. Closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

Open: Daily 5-8 p.m. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1.50 for children. Children under two free, parking is free. (810) 398-0900. Tickets available at the door or through Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.

■ The 1994 theme of the Domino Farms display is "Christmas Lights Up the World," and the display offers a decidedly international flavor.

Enter display on Earhart Road.



Scenic drive: Lighted cars roll along Hines Drive in Wayne County's Lightfest.

off Plymouth Road, one-half mile east of US-23, Ann Arbor. Open: Daily 6-10 p.m. through Jan. 8. Admission: \$5 per car, (313) 668-1800. Motorists can stop at Domi-

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