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It's Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club time again! So join the Cheer Club by bringing donations of new toys and canned boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main Street in Plymouth, during normal business hours.

The items will be collected until Dec. 11, when we'll turn them over to the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The idea is to make Christmas special for everybody, not just the lucky families where mom and dad have plenty to spend. So if you're out doing your Christmas shopping and have a few minutes to look for another toy, or maybe a gift of warm clothing, a new hat, scarf or gloves your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

When you bring your donation by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and city/township of residence. That's because we like to print donor's names in the paper, while the Cheer Club drive is on. But you can be an anonymous donor, if you prefer.

Each year, we've recorded around 200 donors to the Cheer Club from Plymouth and Canton.

Happy Holidays! Please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

IN THE PAPER TODAY

COMMUNITY LIFE

The big parade: For some people, Thanksgiving means turkey and football, for others, like Mike McCarthy of Canton, it means a good parade, specifically, Detroit's annual Thanksgiving Day parade. /B1

ENTERTAINMENT

Theater: An intricately magical set designed by Peter Hicks is one of the reasons Meadow Brook's presentation of "A Christmas Carol" hasn't grown tiresome over the years. /E1

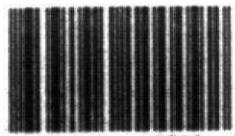
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Kids cook up 'gourmet feast'

STORY BY TONY BRUSCATO
PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN



Skinless turkey: Katie Krajewski says her mom takes off the skin and cooks the turkey for 20 minutes.



Steven Snyder



Bisma Haque



Vicky Galanos

Preparing Thanksgiving dinner is a time-consuming, energy-draining couple of days for the cook. There's a lot of thought and work put into grocery shopping, managing all the prep work, not to mention the full day it takes to actually prepare the meal Thanksgiving Day.

And the hard work has made an impression on children, who have observed and taken mental notes on how their Thanksgiving Day dinner is prepared.

Students in Sally Evans' first-grade class at Hulsing Elementary in Canton have a few tips for those who need the recipe.

"The first thing you have to do is get the turkey and chop its head off," advised Vicky Galanos of Canton. "Then you put it in the oven and cook it on 5 degrees for 10 minutes."

Vicky said don't forget the mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie.

Steven Snyder of Canton hesitated, but then gave us his grandfather's secret recipe.

"First you have to take off the feathers, then put on salt. Then you have to put gasoline on it to cook it in the oven," said Steven, who warned readers not to leave it too long in the oven. "It will burn and catch fire. I think one hour at 20 degrees is OK."

Katie Krajewski of Canton said her mom "takes off the skin and then puts it in the oven ... I think for 20 minutes

at 21 degrees."

Nicholas Leventis of Canton said when his mom makes the turkey "she puts a fire in the stove, waits a while, and then cuts it after 30 minutes and it's ready to eat."

When it comes to the first Thanksgiving, the first-graders have just as vivid an imagination.

"The Pilgrims ate fried turkey, milk and apples," remembered Eric Lorber of Canton from his history lesson. "The Indians brought the corn and peas. Then they had ice cream with whipped cream on top."

"After they ate they had a food fight, and then took a nap," added Eric.

Lauren Schendel of Canton remembers the hard times of the Pilgrims.

"The Pilgrims were poor and they didn't have food," she said. "So, they invited the rich people over. The rich people got the turkeys from the farmer, who chopped off the head and feathers. The Pilgrims went to the store to buy pumpkin pie and pumpkin bread."

Lauren also remembers that "the rich people brought the matches to light the fire to cook the turkey outside."

Bisma Haque said the Pilgrims and Indians had a lot of fun that first Thanksgiving.

"They drew pictures, and then played games like bingo and hot potato."



Lauren Schendel



Nicholas Leventis



Eric Lorber

Driver, officer injured in crash

■ A 77-year-old Westland man, his wife and a Canton police officer on patrol were hospitalized Saturday after a collision at Hanford and Canton Center.

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A 77-year-old Westland man is in serious condition as the result of a crash with a Canton Police patrol car Saturday.

Harvey Belden was upgraded from critical to serious condition Sunday at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. His wife, Dorothy, a passenger in their 1994 four-door Buick, was treated and released Sunday from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Canton Officer Robert Holewinski, 34, was also taken to St. Joseph Mercy. He suffered a sore neck and arm but was released Sunday, said Officer Leonard Schemanske.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Palmer and Haggerty in Canton at 5:30 p.m.

Belden was heading east on Palmer, while Holewinski was headed south on Haggerty in a fully marked patrol car, police said. Witnesses to the accident said Belden ran a red light, Schemanske said.

Holewinski hit the driver's side door head on. Schemanske said both cars were totaled.

The extent of Belden's injuries was unclear, however "serious" condition means a patient is acutely ill, has a questionable prognosis but a chance for recovery, according to a U-M Hospital spokeswoman. The hospital uses the terms good, fair, serious and critical to describe patients' status.

It was uncertain whether charges would be filed against Harvey Belden.

Michigan State Police responded to the scene and filed an accident report. Any charges would come from the state police, Canton Sgt. Charles Raycraft said.

Speeding at school site has parents worried

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Speeding traffic and the safety of schoolchildren were the main concerns of nearly 65 people who attended an informational meeting about the new middle school to be constructed in Canton.

Most of those in attendance are neighbors of the new school, to be built on the southeast corner of Hanford and Canton Center roads.

"Already I see the police sit outside my house bringing in plenty of revenue from people who aren't doing 25 mph," said Wanda Derico, who lives only a few houses from the proposed school. "Several neighbors have been calling Wayne County incessantly to get a traffic study and stop signs."

John Birchler, the district's executive director of business and operations, told the gathering that "safety across Canton Center Road has not yet been discussed. The transportation department will look at those who walk to school, whether they would be bused to avoid crossing Canton Center, or there would be crossing guards."

Birchler also noted there are ongoing discussions with Wayne County and Canton Township officials about speed limits on Hanford Road.

In light of those concerns, neighborhood residents generally seemed

CPC volunteers set holiday table so area families don't go without

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It has been a tough year for the Profits.

Money has been tight for the Canton family of five. With just one small income, Martha Profit was wondering what kind of a Thanksgiving she and her husband could provide for their three children.

Now, through the efforts of Caring People of Canton, the answer is a good one. The four-person charitable group is providing turkey and all the trimmings for 93 families in Canton, Westland and other surrounding communities.

"It's hard to believe there's still nice people in the world," said Profit. "This will help us a lot. At least I know my kids will have a good Thanksgiving."

Canton resident Wayne Hill began CPC in 1995. His wife, Sharon, had just survived a heart transplant. "Her illness started this whole thing," Hill said of his inspiration.

As he ate Thanksgiving dinner with a friend, he wondered how he could



PHOTO BY RON PUNKER

Holiday help: Caring People of Canton members (from left) Sharon Hill, Wayne Hill, Gary Cullins, Nancy Dragun and Lynn Green delivered turkeys and other Thanksgiving staples to 93 families on Saturday.

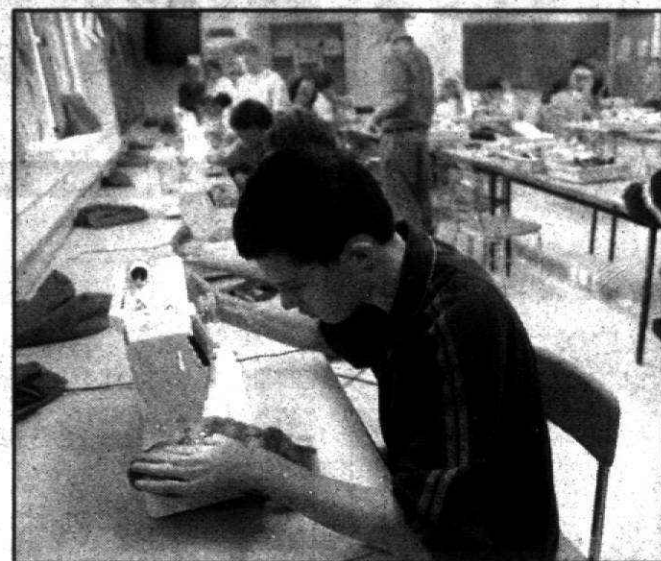
help those less fortunate than himself. After speaking with the Salvation Army, Hill decided providing food for

needy families at Thanksgiving would

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Project nets clothing bank deposit



Glove makers: Ian Bailey, 14, of Canton (above) works a sewing machine as part of a project to make gloves and hats in Susan Kolbas' class titled Skills for Living II at West Middle School in Plymouth last week. The class was working with fabric donated by Delta Kappa Gamma national teachers organization. The garments will be returned to Delta Kappa Gamma where they will be filled with books, writing materials and other literacy-promoting materials and then be donated to the Plymouth Clothing Bank for distribution to needy children and families. At left, Alexis Mily, 13, gets some help from Tiffany Bray, 14, both of Plymouth.

'Elves' can make holiday shopping a tug-free trip

BY LILLY A. EVANS STAFF WRITER

SUMMIT EVENT

Would you like to enjoy an afternoon of tug-free Christmas shopping without the kids? Here's the perfect solution. The third annual Santa's Elves Workshop is opening shop again this year in the arts room 1 in the Summit. Drop off your elf from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, and/or Saturday, Dec. 12, for an afternoon of gift creating and activities. Jennifer Varajon, Canton recreation specialist, said the idea of the program is to keep kids occupied to let parents do what they need to do. Debby Bradley, Elf instructor and Summit preschool coordinator will do her best to dazzle children, ages 6 to 11 years, with her enthusiasm and creativity for the third annual event. "The kids have a really good time. I am surprised how much the boys like it, then they get to play a rip-roaring game of basketball," said Bradley. The program consists of making crafts that are gifts, eating a sack lunch and beverage, playing basketball, soccer, pillo polo and swimming in the pool. Then - for secret Santa reasons - kids make their own Christmas wrapping and wrap the gifts before mom or dad picks them up. They may make candle holders, ornaments, wreaths, key chains, wind socks, a Christmas centerpiece, reindeer feed bags or a potted pine. Bradley said the two sessions are different in case the children want to attend both and the crafts are also different from those made the previous year. The classes are made up of 30 children. The deadline to sign up for the first session is Nov. 30 and the second session deadline is Dec. 7. If sessions aren't filled, additional signups will be allowed. The cost of a Santa's Elves Workshop session is \$20 for an annual pass holder, \$22 for a resident and \$24 for a nonresident. For more information, call the Summit at (734) 397-5110. Another traditional holiday activity, Brunch with Santa, is already sold out, according to Varajon. Both brunch sessions on Sunday, Dec. 13, were filled after the first day and a half of registration. Next year, the Summit plans on adding another day to accommodate more brunch-goers, Varajon said.

Pitching in From students to local firms, Hurricane Mitch stirs action

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net



When disaster struck Central America last month in the form of Hurricane Mitch, Paul Martin of Heritage Door in Canton knew he had to do something. Heritage Door has a factory in Honduras which employs 50 people. And while the factory miraculously escaped damage, his employees needed help. "Half of our employees had severe damage to their homes, or completely lost them," said Martin, one of the owners of Heritage Door. "Our plant manager told us how he was up to his armpits in water trying to help people salvage some of their belongings. After the storm, some of those same homes had 4 feet of mud inside."

Rebuilding: Alicia Lesko, board member of the Chilean Club, is helping to spread the word and raise donations. "I'm trying to help in my small way. I'm compelled to do something," she said.

On Monday, Martin, with the help of longtime friend and customer, Walt Menard of Menard Builders in Plymouth, a custom home builder, shipped a 40-foot container (as large as a semi trailer) filled with food, clothing and other necessities to Honduras. "The goods won't just go to our employees, but to thousands of people who work in the industry at park in San Pedro Sula, where our plant is located" said Martin. "We've probably got enough left over for another half container. As soon as we fill it, we'll ship it out. Hopefully by the middle of December."

That's approximately the same time frame the first container is expected to be delivered in Honduras, just before Christmas. "It's filled with everything imaginable," added Martin. "Farmers up north donated 7 tons of beans; we have a hundred cases of water donated from Absopure and Spartan. We also have canned goods, clothing, and even some toys."

Menard said he had a heart-warming feeling as the container was being taken away. "It felt pretty good knowing that we accomplished something that will benefit so many people," he said. "And it feels good knowing there are a lot of people out there willing to help."

"In the beginning we didn't know how it would go," added Menard. "But then the phones started ringing off the hooks."

Martin said a Romulus company is supplying the containers, with the cost to truck them to Miami then put on a ship to Honduras about \$2,500 each. "We'll accept anything that's nonperishable," said Martin. "Things you wouldn't even think about on a daily basis are now priority items."

Meanwhile, students at Hulsing Elementary School in Can-

ton on Monday presented the American Red Cross with a check for \$1,352.96. Most of the money came from their allowances to help victims in Central America. The campaign began as a brainchild of the fourth-grade classes of Cindy Grahl and Beth Sexton. "We were studying hurricanes in science when Mitch struck," said Grahl. "The children were overwhelmed at the devastation. The two classes wanted to help, so they decided to challenge the entire school to donate a week's allowance," she added. "Many of them donated on a daily basis, giving their change instead of buying that extra candy bar or ice cream."

"At first we were going to ask for 25 cents from each student, then a dollar, but then we decided on a week's allowance," said Allen Aberkamp of Canton. "It's a lot of money," added Kristine Mattarella of Canton. "It will go to help buy food, clothing and medicine."

The final tally was bolstered by a \$500 check from a Hulsing School family.

Students at Our Lady of Good Century school in Plymouth have begun collecting pennies for "Pennies & Prayers" for victims of Hurricane Mitch. While the goal is \$300, the total is expected to be larger because of matching donations from area businesses.

Parishioners from Our Lady of Good Counsel collected \$4,000 during church services Nov. 13 for storm-ravaged victims in Central America.

Absopure Water Company, based in Plymouth Township, delivered an entire truckload of water to Metro Airport last Saturday for delivery to Honduras. It was part of a relief effort called Flight of Champions, sponsored by the Detroit Pistons and delivered by the team's jet.

Radcliff Top Novels of the 20th Century list available from the library:

- "My Antonia" by Willa Cather
- "Howard's End" by E.M. Forster
- "In Cold Blood" by Truman Capote
- "Franny and Zooey" by J.D. Salinger
- "Satanic Verses" by Salman Rushdie

Q & A: Q: What is the state game mammal? A: Found in every Michigan county, the white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) is an important natural and economic resource. Every year, deer hunting adds more than \$400 million to the state's economy. Public Act 15 of 1977 designated the state game mammal to include the white-tailed deer among Michigan's official state symbols. The source for this information is Michigan History Magazine and fun for all.

Hot topic of the week: Dickens Olde-Fashioned Christmas Festival Circa 1850 comes to life in downtown Holly Nov. 27-29 and each weekend until Christmas. Bah humbug with Scrooge, encourage Tim Tim, sing with the carolers and banter with the street vendors. Enjoy delicacies such as roasted chestnuts, open flame baked potatoes and plum pudding. Entertainment on the hour. Sounds like a great family outing, and fun for all.

Multi-media: Here are some new CD-ROMs for kids available from the library:

- "Really Wild Animals: Swinging Safari"
- "Adventures with Barbie Ocean Discoveries"

Roundball One. "The history of our company is to give when we can," said Darwin Watts of Plymouth, manager of operations. "We donated at least a thousand gallons to that relief effort."

"This is so horrendous. There are no words to describe it," said Alicia Lesko of Plymouth, a past president and current board member of the Chilean Club. "I don't have any relatives there, but I certainly understand there are children and families affected. It will take years to rebuild their lives."

Lesko is helping to spread the word through the Chilean Club, an effort to raise donations for storm victims throughout Central America.

"I'm bilingual, so if I could go I would to help," said Lesko. "But I'm trying to help in my small way. I'm compelled to do something."

Another helper: Rodolfo Palma of Canton is also a member of the Chilean Club. "We are encouraging our members to give money to the American Red Cross to help those in need," said Palma. "As we can see, nature is a very powerful force."

"It's depressing to see what's going on there," said Miryam Palma. "We have a role to play in helping Central America with their problems."

Arrangements to drop off donations can be made by calling Heritage Door in Canton at (734) 414-7100; Menard Builders in Plymouth Township at (734) 451-7400; and Bonniebrook Development in Northville at (248) 380-0905. Monetary donations can be made to American Red Cross at (800) HELP-NOW.

A really sweet bird for Thanksgiving



Turkey time: Laura Maloney looks at the turkey she made using an apple, toothpicks and colored marshmallows in Sally Evans' first grade class at Hulsing Elementary in Canton last week. At right, Evans, dressed in Pilgrim's clothing, reads a story of "Clifford's (the Big Red Dog) Thanksgiving Story" to the class to get students in a holiday mood.



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Township sets holiday hours

Canton Township offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Municipal offices at 1150 S. Canton Center Road will reopen 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30. The administrative offices at Summit on the Park will be closed Thursday and Friday but the community center will be open to the public for swimming and other activities 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. The Canton Public Library will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday and reopen at 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Canton residents who receive garbage pickup on Thursdays will have their pickup on Friday. The regular garbage pickup schedule resumes Monday, Nov. 30.

Canton board meets Tuesdays

The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds its regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday each month in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and there is a public comment section on the agenda. Agendas may be picked up at the Canton Township clerk's office on the day of the meeting.

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Top novels Here are selections from the

Council on Aging seeks tax aid volunteers

The Council on Aging, a program of the Older Adult Services Unit of Catholic Social Services, is looking for individuals interested in becoming Tax Aid Volunteers. This is an opportunity to assist low-income senior adults in obtaining Homestead Property Tax Credits, Prescription Drug Rebates, and Home Heating Credits. Volunteers will be needed from February through April 15, 1999. Training is required; it will be provided Jan. 25-16, 1999. Please contact Joe McCadden at (734) 712-3625.

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Speeding from page A1

placed there would finally be a middle school in Canton.

"I think it's great. My kids will be able to walk there," said Linda Bedard, who has three children in the district. "The value of the houses will go up."

Tom Maletic lives in Sunflower Subdivision, and likes the idea there will be a new school in walking distance.

"I'm glad we're getting one in Canton," said Maletic, who has a daughter attending Central Middle School. "It's nice to be within walking distance. It gives a nice community feeling."

Birchler said the new school will have more parking than any other school in the district.

"We will keep as many trees

'It's nice to be within walking distance (of school). It gives a nice community feeling.'

Tom Maletic

-Sunflower subdivision resident

as we can. We'll probably plant more," he said.

He used a rendering to show where the softball fields, football and soccer field, and tennis courts will be located, noting the site is compact.

"The site is tight. We would like to have five to 10 more acres," added Birchler.

The Housing and Facilities Committee will be deciding within the next year which students will be attending the new

school. The district has a 1 1/2-mile distance rule for middle school students who walk. While there are no guarantees, those within that range most likely will attend the new school when it opens in August 2000.

This will be the first new middle school in 30 years to be constructed in the district, replacing Lowell Middle School which is being leased from Livonia Public Schools.

Voters overwhelmingly approved \$18.8 million in bonds to construct the school, as well as furnish it with furniture and technology. Some of the new money will go to buying up to 10 new buses.

As for the name of the new school, that has yet to be determined.

"The Board of Education names all the school buildings," said Judy Evola, director of community relations.

"The elementary schools are all named after educators, board members and other people," she said. "The middle schools are all directions, except for Pioneer, which was a pioneer concept when that building was constructed."

Birchler did have an idea of who the building won't be named after.

"The new school won't be named after the current superintendent," Birchler said with a smile. "It will not be called (Chuck) Little Middle School."

Volunteers from page A1

be his way.

Along with Sharon and friends Lynn Green and Nancy Dargun, CPC helped 15 families that first year. That number jumped to 58 a year ago.

"Our goal this year was to do 100," Hill said. "We'd like to add 50 families every year."

Food was distributed Saturday in the parking lot of Bowery's Restaurant in Canton. Each family picked up a box with turkey, vegetables, bread and dessert items.

Plenty for all

Donations were based on the family's size. Hill said each family was contacted to notify them of the pickup time.

"I get really hyped up for it," Hill said. "It's a real good feeling."

Recipients are grateful for his group's hard work.

"They're really appreciative," said Hill. "You get a hug every once in a while. Last year, we had a lady deliver pumpkin bread."

Warm bread and hugs are nice, but they aren't the reasons he helps.

"It just gives you a nice feeling because you know they need it," Hill said.

Profit said she would be able to take the money that would've been spent on Thanksgiving dinner and put it toward a bill.

"It's one meal we don't have to worry about," she added.

Bill Moritz, a social worker for the Salvation Army, worked with Hill to identify local needy families. He said it's uncommon for the public to get involved the way Hill and CPC has.

"It's very unique," Moritz said. "He's the only one that I know of. It's amazing what they do. They really pour their hearts out."

Putting Thanksgiving dinner together for one family is chal-



PHOTO BY BOB POKRY

Corporate contribution: Penske Leasing Corp. offered a truck at a discounted rate to help deliver the dinner packages. Unloading are (from left) Sharon Hill, Gary Cullins and Wayne Hill.

lenging. But 93 requires careful planning and lots of legwork.

Starting in September, Hill and the other CPC members begin looking for sales. Canned vegetables are usually the first items to be purchased while desserts and the turkey, of course, come in November.

"It's smart shopping," Hill said of putting the dinner together.

Donations from local businesses also help.

Pepsi Cola, whom Hill works for as a manager, provides juice and soda. Westland-based Merlin Corporation, which recycles computer printing cartridges, bought 1,500 pounds of potatoes for CPC.

Glad to help

"It's our first year of being involved," said Merlin President Dave Lethbridge.

Tasty Bread of Canton gave the group an excellent deal. CPC was able to buy 225 loaves of bread for half-price.

"We wanted to do anything we could to help," said store manager

er Chevonne Jackson. "There are a lot of needy people."

Tasty Bread works with about a dozen charitable groups each Thanksgiving. Jackson said the Canton group is one of the best she has worked with.

"It's nice to know there are still people out there that care," she added.

Still, CPC members absorb a substantial amount of the cost for providing the food. Hill said the group spent about \$1,500 this year.

But money isn't the important issue. Hill takes pride in knowing that each family will have food for the table on Thanksgiving and beyond.

"There's more food in each box than they'll eat in one meal," she said.

Those wishing to become involved with Caring People of Canton or making a donation should call Wayne Hill at (734) 981-6368.

"We wanted to do anything we could to help," said store manager

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Vandalism causes about \$2,000 damage to vehicle

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Someone splashed the entire passenger's side plus the hood with a substance that made the paint peel off of her 1998 Pontiac. Police have no leads or suspects in the case.

Trees stolen
Someone recently stole five 12-foot trees from the La Z Boy Warehouse parking lot, according to police reports. The trees, which were unplanted, were in the parking

on a suspended license. Police then attempted to stop the man. But he exited Ford onto northbound I-275.

Police finally stopped the man just north of Ford on the freeway. Reports said he jumped out of his car as soon as it stopped and began running toward a wooded area.

Officers chased the man and caught him as he attempted to climb a fence. The man tried to get away, but police were able to subdue him and place him under arrest. He'll be charged with obstructing police and driving with a suspended license, police said.

Crime stats
Canton Police fielded 361 calls for service for the three-day period of Nov. 20-22.

In terms of crime related incidents, malicious destruction of property was the most numerous with 17 calls. There were also 13 traffic crashes, a dozen larcenies and six cars reported stolen. A total of 42 false alarms were also reported.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
Sealed proposals will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Parks and Recreation Office, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188 until 4:00 p.m., Friday, December 17, 1998.
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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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No. 1: Some of the Chieftettes celebrate their top finish in the Varsity High Kick Division II category at Saginaw Valley State University this month.

Chieftettes take top honors

Plymouth Canton High School 1998-99 Chieftettes are back-to-back winners. They competed in Saginaw in the Mid American's Dance Team Championship in Saginaw Valley State University on Nov. 15.

There were high school and collegiate divisions. The Chieftettes won the Varsity High Kick Division II championship.

The Chieftettes, along with 30 male students from Canton High School, also competed in the "Girl/Guy" category and placed third, dancing to a number from "Grease 2."

When awards were announced, the Chieftettes were also given the traveling cup for the best overall team of the day, based on cumulative points. They were thrilled to win it again with a high score of 96.13 percent out of 100 percent.

This is the second consecutive year the Chieftettes have taken first place in High Kick and the cup for the best of the day. The Chieftettes will be performing both numbers at their variety show, January 9 at the Salem auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door and proceeds help fund their competitions throughout the year.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 3, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:
Z-98-11 575 Auburn
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Side Yard Variance
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Applicant: Andrew & Shelly Schwartz
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Parole violations Court denies O'Hair's role in revocation cases

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oe.homecomm.net
Yes, it would save Wayne County taxpayers some money. But no, Prosecutor John O'Hair can't have superintending control over the state Parole Board, a Court of Appeals panel has ruled.

The Court of Appeals, in a 3-0 decision, upheld Circuit Judge James Rashid when he denied the prosecutor a role in parole revocation cases. O'Hair wanted to avoid having to re-try parolees who violate the terms of their probation by committing new crimes.

"That'll cost \$10 million a year in Wayne County alone," said an unhappy George Ward, Plymouth Township resident and assistant prosecutor who argued the case on appeal.

Ward cited the case of Robert Owens, who has 22 prior convictions for car theft, burglaries and the like and was arrested while on parole. "The guy's already convicted. He's got 20 years unused time on his sentence. The Parole Board has the punishment authority," said Ward.

It works this way: Suppose an inmate was given a four-10 year sentence. He serves four years, is released on parole and then is charged with another offense. "An arrest for a parole violation is a 'triggering' event," requiring a Parole Board hearing, said Ward. The defendant can be required to serve the remaining six years of his sentence.

But the Parole Board doesn't do it that way, Ward complained. He cited the case of Gregory Young, paroled in 1989 for armed robbery, his 14th conviction. Two years later, Young burglarized a Detroit store, his 15th crime. Instead of revoking parole, the Parole Board discharged Young, forcing the prosecutor to try him for No. 15.

Young could have been sent up for 47 more years. "By frittering it (unserved time) away, the Parole Board forced Wayne County taxpayers to foot the bill for a 15th prosecution," Ward wrote in a 1996 Michigan Bar Journal article.

Judge Rashid didn't agree. Neither did the Court of Appeals panel, consisting of Maura Corrigan (recently elected to the Supreme Court), Barbara MacKenzie and Robert P. Griffin, a retired Supreme Court justice sitting on the Court of Appeals.

After the hearing, the hearing officer prepares a report and recommendations as to disposition for the Parole Board. The board then enters an order either rescinding parole or reinstating it. "Significantly, however, it (statute) does not provide for (prosecutor) participation at parole revocation proceedings. A court must not judicially legislate by adding into a statute provisions that the Legislature did not include ...

"The Parole Board had no clear legal duty to allow (the prosecutor) to intervene. Accordingly, we find no abuse of discretion in the circuit court's decision to deny plaintiffs (O'Hair's) request for an order of superintending control ...

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Appeals by assignment. Excerpts from the appeals panel ruling: "Absent an abuse of discretion, this court will not disturb the denial of a request for an order of superintending control ...

"The Parole Board is part of the Department of Corrections ... (The length of the parole period is generally discretionary with the Parole Board: "A prisoner on parole is still in the 'legal custody and control' of the Department of Corrections ... A parolee is entitled to a preliminary probable cause hearing within 10 days after arrest for a parole violation" and may cross-examine witnesses. "A parole violation must be established by a preponderance of evidence."

"Preponderance of evidence" is a lower standard than "beyond a reasonable doubt," the standard in criminal cases.)

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Concert to benefit leukemia victim

A benefit concert is planned for an 11-month-old girl, Brittany Long was diagnosed at 4 months of age with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. She is currently undergoing chemotherapy and will continue therapy for the next two to three years.

A search for a compatible bone marrow donor is under way.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Harris-Kehrer YFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

AG-elect stresses finance reform

BY LEONARD POEER
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Jennifer Granholm, who will be Michigan's first new attorney general in 37 years, gained informal support from two Garden City service clubs on the need to reform election financing and eliminate negative campaigning.

The 39-year-old attorney general-elect, the winner in the Nov. 3 election, addressed a joint meeting of the Garden City Kiwanis and Garden Rotary Clubs last Thursday at Amaneta's Restaurant, Garden City. Guests were Westland Rotarians.

Four persons who commented after the program liked her stand on improving the election process.

Granholm told the 40 people in the audience that "negative campaign ads pollute the process and affect the next generation" of voters.

"My sense is that people are sick of negative ads," she said. "This causes people to be turned off and stay home (on election day)."

The voters hear that the target of a negative campaign ad "is a bum and why should I vote" the candidate, she said.

Granholm, one of the few Democratic winners on a statewide basis Nov. 3, also said there is too much money available for the state political parties to spend on campaign ads. At the same time, the candidates are prohibited by law from having any control over the ads.

She urged her audience to contact their representative in Congress or their U.S. senator about the pending campaign finance reform proposal pending before Congress.

Richard Hammer Jr., a Garden City district court judge who previously worked in the attorney general's office, said he

agrees with Granholm's stand on campaign reforms: Negative campaigning causes people to be frustrated with the electoral process.

"It's time to make changes," he said. "People are getting fed up and are speaking with their vote to say 'I don't like it.'"

Barbara Douglas, a Westland Rotarian and owner of an audiological practice, said she agreed with Granholm's views on campaign reforms.

"Her comments were refreshing," she said. "The whole political science has to be uplifted."

Granholm's talk also impressed Barbara White, a Garden City school board member.

"She answered all the questions asked and gave people an understanding what she wants to do," she said.

Dawn Clemenang, a Garden City dental office manager, said she likes Granholm's views on fighting fraud in the managed medical care field.

Granholm's major priorities will be to fight high-tech crime, combat insurance fraud as well in the managed health care field, and carry on her predecessor's "legacy" on consumer issues.

On the proposed high-tech units, Granholm cited two problems. One is child pornography on the Internet. The other is people stealing credit card numbers and customers' names when purchases are made on the Internet.

In the area of consumer protection, Granholm said "The attorney general wants to make sure you're getting what you pay for."

She also cited telemarketing fraud, particularly among senior citizens.

On the lighter side of her talk, Granholm said her father, Victor Granholm, was a Rotarian in the San Francisco area.

New county juvenile facility set to open

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The new \$46 million Wayne County Juvenile Justice Facility is expected to be open in late December.

It's been a long time coming, too, as a tax to construct the facility was first approved by county voters in 1988 to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender facility. That tax was again approved in August for five years.

With the facility's opening, Wayne County officials hope to quell criticism over the time it took to build the facility and end the problems of county's operations of the facility. The old Wayne County Youth Home lost its license from the state in 1992, due to the poor conditions of the facility and overcrowding. In 1994, a U.S. Justice Department investigation found roaches, worms and rocks in food and inappropriate staff behavior at the facility.

The state license was restored

in 1997 after Wayne County corrected problems with staffing and training of staff, and facility overcrowding by improving screening programs of youths.

About 140 to be housed

The new two-floor building is located in Detroit Greetkown on St. Antoine, facing the county jail. The facility will house teenagers aged 13-17 who have been arrested but not yet convicted of a crime or sentenced.

It will house 194 beds, but the average daily population will be no more than 140, said Jeriel Heard, director of the county's Community Justice Department.

"We are using alternatives much more effectively. More tethers and drug treatments now are available. Also, drug testing will be conducted right at the facility."

The most significant improvement is the integration of residential and educational programs, Heard said. "The teaching and residential staff will be working more closely."

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Heard said those staffs did not always share information at the old facility, but that should change.

"The kids will actually never leave the building," between classes and residing there, Heard said. "Instead of walking along halls, they are right there."

Juveniles will watch videotapes on drug abuse while they are housed there. They will learn about health and what constitutes risky behavior to health, such as drug and alcohol abuse and sexually transmitted diseases.

The facility also will house medical equipment. "Now we'll be able to have kids diagnosed with X-rays," Heard said.

Wayne County needed to

address overcrowding issues at the facility. The facility staff members worked with the court to address docket issues and the prosecutor's office to address where the juveniles actually should be housed, Jeriel said.

3,000 admitted annually

About 3,000 kids are admitted each year, and 60 percent leave the facility within 20 days, Heard said. Most are released on bond, released to the custody of a parent or guardian or are placed on a tether. "This a facility where two-thirds of them are ultimately returned to communities. Others are placed on probation or diversion programs."

If the youths are charged as adults, they are placed in the Wayne County Jail. "I think we've learned to improve alter-

natives and have better relationships with prosecutors."

Wayne County also uses a tether program, which Heard said the court finds "remarkably successful" with an 85 percent placement level into programs. "We also get the kids off the street."

"So many kids fall out of the mainstream, they don't have anything to learn, when their parents are on drugs."

Dale Yagiela, executive director of Growth Works of Plymouth, said the new facility will help Wayne County with juvenile justice programs, but added that the facility's opening was just "the tip of the iceberg" in addressing the problems of juvenile delinquency.

Growth Works provides juvenile diversion programs and drug treatment for 17 of the 18 communities in the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of western Wayne County communities, including the cities of Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Westland and the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Redford.

Yagiela said he hasn't seen the facility yet. "From what I've heard, it's a much better facility for the kids." Housing someone in jails or other facilities can cost \$75,000, Yagiela said, which makes early intervention crucial and less expensive than jails.

"The county is being working to break the cycle with early intervention," Yagiela said. "The county's been doing the best they can with what they've got."

Yagiela said Heard has worked to get block grant funds back to the county and working with county organizations and groups for earlier intervention.

"He's also worked to get a charter school there," Yagiela said.

County officials are making final preparations to move staff and juveniles to the new building.

"We probably won't transfer the kids until after the first of the year," Heard said.

Canton officer is academy grad

Tim Cimon of Canton was among the 36 recruits from across the state who graduated from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy during the 63rd commencement ceremony in Lansing Community College. Chief Gary Gibbons of the Meridian Township Police Department was the featured speaker. The 15-week

academy began on Aug. 3, and ended with the graduation at LCC's Dart Auditorium. Nearly 500 people attended the ceremony, including family members, friends, academy instructors, LCC Criminal Justice Center staff, and representatives from various law enforcement agencies.

OBITUARIES

CARL ALBERT RAYMOND PETERSON

Services for Carl Albert Raymond Peterson, 92, of Plymouth were Nov. 25 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Mr. Peterson was born Sept. 12, 1906, in Manistique, Mich. He died on Nov. 22 in Ann Arbor. He was the owner/operator of Peterson's Drug Store in Plymouth. He opened the store in 1948 and retired in 1971.

Prior to 1948, Mr. Peterson managed several Kinsel Drug Stores in the Detroit area, work-

ing for Kinsel for 18 years. He worked for many years at the main location in downtown Detroit, Griswold and Michigan. He graduated from the Practical Institute of Pharmacy in Sandusky, Ohio, in November 1928.

Mr. Peterson came to the Plymouth community in 1948 from Detroit. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He loved to travel, play cards and golf. He loved attending Kiwanis Club meetings; he had been a member for many years.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Maude and Bertha. Survivors include his son, Carl

(Linda) of Rochester Hills; one daughter, Beverly (Donald) Schmidt of Hinsdale, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

LAWRENCE HENRY McDONALD

Services for Lawrence Henry McDonald, 85, of Plymouth were Nov. 21 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. Jay Cubbison of Newburgh Baptist Church, Westland, officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Park, Livonia.

He was born on March 28, 1913, in Cambria County, Pa. He died on Nov. 18 in Livonia. He came to the Plymouth community in 1945 from Pennsylvania. He was a maintenance

supervisor for the Plymouth Schools. He retired in 1977. He had 20 years of service in Smith Elementary and Plymouth Salem High School.

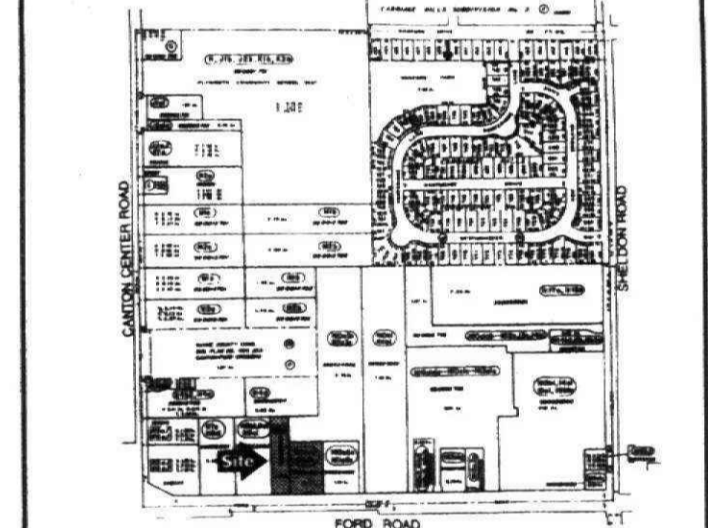
Survivors include his two daughters, Grace (Fred) Krause of Westland, Bernice (Charles) Merryfield of Roscommon, Mich.; two sisters, Sally Fulton of Florida, Naomi Miller of Pennsylvania; four grandchildren, Debra (Gary) Pack of Westland, Vicki (David) Gallinat of Livonia, Cheryl (William) Frost of Westland, and Scott (Denise) Merryfield of Plymouth; and three great-grandchildren, Jason Pack, Shannon Frost and Julie Pack.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 7, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting room of the Administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

TACO BELL RESTAURANT SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR PARCEL NOS. 039 99 023 003 AND 039 99 024 004 AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B'S FOOD & DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT. Property is located on the north side of Ford Road between Canton Center and Sheldon Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at Stow & Go Self Storage 41999 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI on December 18, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each unit. Cash Only.

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shop vac, weedwacker, tool box, dresser, tv, ladder, night stand, folding chairs, table, misc boxes, other misc.

Unit #566-MARK TURCHAN OF 14134 CAVELL, LIVONIA, MI 48154

micro wave, stereo, bed, end tables, couch, recliners, folding chairs, lamp, tv, luggage, car jack, other misc.

Unit #727-KELLI KISABETH OF 945 SUTHERLAND, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 17, 1998 at 11:50 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Santomaro, Nemecek, Kucka

Also Present: Timothy Cronin, Township Counsel

ITEM 1 ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY

Director Santomaro explained the concept and history behind Public Safety's Employee Development Program. The department has instituted a system for personal development through positive recognition and the establishment of individual goals and objectives. The Employee Development System (EDS) provides an opportunity for the department to acquire feedback from the employees on how the organization is meeting its mission statement: "The Canton Public Safety Department shall provide excellence in the delivery of public safety services through a philosophy which promotes creative, proactive approaches."

Entrepreneurship in Education

LA Nemecek emphasized that Canton is established as an area leader in public safety training education. Marketing and training has led to the establishing a connection with other departments and resources throughout the state. In the last 7 months, \$20,000 of revenue has been raised from entrepreneurship. Training Canton personnel develops our instructors, gives Canton control, generates revenue and saves money. He explained the selection policy regarding instructors. He offered that Canton had Certified Instructors in various training classes such as Special Weapons and Tactics, Sniper School, Motorcycle Operation, and Hunter Safety. Additionally Canton has certified other officers from departments all over Michigan.

Professional Standards

Director Santomaro said that the department strongly feels that the organization needs to pro-actively move forward. This can be achieved through higher education, empowerment of employees, literature, and discussion and training on futuristic topics and ideas. He reviewed Canton's demographic information, existing pre-employment requirements, existing training personnel. He pointed out that given the demographics of the community, complexity of the job, technological advances, and a better educated public new professional development standards are being proposed.

Director Santomaro explained that the department was already moving toward new standards. He said present contract negotiations were in progress. He stated that a Bachelor degree as a pre-employment requirement. He pointed out that at staff meetings command personnel are presently required to facilitate discussion on articles. Pre-qualifications will be emphasized and necessary before you apply for a position. A booklet has been developed regarding professional standards.

ITEM 4 UPDATE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 143

Tim Cronin, township counsel, reviewed the history behind the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143. State legislature passed a Michigan

Telecommunications Act in 1996 excluding telecommunications as utility industry, thereby prohibiting municipalities from requiring a franchise from telecommunication providers. Canton became involved after a letter from MediaOne addressed to Supervisor Yack, indicated that they wished to become a telecommunications provider and to consider their letter a permit application. This letter triggered a 90-day time period requiring the township to process the permit application. Following the First Reading of Ordinance 143 on August 11, 1998, MediaOne and Ameritech submitted written comments on the ordinance. The entities agreed to extend the 90-day time period allowing the township to respond to their comments and process the permit application by December 15, 1998.

Mr. Cronin reviewed the revisions to the First Reading and responded to questions by the Board. He said that conditions reasonably related to the permit should be specific and included in the permit. The ordinance provides for the telecommunication provider's responsibility for damage to sidewalks, areas around sidewalks, roads or areas around where lines are put in, or cross cuts provisions for posting bonds. Additionally notification of road rights-of-way, cut and easements should be 10-days with follow-up inspections and included in the permit as conditions. Posting of bonds by the telecommunication provider should reflect an amount not exceed the reasonable cost to ensure that the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Ways are returned to their original condition during and after the provider's access.

Mr. Cronin said that the permit application fee should take into consideration staff review, recommendations, Public Hearing, consultations and follow-up inspections. He emphasized that the Board may put unique conditions in place for the applicant. Ground blanket rights to access and easements would not be advised as the township would be forfeiting control.

Discussion occurred regarding permit application fees. Counsel recommended fees reflect processing, cost of staff, consultants and anything envisioned to be needed to process the information on the permits. The annual permit fee should reflect the fixed and variable cost of the maintenance of the right-of-way and easements that the Township carries. Mr. Cronin suggested a study session to establish reasonable annual permit fees and then establishing that fee by resolution. The consensus was to tentatively set the fee at \$10,000 for the permit application.

Motion by LaJoy, supported by McLaughlin, to move to a closed session at 10:00 P.M. for discussion of purchase of property. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Motion by Shefferly, supported by LaJoy, to return to an open session at 10:25 P.M. and adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 17, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 24, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: November 26, 1998

Wild lights aglow at Detroit Zoo

The fifth annual Wild Lights exhibit at the Detroit Zoo is open 5:30-8 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays and 5:30-9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Jan. 3.

Tickets are: adults, \$3; children aged 2-12, \$2. The exhibit is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Call the Wild Lights hotline at (248) 541-5835 for more information. Parking is free for this event.

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We also mistakenly featured the DVD movie *Bladerunner* as one of five free titles received with purchase of a DVD player after mail-in rebate. The correct DVD title is *Lost in Space*.

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Library 10 years is worth celebrating

The Summit - with its showcase design and glitzy aquatic center - is usually the first building that comes to mind when you think of Canton's civic center. Maybe less dramatic, but equally important in terms of its place in the community, is the Canton Public Library.

The library has just marked its 10th anniversary with an aptly named "Ten and Terrific" weekend of events that included the unveiling of a new sculpture, a tribute to long-time library friend Dr. Jim Gillig and a reception for the public.

The building at 1200 S. Canton Center, which opened in 1988, was really the township's first attempt at stepping up the township's quality of life with a major, new facility. It was a precursor not just to other facilities, but to the idea that building a successful community involves more than good public safety

services and timely garbage pickup. Anyone who can recall trudging up to the third floor of the administration building to look for a book or return a videotape will undoubtedly agree.

Canton's library has become one of the most active lending institutions in western Wayne County. Some 65,000 library cards - nearly the township's population - have been issued. The Canton Public Library has also been a technological leader, with its use of compact discs and Internet facilities, including the popular CyberKids room.

Next up is a \$6 million expansion that will add 21,000 square feet. Work should be complete by July of 2000 and much of what the library accomplishes in the next decade will be physically tied to the new space.

We look forward to another milestone and congratulate the library on its first 10 years.

Up in smoke: Principal erred

Cheryl Johnson, principal at Bentley Elementary School, flat out made the wrong call last week when she suspended a fifth-grader, Greg Lankford of Canton, for inadvertently bringing cigarettes to school. That was clear when the punishment was softened somewhat by Plymouth-Canton school district officials.

Johnson was going by the book, handing out a one-day, in-school suspension for violation of the district's zero tolerance policy on tobacco.

But the principal failed to take into account the unusual circumstances surrounding Lankford's transgression. The cigarettes belonged

to Greg's stepfather, Alan Berezansky, and were in a D.A.R.E. jacket the two share. When Greg discovered the contraband, he reported it to his teacher and disposed of it in front of her. The teacher informed the principal and things escalated from there.

Rules are important. And Greg, who is by all accounts an exemplary student, understands that. So too is flexibility and the idea of dealing with disciplinary situations on a case-by-case basis. In Greg's case, it seems he was punished despite demonstrating honesty and good intentions. Is that the classroom message we should be delivering?

Make your organ wishes known

The topics aren't light and frothy, but they're good ones for a family gathered for Thanksgiving and upcoming holidays. The topics are dying and organ donations.

Last illness - Medical people can't "pull the plug" when they believe there is no brain activity or any chance a patient will regain consciousness. Families have gone through much courtroom agony saying a patient "would have wanted the plug pulled." But they can't prove it. Not unless you discuss it with your family and put it in writing on a form your family doctor can supply.

Does your family know your wishes about use of life-sustaining equipment if you become comatose? According to Dr. Anne Eschelmann, senior health psychologist at Henry Ford Hospital, if the family is in conflict as to the patients wishes, "any hospital would choose to keep the patient alive by whatever means and resolve the conflict" before making a life-altering decision.

Eschelmann said physicians would prefer to honor the wishes of the patient and that's made easier if a discussion has taken place beforehand and everyone is aware of what their loved one would like to have happen in that situation.

Accidental death - Under new state laws, drivers renewing their licenses will be asked to include organ donation willingness. So will people applying for state identification card. Votes in both chambers were unanimous, although there was much behind-the-scenes wrangling about details.

Basically, you are asked if, after death, your heart, kidneys and corneas can be salvaged and transplanted to a patient in need. "About 11 people die in Michigan each month because organs are not available, and more than 2,000 are on organ transplant waiting lists," said Rep. Lynne Martinez, sponsor of one of the laws. "Michigan ranks 45th among 50 states in the number of people who are registered organ donors."

One law requires the Secretary of State to give an applicant for a driver's license information on making an anatomical gift and forming a central registry.

Last step - Even if you have signed a license sticker, when you die, hospital officials may ask your next of kin if your organs may be donated. Your next of kin make the final decision. But you certainly will make their moral obligation easier if you discuss the matter with them first.

"We never talked about donation in our family because it just didn't seem important to us," said a Michigan organ transplant recipient. "Not until my eye injury forced me into blindness. Now that I can see again, I make it a point to help others realize the importance of family discussion and the impact that a donated cornea has made in my life. I am thankful to my donor family every day of my life."

Now, there is one family that will have special reason to give thanks this holiday. Next year, you may be the recipient. Or the donor. Think about it. Talk about it over turkey.



LETTERS

Wrong message

I was both appalled and angered after reading the story "Mixed Message: DARE student suspended for honesty" in the Nov. 22 edition of the Canton Observer.

I truly hope that principal (Cheryl) Johnson is reading this because I have a few things to say to her. First of all, like many parents who reside in Canton, I have a son who graduated from the D.A.R.E. program. So, I know full well what the course and program outlines in reference to drug, alcohol and violence resistance. When young Greg Lankford found the cigarettes that his father had left (by mistake) in the pocket of the jacket that he was wearing, he did two things that the D.A.R.E. program, and I'm sure, that his parents taught him to do. First, Greg was honest with himself, and with his teacher by openly admitting what he was in possession of. Greg did so at great risk of peer condemnation and embarrassment. Secondly, and probably the most important, Greg Lankford destroyed the cigarettes in the presence of an adult.

Greg Lankford did exactly as the D.A.R.E. program promised that he would do. He made a "life decision" for himself. He needed no adult intervention to make a decision, he needed no hand to hold onto in order to do the honorable and decent thing. In his mind, Greg Lankford took the first step in proving the validity of the program as well as his own maturity.

And what was Greg Lankford offered in return? What was the return for Greg's investment? He was further punished or disciplined by an adult who is supposed to be able to separate right from wrong, minor and major incidents, as well as the ability to weigh the consequences of her actions. The decision to discipline young Greg was a very, very poor one. Mixed messages are not what I expect our educators to send. I expect that if educators are to provide boundaries with disciplinary ramifications, those ramifications had better be weighed against the desired results.

Was principal Johnson attempting to prove that "rules are rules, are rules"? Or, perhaps should she have commended Greg for doing what the D.A.R.E. program helped him to discover for himself? And when principal Johnson was informed of the entire set of circumstances leading up to the incident, she refused to show any flexibility by giving her reply that "This will be a good lesson for Greg to learn."

Well, after hearing that principal Johnson's decision was overturned, and that Greg did not receive a commendation from the senior educator of his school, Greg certainly did "learn a lesson." I have learned a lesson as well. And that lesson should be that when you teach your children to think for themselves and they do so, commend them. I am also reminded that grown-ups do indeed make mis-

takes. But, what separates the "grown-ups" from the adults is the ability to admit when you were wrong.

A little humility is what we want from our children from time to time, and I think principal Johnson needs not only to learn humility, she should apologize to Greg for the way she treated him and commend him for doing what was correct and honest.

If it's worth anything Greg, I commend you, you did just as expected.

Frank Finch
Canton

Good drivers penalized

As an attorney experienced in representing motor vehicle accident victims, I would like to bring to your attention certain aspects of Senate Bill 2454, the so-called "Auto Choice Reform Act."

Under this proposed legislation negligent and reckless drivers who cause accidents will be shielded from civil liability in virtually all cases. An injured motorist would be forced to sue their own insurer. Good drivers will be paying for bad ones. Under "Choice" no-fault, good drivers would subsidize the insurance premiums of bad drivers who cause accidents, since negligent and reckless drivers would not be held accountable.

It has been determined that insurance premiums are much higher in no-fault states. The four states with the highest premiums have some form of no-fault coverage. Premiums in no-fault states were an average of 17 percent higher in 1996 than in tort states with Tort Systems. Premiums rose 39 percent faster in no-fault states than in tort states between 1990 and 1996. There is absolutely nothing in Senate Bill 2454 which guarantees lower insurance premiums.

It is clear that people no longer want no-fault insurance. Since 1976 no state has enacted no fault and three - Connecticut, Georgia and Nevada - have repealed no fault. Voters in California and Arizona have overwhelmingly rejected no fault. Under Senate Bill 2454 a drunk driver could cause a serious injury accident and thumb his nose at his victim. The proposed legislation would virtually eliminate claims for "non-economic" damages such as blindness, paralysis, loss of fertility, loss of a child or a limb or gross disfigurement. The proposed Auto Choice legislation penalizes every good driver on the roadway.

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Thanksgiving has a special meaning in its own right

The turkey should be coming along nicely when my parents arrive for Thanksgiving dinner this Thursday.

My husband does most of the cooking in our house, but I'll try to do my share, helping with the potatoes, stuffing, rolls and variety of other dishes. I'll set the table with our everyday dishes, eager to welcome family for Thanksgiving. My mom will bring her green bean casserole.

Christmas, the flashy neighbor of Thanksgiving, tends to get the ink, but I've always liked Thanksgiving. I mean no disrespect to Christmas or to my fellow Christians, but something about Thanksgiving just makes me happy. Maybe it's not having to worry about breaking the everyday dishes. It's probably not the football, although I've watched the Lions

stumble through many a turkey-day contest in my life. No, I think it's just the feeling of being together with family, celebrating all we have to be thankful for.

The obvious things that come to mind are good health, gainful employment and, last but certainly not least, the love of family, friends and neighbors. I wish for all to enjoy these good and wonderful things.

Christmas will be fun, too, but in a different way. My brother will fly in from Los Angeles, and it will be great to see him. Cards will arrive from distant friends, bringing us up to date on changes in their lives. The first to arrive is usually from friends' parents in England, Fred and Mary King of Luton.

There will be time to finish up our Christmas shopping in December.



JULIE BROWN

We're well along the way, but I still need to find something for my husband. I've asked him for gift suggestions but haven't had too much help, usually getting "You don't have to get me anything" as a response.

It'll be fun to go to Laurel Park Place and see the Angela Hosk Christmas tree, to which we have con-

tributed for the past several years. There'll be time to go to Plymouth Nursery for our tree, a Scotch pine, and plenty of time for decorating.

All of that is worth looking forward to, but still there's something about Thanksgiving. We'll wear casual clothes on Thursday, in contrast to the dressier red-and-green for Dec. 25, which falls on a Friday this year.

There's no gift buying, just some food shopping, to do for Thanksgiving. There's the Detroit parade, which I haven't seen in person in some years but which still brings a thrill.

Thanksgiving brings happy memories of earlier celebrations, spent with grandparents and other family members now gone. It's nice to remember them and to think they are celebrating a special Thanksgiving of their

own. Thanksgiving is social, too, but also solitary, a time to reflect on change and tradition. It's the traditional start to the Christmas season, although I've noticed that's been creeping back earlier and earlier, toward Halloween. A summer Christmas is fine at Bronner's in Frankenmuth, I think, but not really suitable elsewhere.

Whatever traditions your family enjoys at Thanksgiving, I hope this will be an enjoyable one for you. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

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Charter school test results tell story governor shouldn't like

Ooof! Ouch! Uncle! That's what Gov. John Engler should be saying as he views the dismal performance of his beloved charter schools across the state.

But he won't. On his last visit, Engler was still touting charter schools, asking that the legislative cap of 150 be removed so that "even more of these innovative and creative new public schools will open their doors."

Not only that, but he wants to allow "city and county governments, foundations and other secular non-profit corporations," although they have no staffs to supervise schools.

On Nov. 10, the MEAP high school proficiency test scores came out. Students last spring were tested in math, reading, science and writing. The scores are lumped in four categories: levels 1-3 are passing; level 4 is flunking.

Rather than numb the reader with a zillion statistics, let's just study the math scores starting in Wayne County.



TIM RICHARD

Directions Institute scored zero at level 1 science and 85.7 at the flunk level.

Oak Park public schools scored zero at level 1 and 43.7 at the flunk level. Oak Park public schools looked bad, but nowhere near as bad as the Academy of Detroit charter school.

Rochester schools reported 23.6 at level 1 and 7.3 percent flunking; South Lyon, 12.7 at level 1 and 7.3 percent flunking; Clarkston, 10.1 at level 1 and 9.8 percent flunking; Huron Valley, 9.9 and 13.3.

And so on, and so on. Charter school fans have a set of alibis. The first is that charter schools are new, though this is the third year. The next is that charter schools are skimming kids from the bottom of the academic barrel rather than the top.

That's an odd alibi. For years, enemies of public schools have been yelling about "low test scores." Now when their pet charter schools are doing badly, they claim the weakest academic kids are showing up there.

They make no sense. Charter schools are supposed to be free from the "bureaucratic red tape" of public schools. Charter schools are supposed to be "innovative." Charter schools are supposed to "free up teachers to teach." They should do better than true public schools.

They're doing worse. Take the Pansophia Academy in Branch County: 35 percent flunk math, 79 percent flunk reading, 50 percent flunk science, and 84 percent flunk writing. Or the controversial

Walter French Academy of Business and Technology in Lansing: fewer than 4 percent are at level 1, but nearly 36 percent flunk math and 47 percent flunk reading.

Politicians advocating more charter schools will tell you they're great because "parents like them." That's not how life works. Few graduates get jobs from their parents. If the parent is an ignorant, book-hating, redneck like Pap Finn type, then parental approval is hardly a rational criterion for judging schools. Test scores are.

Engler's troops should forget about issuing any more charters. They should shut down at least one-third of existing charter schools. And then they should employ researchers from the State Department of Education to figure out what the good schools are doing right.

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Job advice for young centers on staying in school, avoiding UAW

Although it's kinda dry, the annual forecast "The Michigan Economic Outlook for 1999-2000" just issued by the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics is the best in the business.

As everybody knows, our economy flourished in the 1990s. If we have two more years of job growth, Michigan will have experienced the longest run of job creation in the past 50 years. The forecast suggests this might well be possible, although at a somewhat slower rate of growth than in the past.

The forecast assumes no big national strike by the UAW against General Motors. It takes into account the GM plant closings in Flint and Kalamazoo, offset against a boom in construction activity in the Detroit area stemming from new casinos and stadiums and the \$1.5 billion renovation of engineering and research facilities at the GM Tech Center in Warren.

The forecast foresees job growth over the next two years but slowing in the year 2000, with just moderate inflation. Conversely, unemployment is expected to rise a bit, to 4.2 percent in 1999 and 4.5 percent in 2000. If these rates are sustained, Michigan unemployment for the four years since 1997 would be the best since 1970.

What's the big worry? As anybody who reads the Help Wanted section in this newspaper knows full well, it's the labor shortage, especially intense in the higher-skills categories. "The risk posed by labor shortages is that they can impede job growth," the RSQE forecast dryly notes. Most employers would snort. "Impede, my foot!" What they're faced with is absolute labor shortages and increasing costs, especially for skilled workers.

Traditionally, economies get new workers from three sources: From the unemployed, from increases in participation in the labor force (for example, women deciding to go to work instead of staying home), and from increases in the working-age population. But in Michigan unemployment is at record low levels, and job growth over the past years has sucked out all the women who want to work into the job market.

So the pool of labor supply is drying up, especially at the higher-education end of the spectrum, where most of the higher-wage jobs are concentrated. The U.M. data show that people who never got to an associate's degree from a community college are three times as likely to be unemployed as those who have an associate's degree and above. Unemployment for those with a college degree will be at just 1.1 percent, for

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QUESTION:
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We asked this question at the Canton post office.

"No, I'd say he's a liar. He has been in the past."

"He hasn't kept it yet. I think he's just biding his time."

"I doubt he'll keep his word. His track record shows that he's not truthful or reliable."

"He hasn't kept it in the past. He's playing games and it's costing us money."

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Keeping silent doesn't stand for character

As Jennifer went through the 17-week D.A.R.E. program, her enthusiasm to carry the message of "Say No To Drugs" increased with every passing week. At the D.A.R.E. graduation, her story was selected as the one that was read out loud. If you'd have asked her, she would have sworn that she would never smoke or drink.

Fast forward three years. Jennifer, now an eighth-grader, isn't recognizable. She now wears all black clothing, has a pierced nostril and accentuates her look with black lipstick and nails. You'll find her outside her school, mingling with other "punksters," all holding a cigarette.

Jennifer candidly admits to partying every weekend and often spending the night with her boyfriend. The group of friends close to Jennifer in fifth, sixth and seventh grades observed the changes in attitude, behaviors and looks, but when questioned about what they might have done on her behalf, they all said that what she did with her life was her business.

In the movie "L.A. Confidential," a story about the Los Angeles Police Department in the 1950s, one of the themes running through it was about

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Up and away

Volunteer keeps balloons in line on Thanksgiving

■ For some people, Thanksgiving Day means a huge turkey dinner and Detroit Lions football. For others, like Mike McCarthy of Canton, it means balloons and a good parade, specifically Detroit's annual Thanksgiving Day parade.

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As a volunteer for The Parade Co., Mike McCarthy has been pummeled with rain, covered in snow and slapped by high winds. But much like a postman, America's Thanksgiving Parade must go on.

And when he sees the faces of children light up at the sight of stories-high balloons of Chilly Willy, toy soldiers, Barney and other characters floating down Woodward Avenue, it's all worthwhile.

"The greatest thing for me is the smiles on kids faces," said McCarthy, 30, of Canton. "You can see that they appreciate it."

McCarthy hopes to generate those feelings once again when he leads the giant balloons down the Thanksgiving Day parade route.

The 1986 Redford Thurston High School graduate began volunteering for The Parade Co. in Detroit in 1989 after the father of a friend introduced him to the non-profit organization.

"I thought I'd try doing some volunteer work, and I've been hooked ever since," he said.

McCarthy's experiences have included balloon handling, which, he said, "takes a couple of parades to get used to."

"You have to keep it straight down the line," he said. "The parade is a straight shot down Woodward. When we get toward Jefferson, that's where we go on TV. The balloons have to be

picture perfect.

"The wind is huge. Going over I-75 can be hectic. You get people who are inexperienced, a rookie. Once that wind starts to pick up, sometimes you have to grab the ropes and help them out."

Still, he tries his best to please the audience.

"When you get to a certain area, the crowd starts yelling 'Spin' or 'Turn it.' You have to keep everyone in sync. It could be a mess when people go the wrong way," he said with a laugh.

McCarthy has also experienced inflating and deflating of balloons. Prior to this year, balloons were stuffed with latex bladders, which were, in turn, filled with helium. Now the balloons are filled straight with helium.

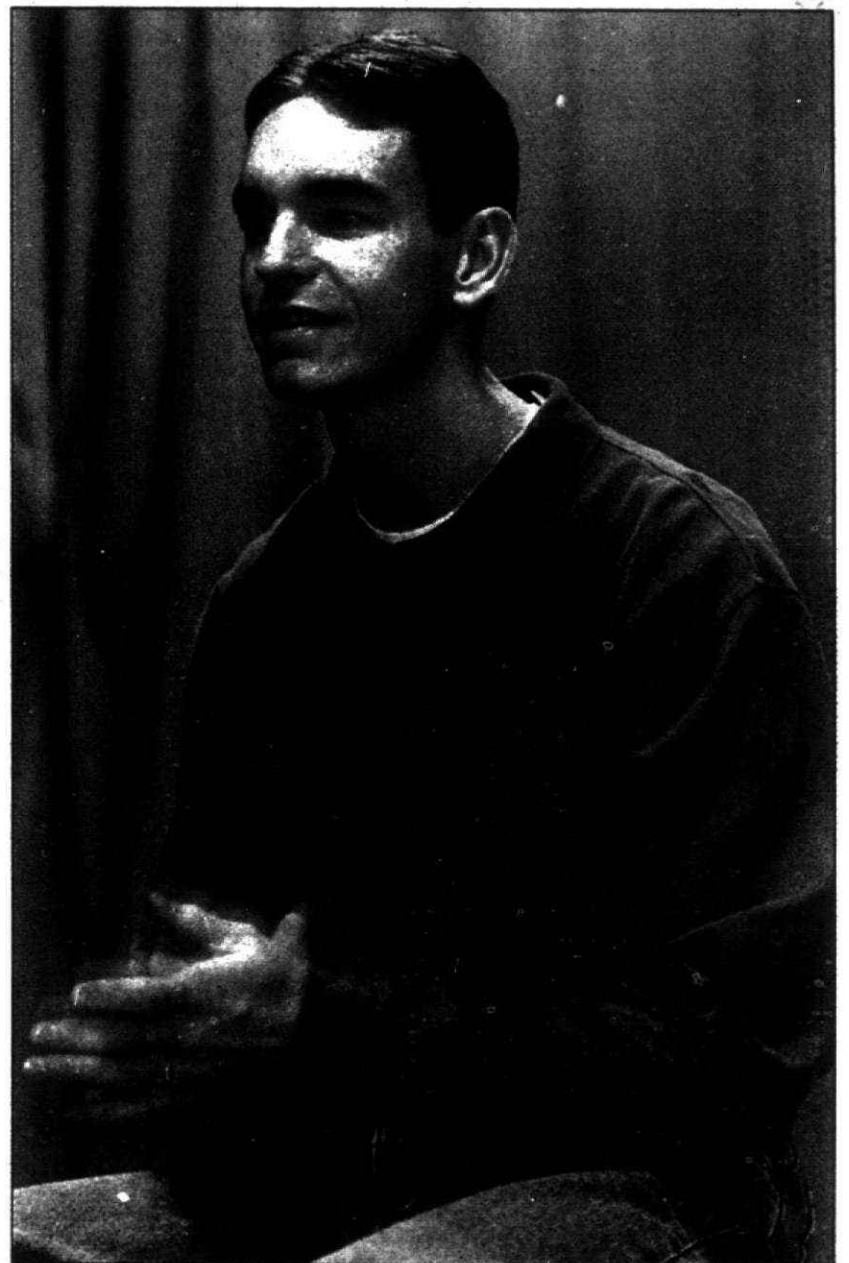
"There's a lot less problems that way. A lot of it depends on the weather. When it's hot out, that expands the bladder and that expands the latex balloons. They can pop," he said.

In order to minimize potential problems on Thanksgiving Day, the balloons are washed and inspected throughout the year.

"After Thanksgiving, we wait a few days, and everybody starts working on next year's parade."

Nevertheless, McCarthy still has his share of challenges. The night before the parade the balloons and floats are lined up near the Detroit Medical Center in Detroit. One Thanksgiving morn

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Guiding force: Once a "rookie" himself, Mike McCarthy of Canton pitches in to help when it comes to steering the huge Thanksgiving Day parade balloons through windy spots along the parade route.

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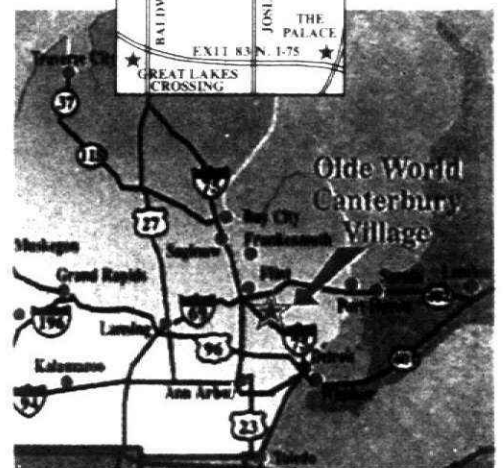
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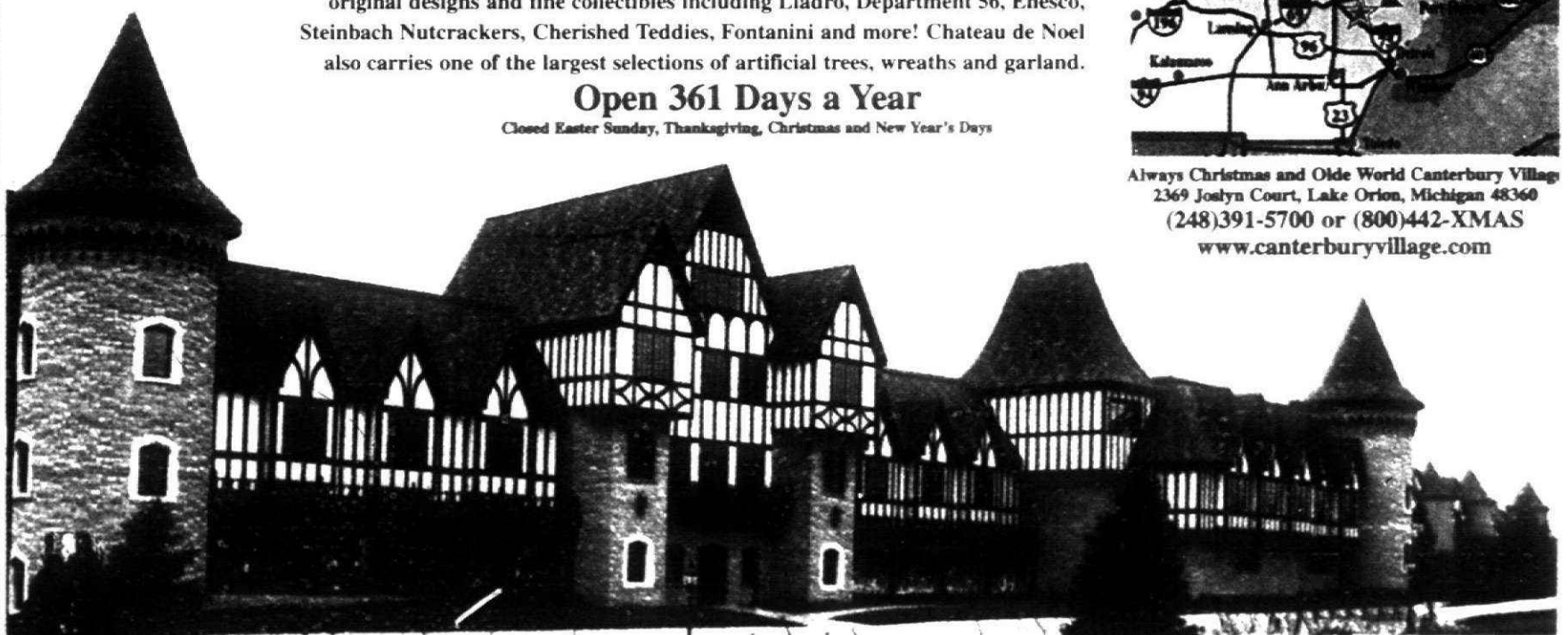


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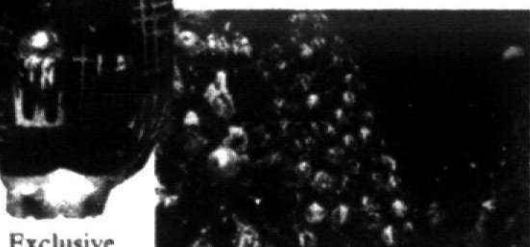


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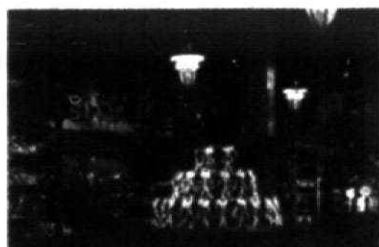
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ing he arrived to find the Chilly Willy balloon missing. "When I got back there the next morning, I just saw strings broken off. Chilly Willy tore away and flew over the Detroit River and landed on a remote island in Canada. Now there's a Chilly Willy fan club," McCarthy said.

Another balloon partially deflated in the middle of the parade.

"We had a balloon whose leg had deflated. So it was going down the street with one flimsy leg and one stiff leg. So we had a leaf blower in the balloon to keep it inflated while it was going down the route."

McCarthy's experiences with parades extends past the Detroit area. He has visited Mexico City, Boise, Idaho, Vermillion, S.D., and Atlanta, Ga. The day after Thanksgiving he will head down to Austin, Texas, to take part in its parade.

On Labor Day, McCarthy, a salesman at The Saw Mill furniture store in Northville, returned from Moscow where he took part

Enjoy a holiday tradition

America's Thanksgiving Parade will b 9:15 a.m. to noon along Woodward, Mack and Jefferson in Detroit. The event is free and open to the public.

The parade also will be broadcast locally on WDIV-TV Channel 4, WJR-760 AM and WPLT-96.3 FM and nationally 10-10:40 a.m. on CBS-TV.

The Parade Company also is hosting an indoor carnival with a full-scale midway, including games, rides and family entertainment. Santa will lead spectators to Cobo Center's Oakland Hall immediately after the parade to kick off the carnival.

The hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

Admission to the carnival is free. Attendees may pay as they go for rides and games, or buy a ride-all-day wristband for \$15. Coupons for \$5 off a wristband will be available at all city of Detroit neighborhood city halls.

in a parade honoring the city's 851st birthday. Most of the volunteers with whom he worked were from the Russian army.

Interpreters, one per balloon, relayed directions for handling balloons.

Although the Russians were appreciative, they didn't respond as fervently as Americans.

"They were a lot more low key; they were really mellow, but you have to consider the times," said McCarthy, who is working

toward a bachelor of business administration degree at Central Michigan University. "The value of the ruble plunges every single day. Our American money is worth more every day."

"They were appreciative of the parade, but they weren't over enthusiastic. It's not like here where you can see people 10 rows deep."

It was McCarthy's first trip to Europe, and he had to admit he experienced culture shock.

"The driving over there is really different," he said. "There's no rules for pedestrians. Pedestrians are at their own risk crossing the street. It's like playing human Frogger."

As for this Thanksgiving, he's looking forward to that instant gratification of American crowds: "I take pictures of the audience. It's all worth it when I see their eyes light up."

Historical museum hosts workshop for children

The Detroit Historical Museum is providing children and their families an opportunity to learn more about native Americans with a program Thanksgiving weekend.

The museum will host a showing of the Disney classic "Pocahontas" followed by a Native American workshop, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28. The workshop will feature a speaker and an opportunity for children to make a dream catcher to take home.

The workshop is for children ages 5-10. There is no fee for the program, but advance registration is required, and regular admission fees apply: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for senior citizens and children ages 12-18 and children under age 12 free.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Betty Hurte at (313) 833-1262 or Amy

DeWye-VanHecke at (313) 833-9720.

Exhibits at the museum include the popular "I Discover" in the Stark Hall, "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses" in the Kresge Gallery and "Remembering Downtown Hudson" in the Booth-Wilkinson Gallery.

The museum's Children's Only Shop also will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-6. Children can make their holiday selections, with the help of a volunteer, in the shop where all items are priced under \$10. Purchases will be gift wrapped and tagged.

The Detroit Historical Museum is at Woodward Avenue and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Family Resource Center offers parenting classes

The Family Resource Center will present two programs for parents in December.

Parents can learn ways to live with teenagers in the eight-week-long "Does Life with a Teen Have To Be Crazy?" beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2. Presenter David Denhouer will use the "Using Active Parenting With Teens" video series for the class, which will meet 6:45-8 p.m. at the Family Resource Center, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland.

The cost will be \$10. To register, call (734) 595-2279. The second program will be a parenting workshop, "A Plus Parenting," 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Hicks Elementary School, 100 Helen, south of Cherry Hill Road, Inkster. Free child care and snacks will be provided.

The programs are being funded by the cities of Wayne and Westland, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the United Parcel Service Foundation.

Announcement forms available
Forms to announce weddings, engagements, births and anniversaries are available at our offices in Livonia - 36251 Schoolcraft - and Plymouth - 794 S. Main St. They also are available by calling Sue Mason at (734) 953-2131 or Tiffany Lacey at (734) 459-2700.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER
The Christmas Arts and Crafts Show is returning to the Plymouth Cultural Center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. The center is at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

NEW REDFORD HALL
New Redford Hall's holiday bazaar will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21 at the hall, Plymouth Road at Inkster Road. Tables are available at \$15 each. For more information, call (734) 729-8166 or (313) 592-8519.

SENIOR HOUSE
Senior House of Livonia will have its 10th annual holiday craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at the retirement home, 11525 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. For more information, call Madeline at (734) 425-3050.

LIVONIA CIVIC PARK
The Livonia Civic Park Senior Center is hosting a senior craft show from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 466-2555.

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE
Presbyterian Village of Redford will have a holiday bazaar 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the R.C.D. Center, 17383 Garfield. Various crafts, Christmas gift sets and culinary delights will be for sale.

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA
The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-7044.

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET
St. Thomas a' Becket Women's Club will have its ninth annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 at the church, 555 S. Lilliey, Canton. There will be more than 75 crafters, hourly raffles, bake sale and lunch. Admission will be \$1, seniors 50 cents and children under 12 free. The building is wheelchair-accessible and strollers are welcome.

A little knowledge Agency helps parents of disabled children

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Power of knowledge: As the executive director of Parent Support and Advocacy Program Inc., Margaret Rozman uses every opportunity to educate parents so they can get the services they need for their developmentally disabled children.

Margaret Rozman is a firm believer in what can be accomplished with knowledge, so much so that eight years ago, she decided to do something for the parents of disabled children.

Armed with a grant and a legal pad, she walked into the Family and Neighborhood Services office in Inkster in June 1991, ready to help five families become more knowledgeable to get better services for their developmentally disabled children.

It was a small step for Rozman and a giant step for the Parent Support and Advocacy Program, now an incorporated agency that has served more than 15,000 families.

"It was more than a pebble thrown in a pond," said Rozman, PSAP executive director. "It started out as a pilot demonstration project to demonstrate the need. I was going to impact five families, and it developed itself and became what it was supposed to be by itself."

"It took on a life of its own." Sponsored by the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board, the non-profit agency provides information, resources and parent-to-parent support to more than 15,000 families in Wayne County.

For the children
The Livonia-based PSAP serves children of all ages, from birth to life's end, and all disabilities. It maintains an extensive telephone network, calling families every month to see if they are getting the services they need and to assist with other agencies.

PSAP-trained volunteer parent-advocates serve in schools, clinics, hospitals and Head Start programs, giving parents the skills to better help themselves.

Its home-visiting service helps families identify sources of formal and informal support. Started in 1994, it was added to the PSAP lineup after the agency tracked families and saw many who were "stuck" at home because of no transportation.

Early on services for children up to age 3 supports the development of a family-centered care philosophy and empowers parents to better negotiate the complexities of service delivery on an equal footing with professionals.

"Everything we do is on behalf of the child," Rozman said. "But it's the parent, that's what makes this work. We're all parents. Yes, we need the professionals, but the nuts and bolts are the parents."

"In my role, I come in as a professional, but when I speak, I speak as a parent. I always speak as a parent."

There's also a quarterly newsletter "produce for families by families." The newsletter features stories about families and professionals (which are given equal weight in the publication) and aims to reach an audience the agency can't reach in any other way, Rozman said.

"We look at the parents and their disabled children from the positive," she said. "Anybody can build on success, and you can find success if you look around. It's an affirmation of the individual child. Certainly, they are challenged and their problems can be debilitating, but we need to look in their eyes and let them lead us to help them reach their full potential."

The origins of PSAP are in Rozman's experiences with her son who was born with a collapsed lung and cerebral palsy and spent most of his life in a wheelchair. In their numerous trips to clinics, she saw many parents who were exhausted trying to get help for their children.

Her first day on the job, Rozman listed the agencies that had provided services to her son. She focused on Wayne County because she lived there and that was where her son received his services. Then she started calling the people she knew. She found that one person led to another her family may not have used but could be passed on to someone else.

"This program developed because of the people; what it is because of the families," Rozman said. "Because of what I saw and what I needed, I pressed the mental health system to give families what they needed. We linked families so they have become a voice in the system."

While the staff numbers 20, there actually is 77 parents who have gone through the 12-week training sessions and are able to provide services in the community. Scheduling depends on the needs of the agency. Rozman considers it a phenomenal feat, done by one staffer, because the agency doesn't miss anything.

Since they are all parents, everything is done during the day; nothing is planned for the weekend, and the minimal number of evening functions are usually planned for 5 p.m. and last about one hour.

In need of help
PSAP provides a reliable service, but having a single source of money has made it difficult. With its only additional money coming three years ago for the telephone service, PSAP has trimmed its services at the dental clinic at Children's Hospital and in Head Start.

A part-time staff person has been hired to work strictly on writing grants. The staff is putting the finishing touches on its first fund-raiser, a fashion show/ luncheon/ raffle noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the first-floor auditorium foyer of Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

The hospital donated the space for the benefit, and the Target store at Wonderland Mall and Meijer are providing the fashions. The models will be parents and their developmentally disabled children. The PSAP Board of Directors is helping with the luncheon, and the raffle will have a 19-inch color TV as one of the prizes.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available by calling PSAP at (248) 615-9207. The deadline for ordering is Friday, Nov. 27. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

"We've tried to structure it so we don't have any costs," Rozman said of the benefit. "We want to show how to focus on the child and celebrate, celebrate. We want to get the money and turn around and use it for the kids."

The Parent Support and Advocacy Program Inc., a service provider of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health, is in Suite 500 of the Corporate Tower, 29200 Vassar east of Middlebelt and north of Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 615-9207 or contact the agency by e-mail at PMA007@aol.com.

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a young rookie cop who bucked the status quo by turning in fellow cops for bad behavior.

One night, while on duty, he witnessed his comrades pulverizing some prisoners. His attempts to stop them were not only futile, but he was locked in a nearby cell to keep him quiet. Later, when asked by his superiors why he was the ONLY ONE coming forward and talking about the beatings, he said, "Because they (the other cops) think silence and integrity are the same thing."

As it would be, his name was mud throughout the precinct, and few peers would talk to him.

As this author has brought out before in this column, examples of kids protecting other kids is a theme that runs rampant among our young people today. The idea that keeping silent connotes character has transcended down

So if your child comes home and tells you that the kids in class took turns throwing stones at the smallest child in the class, are you certain your child was not an active participant?

through the generations.

A vast number of people in this country don't stand up to others when they are doing something wrong by calling them on it. It is far and away easier to "go along with the crowd" than it is to stand out and stick up for what's right and what's wrong. The young lieutenant in the movie was the only one willing to call his colleagues on their crime.

"Lone Rangers" just as the title says, are all by themselves. They know they will be ostracized or humiliated because of their stance, and yet, something

inside of them tells them they need to stand firmly on their values. They know their enemies are nearby ready to pounce and make fun of them.

Perhaps you follow the controversial radio talk-show host, Dr. Laura. No matter what you think about her on-the-air confrontations, she is a classic example of a person who believes that silence is not synonymous with integrity. She is not only standing up for what she believes to be right, but preaching and nagging us to do the same.

So if your child comes home and tells you that the kids in class took turns throwing stones at the smallest child in the class, are you certain your child was not an active participant? If you are, give them tons of kudos for not taking part. That took far more intelligence than what the pranksters did.

And if they didn't report it, share with them the value in protecting someone. After all, wouldn't they have wanted someone to tell the teacher, if they were the victim?

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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WEEKEND

CRAFTERS NEEDED
The city of Plymouth Recreation Department has openings in its annual Christmas arts and crafts show. The show will be Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29, in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Show admission and parking are free. An 8-foot table space is \$95. Crafters interested in being in the show should call show director Carol Donnelly at (734) 455-6620.

SKATIN STATION
Skatin Station II will sponsor a "Wish Bone Skate" 1-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton. Bring in a wish bone from your Thanksgiving turkey and receive \$1 off your admission. Admission is \$4.25 per person; skate rental is \$2 and blades are \$4. For more information, call (734) 459-6400.

THE VELVETEN RABBIT
Whistle Stop Players will present "The Velveteen Rabbit" Dec. 4-6 in the Plymouth Community Arts Council, JoAnne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

CHARITY DANCE
St. John Neumann Singers Group is hosting a children's charity dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in St. John Neumann Catholic Church, on Warren Road, west of Sheldon. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. The dance includes baked goods, pop, and a Top 40 disc jockey. Casual dress, no blue jeans. Bring a new and unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. All proceeds go to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

ADVENT RETREAT
Madonna University will hold an advent retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Founder's Room and the University Chapel in the Residence Hall. This year's theme will be "Embody Christ." The Rev. Dave Cornett, a missionary of the Divine Word, will lead the activities, which include prayer, quiet reflection, conferences, lunch, a reconciliation service and a liturgy. The public is invited. The cost is \$12 for the day. The cost includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, or for reservations, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais in the campus ministry office at (734) 482-5419. RSVP by Dec. 3.

LUMINARY KITS
The Plymouth Symphony League and the Trailwood Garden Club will hold their annual fund-raising sale of luminary kits 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, in Kroger's at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, and in Plymouth Market-place at Lilley and Ann Arbor Road and Westchester Mall. The cost of a set of 10 candles with white ligs is \$4.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church is having their annual special Christmas cookie walk from 9 a.m. until sold out Saturday, Dec. 12, in the church, 38075 W. Seven Mile Road, between Newburgh and Farmington roads, Livonia. There will be fancy ethnic cookies, an assortment of Greek, Ukrainian, Russian, Italian, and many more. There will also be an assortment of homemade pierogi, stuffed cabbage,

sweet bread, and nut, apricot and poppy seed rolls. For more information, call (248) 476-3432.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING
The Village Potters Guild will host a holiday sale Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, at 340 N. Main, Plymouth. Hours are 9-9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There will be 25 ceramic artists exhibiting both functional and decorative work in porcelain, stoneware, raku, and pit-fire.

The Spinner's Flock will sponsor a holiday fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in Matthee Botanical Garden, Ann Arbor. Admission is free. The fair will feature finished items and equipment, tools for gift giving, garments, hats, scarves, handspun yarns, rugs, baskets, quilts, ornaments, books, jewelry, toys, etc. For more information, call Nancy Burkhalter at (734) 475-2306.

The Women's National Farm & Garden Association of Plymouth will sponsor a holiday greens mart 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. There will be a bake sale. Items featured will be wreaths, bows, swags, and different arrangements. Proceeds go to benefit scholarships and civic projects. For more information, call Karen Horton at (734) 207-0563 or Pat Robinson at (734) 453-1187.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE
The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in Pheasant Run Golf Club Clubhouse, 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. Anyone may sell sports or recreational equipment. Sellers can take their equipment to the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Items will be priced and tagged for the sale on Saturday, Dec. 5. Seller sets the price. Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15 percent. Volunteers will do the selling, so you need not be present. Collect money or pick up unsold items 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. For more information, call 397-5110.

TREE DECORATING
The Plymouth Poets will sponsor their annual Christmas party to decorate the Michigan Poets Christmas Tree at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. The public is invited to cover the tree with laminated photos of Michigan poets, then everyone will retreat to the Box Bar for food, festive libations and a reading of the Plymouth Poets holiday verse.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
The 125-piece Plymouth Community Chorus will present its Christmas concert, "Joy," at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. Tickets can be bought at Evola Music, 7170 N. Hagerty, Canton; Sideways Gift Shop, 505 Forest, Plymouth; and the Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville. Tickets can also be ordered by calling (734) 455-4080.

HEALING TEMPLE
Heartlight/Bodyworks Healing Center is sponsoring its monthly Healing Temple noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at 819 N. Mill in Plymouth. Alternative healing therapies are offered. There is no cost but donations are accepted. November's focus will be on

Symphony on Target with store donation



Giving back: Canton Target Store Team Leader/Store Manager Susan Lemerise (left) talks with Plymouth Symphony Executive Director Julia Kurtyka (right) outside the Ford Road location after Target donated \$5,000 to the symphony this month as part of its ongoing "Give Back to the Community" program. With Lemerise are Hard Lines Team Leaders (from left) Sara Smallwood, Christa Morelli, Peggy Geeseman, Tom Collier and Team Leader for Logistics Rachel Gleeman.

reiki, an Eastern healing practice that enhances the flow of Universal Life Energy. For information, call 416-5200.

OPEN HOUSE
The Canton Historical Society will host a holiday open house and bake sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the museum.

The bake sale will feature a politicians' table with homemade treats donated by township officials and local politicians. Refreshments will be served. The museum is at the corner of Canton Center and Heritage Drive (Proctor).

SINGLES' EVENTS
Single Place presents a potluck dinner and games night beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. Bring a dish to pass (enough to serve six people). Admission is \$2. General admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-0911.

Single Place holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington.

Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.

AROUND TOWN

PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS
The Plymouth Goodfellows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the upcoming holiday season. Submissions should be

made by Nov. 30. The Goodfellows Association exists to ensure that all children will receive a present for Christmas. Within the next few weeks, the Goodfellows will begin identifying families to receive assistance. If you are in need of help, or if you know of a family in need, send the name, address, phone number and number of children in the family to: Plymouth Goodfellows Association, P.O. Box 709912, Plymouth MI 48170. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfellows at the same address.

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS
A Christmas Choral Concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel. The Madonna Choral, which is made up of students, faculty, and local community members, is conducted by David Wagner, associate professor of music at Madonna University. The public is welcome to attend and admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. The concert will feature the Midnight Mass for Christmas by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, the Magnificat by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi and many other Christmas favorites. The choral will be accompanied by a small string orchestra. This year's Christmas concert will be dedicated to the Felician Sisters who are celebrating the 125th anniversary of their American foundation. For more information, call David Wagner at (734) 432-5708.

LIBRARY PROGRAM
The Plymouth District Library will host an informational meeting for those wanting to know "How To Buy a Computer" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the library. Richard Truxall, who works as the continu-

ing education coordinator for the Library Network, will answer questions and discuss basic computer buying information. Truxall helped develop the Internet Public Library and is the collection librarian for the Michigan section of the Michigan Electronic Library. The program is free. Registration is required at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750.

SCHOOL OPENINGS
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes for 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parent involvement. Low tuition rates. For more information, contact Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

The Plymouth community is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades three-six; introductory to dance, ages 5-8; creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5; active older adult water exercise, youth travel floor hockey for ages 9-12, and step aerobics fitness class and aquatics. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

SING-ALONG WITH SANTA
Ring in the holiday season harmonizing side by side with the red suited one himself at the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's annual sing along with Santa. The benefit will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth in downtown Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, \$25 for fam-

ilies, and \$50 for patrons. Patron tickets include priority seating and a listing in the program (if order received by Dec. 3). For more information, or to order tickets, call (734) 994-4801. Tickets are also available at 527 E. Liberty, Suite 208, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the church beginning at 2:30 p.m. the day of the event.

WINTER CONCERT
The Ann Arbor Youth Choral conducted by Ruth Datz, Richard Ingram, Donald Williams and Shyla Powell will hold a winter concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in Trinity Chapel, Concordia College, 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 per family, \$7 for adults, and \$4 for students and seniors. For more information, call (734) 996-4404.

KIWANIS
Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis invites you to visit the 7 a.m. Tuesday breakfasts at the Water Club on Ann Arbor Road east of I-275. For more information, call (734) 453-1303.

KOZEZ NUT SALE
The Zonta Club of Northway Wayne County is sponsoring a fund-raiser for Kozez nuts. The proceeds are used for local and international service projects dedicated to world peace, providing community service and improving the status of women worldwide. Orders can be delivered at your convenience. For more information, or to order, call Candy Martin at (248) 348-1410 or Kay Diggs at (734) 459-8374.

MEDLIDGE GROUP
The Medlidge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare and other topics. If interested, contact the administrator or admission director at West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-3983.

NURSE REFRESHER COURSE
Nurses can refresh their basic physical assessment techniques and earn credits to maintain their licenses by attending physical assessment refresher courses at Scholcraft College. The one-day course will include the respiratory, cardiovascular, neurological and musculoskeletal systems. Participants should bring stethoscopes and wear loose, comfortable clothing. The fee is \$65 for the class, which will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
The VFW No. 6995 Ladies Auxiliary of Plymouth is looking for a volunteer age 12-15 who has done exceptional volunteer work. Two \$1,000 savings bonds are awarded nationally. For more information, notify Ann Smith at 453-1529.

CERTIFIED SETTER CLASS
Oakwood Healthcare System presents a certified setter class 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 and 9, and 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. The program is for people 11-15 to develop skills to become knowledgable, safe and responsible baby-sitters. Includes infant, child CPR and choking intervention, information on age-appropriate activities, basic first-aid, bathing, feeding, growth and development. Cost is \$30. For more information, or to register, call (734) 416-2937.

LOW FAT COOKING CLASS
Oakwood Healthcare Systems presents a quick and easy lowfat cooking class 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. The registered dietitian teaches participants about lowfat cooking and eating. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information, or to register, call (734) 416-2937.

ADULT DAY CARE
Adult Day Care is a weekday program, open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. serving seniors who need some assistance but don't need to be in a nursing home. The program is designed to give needed relief to the caregiver while providing an enjoyable, activity-filled day in a relaxed, supervised, friendly environment. Trained professionals assist with the restroom, medications and offer a hot lunch. Transportation and financial assistance are available. For more information, call the Plymouth site at (734) 451-1455 or the Livonia site at (734) 591-2216.

SUPPORT GROUPS
PARKINSON EDUCATION
The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets in Ann Arbor 1:30-4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, near parking lot P. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 13 in the Education Center. It will be a potluck/holiday party/white elephant exchange. Please bring a dish to pass as well as your own place settings. Coffee and juice will be provided and a ham will be prepared by the committee. For more information, call (734) 930-6335 or (734) 741-9209.

ARBOR HOSPICE
Arbor Hospice sponsors a variety of grief support programs open to the public. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, call (734) 662-5599.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief support group. The group meets 6:30-8 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month to support and affirm people grieving a loss through death. To learn more, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS
Community Hospice & Home Care Services offers those recovering from the death of a partner a chance to gather and share their feelings of grief. A trained facilitator guides members through topics ranging from loneliness, sadness, guilt and anger, as well as learning to rebuild a new life. The meetings, which are free, take place 1-3 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month. To learn more or to register, call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

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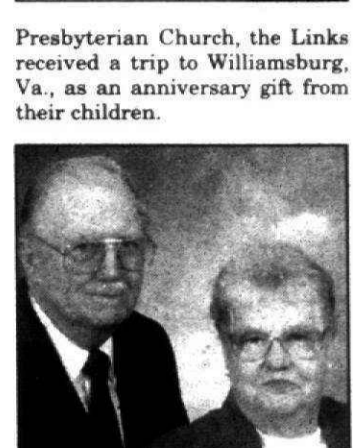
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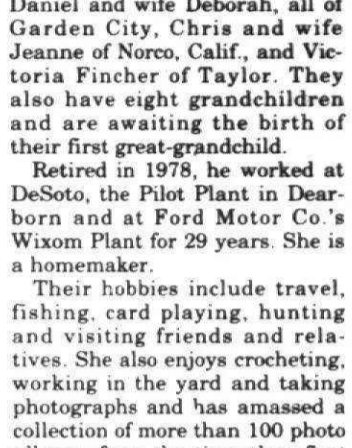
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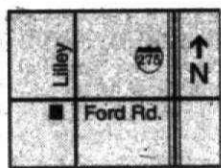
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Oh, nuts! Sale chair Candy Martin (left) of Northville and Mary Jo Plante of Livonia of Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County Area may have found the porch of the farmhouse at Greenmead Historical Village a nice place to sit a spell, but not without a few Koeze's nuts.

Zonta goes 'nuts' with sale

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Available this year are colossal cashews, mixed nuts and mixed nuts with macadamias in 12-ounce gift boxes, 16-ounce gold foil bags, and 20- and 30-ounce decanters.

For sweet teeth, there are 10-ounce boxes or 20-ounce decanters of milk chocolate or

dark chocolate pecan puddles. Prices range from \$10 for a 16-ounce bag of classic mixed nuts to \$25 for the 30-ounce decanter of cashews.

Orders are being taken through Saturday, Dec. 5, with Christmas orders due by Tuesday, Dec. 1. Orders can be picked up from or delivered by club members.

For more information or to place and order, call Candy Martin, who is chairing the project, at (248) 348-1410 or Kay Diggs at (734) 459-8374.

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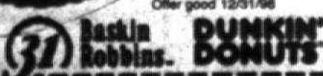
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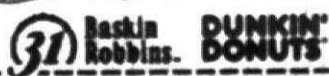
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Raptors roar

The two boys teams representing the Raptors Track Club both turned in sparkling performances at last Saturday's USATF Cross Country Regional Meet, held in Medina, Ohio.

In the Young Men's Division (17-18 year olds), Raptor runners captured the top five places in the team standings and five of the top nine in the overall standings. Leading the Raptors and finishing first in the team standings (fourth overall) was Dave Sage (from Clarkston) in 16:22.

He was followed by a pair of Plymouth Salem competitors: Nick Allen (second team, fifth overall) in 16:33 and Jon Little (third team, sixth overall) in 16:35. Next was Josh Burt of Livonia Franklin (fourth team, sixth overall) in 16:40, followed by Dan Jess of Redford Catholic Central (fifth team, ninth overall) in 16:45; Bobby Cushman of Salem (ninth team, 15th overall) in 17:02; and Matt Haver of Clarkston (12th team, 23rd overall) in 17:09.

The Raptors' young men's team placed first in the three-team race, qualifying for the USATF National Cross Country Meet Dec. 12 in Lisle, Ill.

In the Intermediate Boys Division, the Raptors' team placed second in the seven-team race to the A Team, also from Michigan. Best for the Raptors was John DiGiovanni of CC (fourth team, sixth overall) in 16:38. He was followed by Brian Klotz of Franklin (ninth team, 13th overall) in 17:00; Matt Daly of CC (11th team, 19th overall) in 17:12; Donnie Warner of Salem (14th team, 25th overall) in 17:30; Craig Little of Salem (18th team, 29th overall) in 17:45; Al Gill of Salem (19th team, 31st overall) in 17:55; and Jeremy Auer of Walled Lake Central (24th team, 41st overall) in 18:20.

As one of the top three teams, the Raptors' intermediate boys squad will also compete in the USATF Nationals Dec. 12 in Lisle, Ill.

PCJBA signup

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have its high school registration 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 5, at East Middle School.

This registration is for boys and girls in grades 9-12. Cost is \$100 per person.

Shock registration

The Detroit Shock will have tryouts for girls AAU basketball teams from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills campus. Tryouts will be for girls in four age divisions: those born in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986. Coaches for the Shock teams have experience in taking their squads to the AAU Nationals.

There will be a \$5 registration charge at the door. For more information, call: Rich (1983 age group) at (810) 786-1417; Larry (1984 group) at (248) 620-0238; Stacy (1985 group) at (810) 636-2006; or John (1986) at (248) 693-8943.

Used sports stuff

The annual used sports equipment sale, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will be Saturday, Dec. 5, at Pleasant Run Golf Club's clubhouse, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The public is invited to both sell and buy. Those wishing to sell may drop off their items between 6-9 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Pleasant Run clubhouse. Sellers set their own prices; volunteers will handle all sales, with those dropping off items to be sold collecting the profits (minus 15 percent for the Parks and Rec department).

For further information, call the Parks and Recreation department at (734) 397-5110.

Basketball leagues

The city of Plymouth's Parks and Recreation Department will host both men's and women's basketball leagues this winter.

Cost is \$525 per team, plus \$20 per non-city of Plymouth resident. Play begins Monday, Nov. 30.

All those interested may register at the city of Plymouth Recreation Department office. For more information, call (734) 455-8620.

It's over Lakers prove too tough for Salem

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Two teams collided and spun off into opposite directions at Monday's Class A girls basketball regional at Novi HS. But it didn't take a final shot, or even a final quarter, to decide which team was headed in which direction.

This game was over early. A 19-point first half by Kim Kipela propelled a high-flying West Bloomfield team to a surprisingly easy 53-38 victory over Plymouth Salem, sending the Lakers (now 19-4) into the regional final against Birmingham Marian at 7 p.m. tonight at Novi.

The result sent Salem packing with an 18-5 mark.

"We couldn't make anything go," said Rocks' coach Fred Thomann. "We missed our inside shots, we missed our perimeter shots, we missed our free throws . . .

Against a high-level team like this, you can't do that.

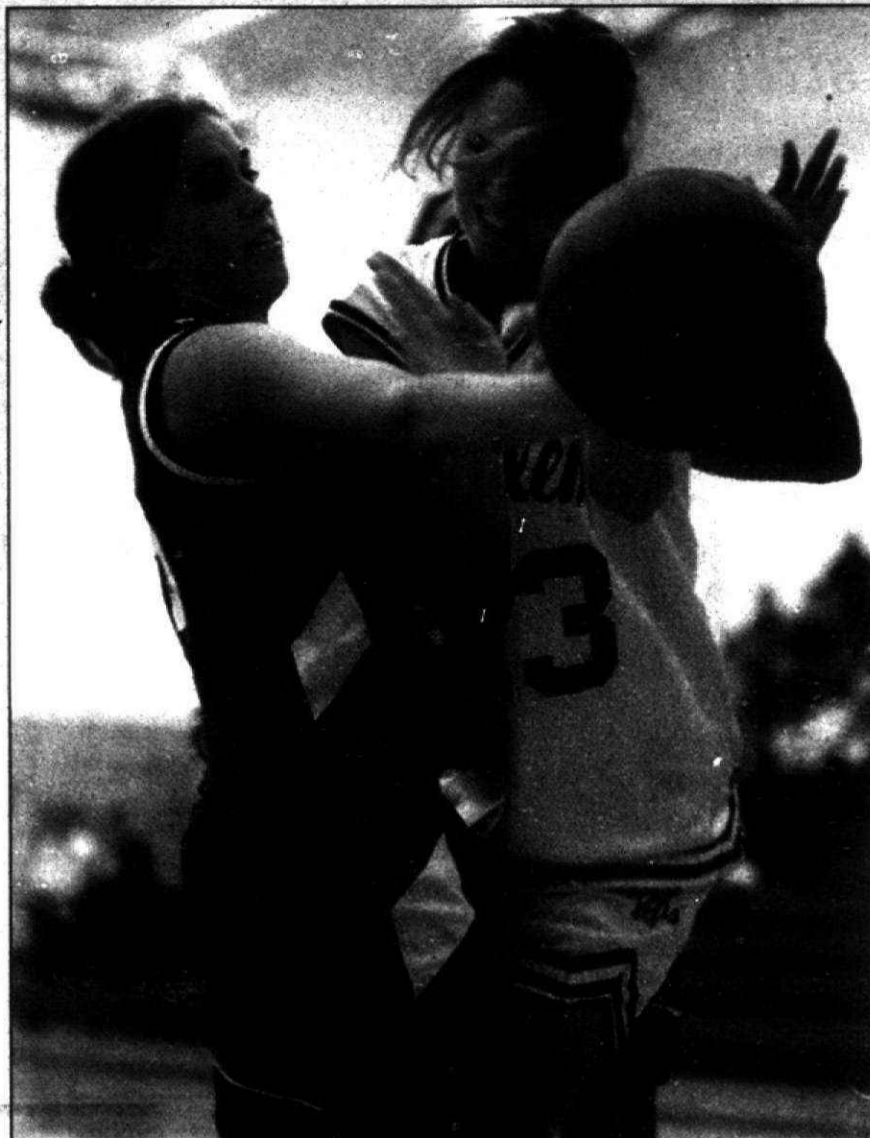
"Early in the game, we had some great looks at the basket. We just couldn't get them to fall."

West Bloomfield — Kipela in particular — had no such problem. Two-and-a-half minutes into the second half, the tide started to turn in the Lakers' favor, and it never altered direction again.

Kipela was the key. The 6-foot-1 senior followed her eight-point first quarter by scoring 11 more in the second, nine of them coming in a decisive 18-2 run.

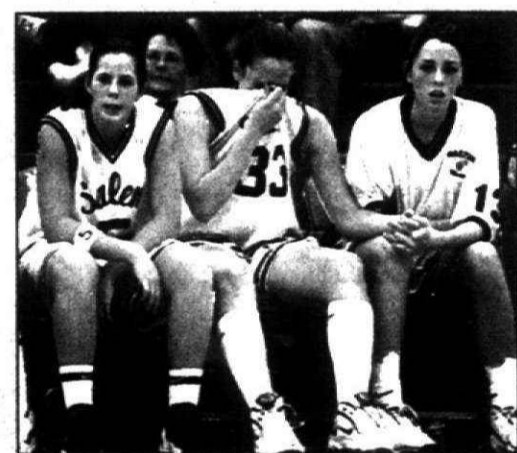
A basket by Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh had given the Rocks a 17-13 lead with 5:43 left in the half. Jen Kristensen answered with a three-pointer 13 seconds later, and West Bloomfield was off and running.

Any good team has stretches of superb play in a game; that's what



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Struggling: Salem's Andrea Pruett (right) had to fight both West Bloomfield defenders like Lisa Copeland and sickness, which kept her from performing at her best level.



End is near: Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh (left), Christine Phillips (center) and Andrea Pruett await the finish.

makes them good. The Lakers' 20-5 run in that final 5:30 of the second quarter was their game-winner; Salem's problem was, it could never find an answer.

"We wanted to play an up-tempo game against them, to see how they'd play against pressure," said West Bloomfield coach Lance Davis. "We thought we could wear them down."

"Our focus was tremendous tonight. We can do some things better . . . We can score a little more from the perimeter. But our focus is right where I want it to be."

The Rocks, trailing 33-22 at the half, did have a chance in the second half to get back in it. Kipela, who didn't have a foul in the first half, had three before the third quarter was four minutes old and

went to the bench. But by then, Salem's offense was MIA; the Lakers limited the Rocks to just three third-quarter points on 1-of-9 floor shooting. Salem contributed to its own demise by converting just 1-of-7 from the free-throw line and making eight turnovers.

West Bloomfield had increased its 11-point halftime cushion to 19 points after three — all while turning the ball over seven times in the quarter.

Kipela, who's committed to the University of Buffalo, finished with 24 points. When she got the ball at the low post, she was unstoppable, even when triple-teamed. Heather Robbins added 10 points and Lisa Copeland scored seven.

Grubaugh's 17 points paced Salem. Christine Phillips added nine. Andrea Pruett, the Rocks' best inside scorer, was sick and for the most part ineffective throughout the game, a key factor in the final result. Pruett

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Back-to-back losses strike Whalers



How quickly things can change.

In a 24-hour span, the Plymouth Whalers' loss total doubled — and the Whalers dropped from a tie for No. 1 in the Ontario Hockey League to a tie for second place.

The trouble started Saturday, when Plymouth battled back from a three-goal deficit after two periods to tie Owen Sound 5-5. However, the comeback effort drained the Whalers; Chad Woollard scored his third goal of the game to give the host Platers a 6-5 triumph.

On Sunday at Guelph, Plymouth was frustrated once again by the team's personal nemesis — goalie Chris Madden, the same guy who led the Storm to a four-game sweep in the OHL semifinals last April. Madden stopped 32 of 33 shots in beating the Whalers, 3-1.

The two losses left Plymouth at 18-4-2 — none too shabby, by any standard. Ottawa now leads the OHL, however, with a 20-2-2 record; the Whalers and the Barrie Colts are next best. Ottawa is first in the East Division, Barrie is best in the Central and Plymouth remains atop the West.

Guelph improved to 17-7 with the victory, first in the Midwest Division. Owen Sound is 10-9-3 (through Sunday).

Against the Platers Saturday, the Whalers had only a goal from Harold Druken in the first two periods as Owen Sound built its 4-1 lead. But Plymouth rallied quickly in the third period, getting a pair of power-play goals in the first 3:34, one by Eric Gooldy (his fourth of the season) and another by David Legwand (his 13th).

Woollard's second goal of the game pushed the Platers' lead back to 5-3 with just over 14 minutes remaining, but the Whalers got a third power-play goal, this one by Druken (his league-leading 29th), with 9:04 left to make it a one-goal game again. Paul Mara tied it for Plymouth 26 seconds later (his sixth), beckoning overtime.

Woollard's game-winner (his seventh goal of the season) came after 2:29 of OT.

Legwand and Adam Colagiaco each had two assists for the Whalers. Rob Zepp made 34 saves in goal for Plymouth; Curtis Sanford had the same number for Owen Sound.

Against Guelph, the Whalers found themselves battling from behind once again after the Storm followed a scoreless first period with two second-period goals. Mara's goal (his seventh) drew Plymouth to within a goal early in the third period, but the Whalers could get no closer — thanks to the combination of Darryl Knight's second goal of the game with 15 minutes left and Madden's goalkeeping.

Madden made 32 saves in gaining the win. Robert Holsinger had 30 stops for Plymouth.

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STATE SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL

CC stops Stevenson in semi

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Detroit Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach is pleased with where he's at, and absolutely thrilled about where he's going.

A 35-21 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson before 6,000 fans on Saturday at Port Huron Memorial Stadium put Mach at 200 career wins and, more importantly, sends CC back to the Pontiac Silverdome to defend its Class AA state championship.

CC, with four state titles in the 1990s, will meet Rockford, a 48-7 winner over Lake Orion, at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Mach, 200-42 in 23 seasons, became the 25th coach to reach 200 wins and he did it faster than any other coach.

Stevenson, which has lost to CC in three of the last four semifinals, took the first lead on a 41-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kurt Hunsanger to Jesse Lombardo with 8:48 left in the first quarter.

But the Shamrocks responded with 21 unanswered points and led 21-14 at halftime.

The first CC scoring drive came after Stevenson jumped offsidelines on fourth down during a Shamrocks' punt at midfield. The penalty gave the Shamrocks earned a first down and five plays later, senior fullback Casey Rogowski scored the first of his five touchdowns on a 30 yard run with 1:43 left in the first quarter.

"We work on that (drawing teams offsidelines)," Mach said. "We learned that from (former Fordson coach) Charlie Justice, who did it to us in 1979 and have used it ever since."

Rogowski also scored on runs of 5, 2, 5 and 5 yards and finished with 115 yards in 24 carries. His backfield mate, junior John Kava, added 136 yards in 19 carries.

"The coaches gave me the opportunity and I felt I could do the job," Rogowski said. "This is very special (Mach's 200 victory). He deserves it. I think he's one of the best coaches in the state, or the

country."

Stevenson's star back Michael Tennessee was held to 47 yards in 10 carries, 30 coming on one carry. Tennessee also caught three passes for 22 yards.

Hunsanger finished 19 for 36 through the air for 225 yards, including a 20-yard touchdown pass to Dave Dunlap with 12 seconds left to cut the final deficit to 14. Dunlap, who finished with six catches for 77 yards, also caught a 5-yard TD pass from Hunsanger near the end of the first half.

Stevenson coach Rick Bye has heard talk that this is Mach's best team ever — and he tends to believe it.

"When they walked on the field I got a real good picture of how big they are," Bye said. "They're tall but they're put together. They pride themselves on stopping the run and Michael is a great back but he's not Superman. His picture has been plastered all around in the media. You don't think it's

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All-Observer soccer



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

One of the best: Canton's Scott Wright led the Chiefs to the state semifinals, while becoming one of the most feared offensive players in the state. The all-Observer soccer team is profiled on C2.

King's front line too powerful for Blazers

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Livonia Ladywood gave a better account of itself in its Class A regional meeting Monday night with girls basketball power Detroit Martin Luther King.

But the Blazers will have to wait again until next year as the Crusaders' front line, led by 6-foot-2 junior Olivia Lewis, was just too strong.

Lewis had 24 points and 17 rebounds as King advanced to the finals of the Dearborn High regional with a 59-43 win over Ladywood.

King (23-2 overall) will face off for the fourth time this season against Public School League rival Detroit Western in Wednesday's championship game at Dearborn. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

Western defeated Detroit Cody in the first game of the double-header, 54-46.

Ladywood, a 66-28 loser to King in last year's regional final at Southfield,

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bowed out at 13-11 overall.

But the Blazers played a scrappy game for four quarters and protected the basketball better (21 turnovers) than the 1997 game against King.

Offensive rebounds — 23 for King — and poor outside shooting by the Blazers — 16 of 58 from the floor (27.5 percent) — led to Ladywood's undoing.

"When we watched them against Bishop Foley they got 22 offensive rebounds," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "You can't give them two or three shots. A lot of times we had them boxed out, but they'd jump over us and tip it to somebody else."

"Their arms are so long."

The 6-2 Lewis had help from teammate Stephanie Solomon, a 6-2 junior who finished with 14 points, and 6-foot senior Nathania Howard, who scored eight.

King led 16-10 after one quarter and increased their margin to 36-16 at intermission.

In the third quarter, Lewis scored all 12 of King's points, including a bucket with 2:47 left in the period for the Crusaders' biggest lead of the night, 48-20.

Ladywood, however, refused to quit, scoring the next nine points capped by Elena Sventickas' two free throws to make it 48-29 after three quarters.

The Blazers outscored King 14-11 in the final quarter.

"In our half-court defense we forced them to take the shots we wanted and I felt our defense stayed with them, even when we had to go man-to-man in the second half," Gorski said. "And I thought we handled their pressure fine and got the shots we wanted."

"But mentally we were a little rushed and we couldn't knock our shots down. If we had hit the 'threes' early it would have been closer."

Senior guard Erin Hayden, playing her final game as a Blazer, scored a team-high 14 points.

"Ladywood has a good squad and their point-guard (Hayden) is a good player," King coach William Winfield said. "We had to be aware of her at all times. That's why we played a box-and-one on her at times."

Sophomore Michelle Harakas was the only other Blazer in double figures with 10 points.

"We scouted them twice and basically they played man-to-man," Winfield said. "They came out in a zone and it took awhile for us to adjust. But once we got in a groove, we didn't have a problem with it."

Lewis, in particular, was hitting on all cylinders.

"Seventeen rebounds is not too shabby," Winfield said. "She plays hard in practice all the time and hard all the time in the game. She's a good-natured kid who loves basketball. And when you have a kid like that, you know you have something special."

King did not exactly shoot the basketball accurately — 22 of 72 (30.5 percent) — but the Crusaders made only 11 turnovers.

"The good thing about this game is that everybody got to play," Winfield said. "I thought our starters played well, but our younger kids didn't play as well."

So what's the future for Ladywood?

"We have reason to feel optimistic that we'll improve even more next year," said Gorski, who just finished her third season. "We have Melissa and Michelle (Harakas) back and they can match up athletically with most teams. Liz O'Brecht (a freshman) is a big body who only goes to get better. And Kristin Barnes is a good three-point shooter, even though she didn't show it in this game."

"I thought our juniors developed. We'll try to develop our guards to play a team as quick and skilled as King and not feel rushed."

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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ARCHERY

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Dec. 6, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Toys for Tots program. Call (313) 453-9843 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for information.

CLASSES

BASIC SKI TUNING

An instructional clinic covering the basics of edge and base conditioning, waxing and detuning your alpine or nordic skis begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at REI in Northville. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road (at Six Mile). Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

GOOSE

There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

The firearms season runs Nov. 15-30 statewide. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

DUCK

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules is Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10-Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK

The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

METROPARKS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Huron-Clinton metroparks are serving as collection spots for the Toys for Tots program. The program is conducted annually by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy children in local communities by providing them with new, unwrapped toys during the holiday season.

Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy that has no violent connotations can drop them off at park offices of the HCMA Administrative Office through Dec. 16. Call (800) 477-2757 for more information.

BACKPACKING PICTURED ROCKS

Take a slide-illustrated backpacking trip to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Stony Creek.

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scored just two points.

"We've played some really tough competition this season," noted Davis. "We've improved our schedule, so that in games like this we're better prepared. No matter how far we get down, we don't get rattled. We've learned how to handle adversity better."

That resolve will be tested tonight against Marian (21-3),

the team that eliminated West Bloomfield in the regionals last year. "They match up to us pretty well," Davis said of the Mustangs. "But I think we have experience on our side, and we have the motivating factors on our side."

If the Lakers execute the way they did against Salem, Marian could be in for a long night.

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The Compuware Ambassadors moved into first place in the nine-team North American

Hockey League with a 7-0 rout of the St. Louis Sting Sunday at Compuware Arena.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

East Division W L T Pts. Ottawa 67's 20 2 2 42 Peterborough Petes 14 9 0 28 Belleville Bulls 11 9 3 25 Oshawa Generals 10 9 2 22 Kingston Frontenacs 7 15 1 15

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J.J. Swistak and Steve Jackson each scored two goals to spark the Ambassadors. Craig Kowalski and Beau Fritz made 13 saves apiece in splitting the shutout in goal.

The win, combined with a split earlier in the week against Danville (the Ambassadors won 5-3 Friday, then lost 4-3 Saturday at Compuware), left Compuware with a 16-4 record — one point better than second-place Soo Kewadin (16-5).

D.J. Vogt scored twice and Kowalski made 35 saves in the Ambassadors' win Friday.

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hanging up in teams' locker rooms?"

With CC ahead 21-14 early in the third quarter, an offensive back Justin Cessante made a key play, stripping the ball from a Stevenson receiver at the Shamrocks' 35 after a pass that gained 21 yards.

Cessante made the tackle, strip and recover, sending a potential Stevenson scoring drive that began at the Titans' 30.

The Shamrocks moved the ball into Stevenson territory but the drive ended at the 25 when Stevenson's Dan Manduzsky recovered a CC fumble.

CC quarterback Dave Lusky completed four of 13 passes, all to tight end Nick Brzezinski for 81 yards and the last was the biggest.

With CC still ahead 21-14 and facing a third down and eight late in the third quarter, Lusky dropped back to pass. He was nearly sacked but on his way down heaved a strike to Brzezinski, who was tackled at Stevenson's 17. Four plays later, Rogowski scored on a five-yard run for a 28-14 lead with 10:50 remaining.

"It was just a tight end flag to Nick," said Lusky, who also scrambled for 37 yards in seven carries. "I was forced up the middle, split them to the right and threw up top to Nick and it got there. All day long the line did a great job blocking."

CC took its biggest lead of the game, 35-14, after Rogowski scored on another five-yard run with 1:26 left to cap an impressive 14-play, 58-yard drive.

Shamrocks should be the favorites against Rockford

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Within the Rockford Files is a game that certainly catches the attention of Redford Catholic Central football players, if not many other overconfident, headstrong, into the Class AA state championship game.

Rockford brings an 11-1 record into its first-ever state finals appearance, with the only loss to Birmingham Brother Rice, 41-14, in the regular-season finale.

A Rockford File that lacked suspense is a head-scratcher because Rice is a team CC handled with ease, 35-14, in the third week of the season.

Comparative scores alone should make the Shamrocks prohibitive favorites but CC coach Tom Mach prefers to focus on what Rockford has done lately, beating three playoff opponents by a combined score of 114-35.

The Rams reached the state final with a 48-7 semifinal win Saturday over Lake Orion.

CC, a five-time state champion trying to become the first Class AA team to win consecutive state titles, will battle Rockford at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"Any time you get to a semifinal game and beat someone 48-7, that's got to wake up a lot of people," said Mach, who's probably also reminded his players that Rice's preseason all-state quarterback candidate Tim Craddock played against Rockford but not against CC because of a knee injury. "I talked to Birmingham Brother Rice coach Al Fraccasani and he said they just caught them at a time when they had just made the playoffs and Rice was still fighting to get in. Looking at them, it might have been a great thing for them because they're playing great right now. Losing sometimes motivates you better than a win."

"They look very good. They do a lot of different things, throw all over the field and put a lot of pressure on your defense. Their quarterback is very good, very mobile."

Rockford coach Ralph Munger was asked what he said to his players after the Rice loss.

"We've got another football game and it's back to work," he said.

Rockford's defense has allowed nearly 300 yards per game, which sounds inviting if you're a CC offensive lineman or running back, but the defense was Ram tough against an impressive Lake Orion offensive.

The Rams led 34-0 at halftime and Lake Orion quarterback Darren Tooley, a Division I prospect, was sacked several times, completing only six of 24 passes with two interceptions.

That said, the Rams are playing the Shamrocks, who had a pair of runners, Casey Rogowski and John Kava, rush for more than 100 yards each against highly-regarded Sterling Heights Stevenson in a 35-21 semifinals

victory.

The line, led by junior guards Mike Morris and Steve Dominguez, has seldom been better.

"CC is obviously a very good team, well coached, very fundamental, and makes very few mistakes," Munger said.

The Rams have made the playoffs in five of Munger's seven years, including three straight trips to the semifinals.

The school has a new football stadium that is routinely filled with several thousand fans. A big following might be the equalizer Rockford needs against CC.

"We've got a great following and we're very blessed that way," Munger said.

A lot of high school followers thought Rockford's team last year, led by all-state quarterback Mike Segard, would end up in the finals. Rockford was upset by Ann Arbor Huron, 17-14, in the semifinals.

"It was a powerful team, probably the best we had in quite a while," Munger said. "That was last year and now we're playing with a new group of guys."

Senior quarterback Dan Richards leads Rockford on offense, completing 76 of 135 passes for 968 yards and seven touchdowns with four interceptions. Four of his receivers have at least nine catches and Courtney Yon leads with 15 receptions for 148 yards.

The Rams run the ball by committee with Chris Maksim leading the way with 418 yards in 61 carries (for a 6.9 yard average per carry), and five others gaining more than 200 yards.

The defense is led by senior Luke Botsis (5-11, 225) and junior Mike Lundberg (6-foot, 190), both inside linebackers. Lundberg leads the team in tackles.

Rogowski, out the first four weeks with a broken leg, has become the leader of the CC defense at inside linebacker. He had 16 tackles last week and is there if the Shamrocks' out-

standing front three of Jeremiah Hicks, Lou Willoughby and John Abshire don't make the tackle.

Rogowski scored five touchdowns against Stevenson.

"I was real happy with Casey's running, the way he played both offense and defense," Mach said. "He's come a long way back."

"Those three guys (Abshire, Hicks and Willoughby) are as good as we've had as down three together. They're not as big as we've had but are very good in terms of mobility."

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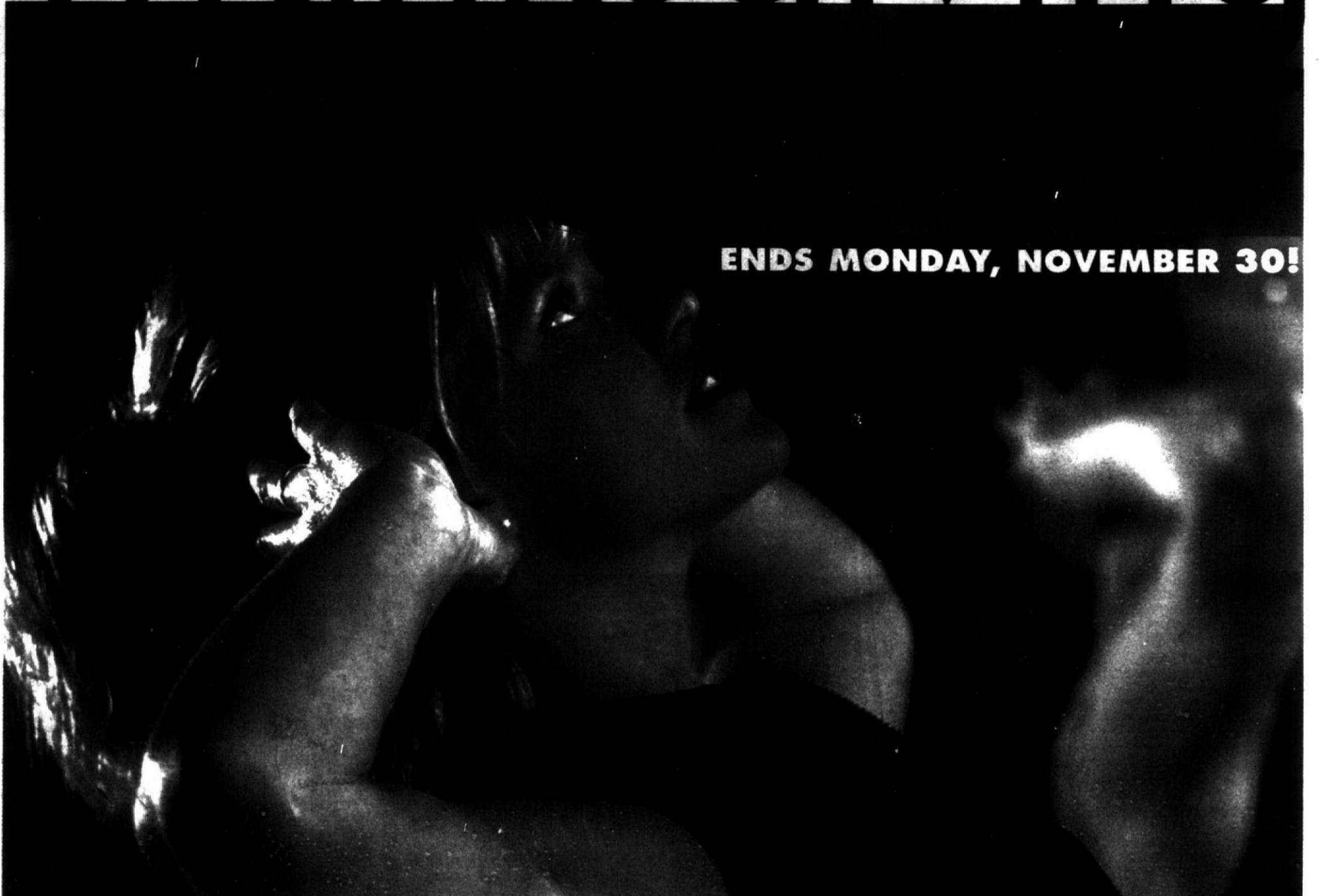
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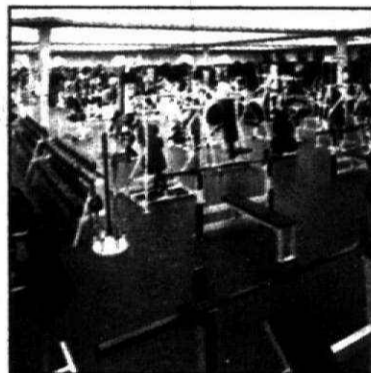
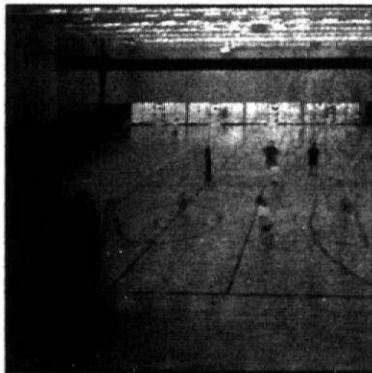
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul," makes a historic first appearance 8 p.m. with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$30, \$50, \$75, \$125 and \$150, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



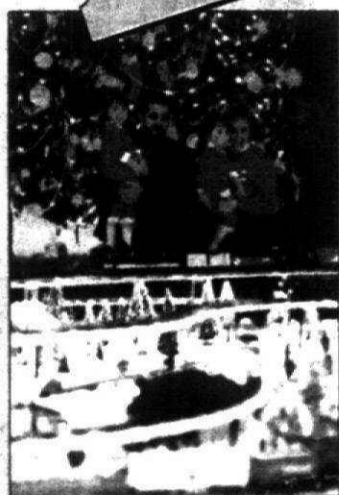
New Millennium Youth Theatre Company performs "The Snow Queen," by Hans Christian Andersen, 2 p.m. at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets \$5, call (248) 552-1225.

SUNDAY



University Musical Society presents "The Harlem Nutcracker," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Detroit Opera House, 26 Broadway, Detroit (corner of Madison Ave.), Detroit. Tickets \$12-\$50, call (800) 221-1229, (313) 874-SING, or (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET



Celebrate "Traditions of the Season," Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 3 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road (west of the Southfield Freeway) in Dearborn. At the Museum, visitors will marvel at a 720-square foot gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings and six toy trains pulling 75 cars over 500 feet of track. The Museum and Village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission adults \$12.50, senior citizens 62 and over \$11.50, kids 5-12 years old \$7.50, children under five free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MEADOW BROOK'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"



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Piecing together: Scenery designer Peter Hicks, right, oversees the assembly of the intricate set for "A Christmas Carol."

ARCHITECTURE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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It only seems appropriate that the story Charles Dickens claimed he laughed and cried over like no other would require the staging synchronization of a Swiss watch assembly line.

For Meadow Brook Theatre set designer Peter Hicks, Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" translates into 17 pages of densely filled blueprints, a large-scale hydraulic-powered turntable that reveals a two-sided, unfolding set and enough ersatz fiberglass bricks to build a small mansion in the rolling hills of Rochester.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Meadow Brook Theatre initiated the holiday season with the opening performances of their 16th annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

Amazingly, the production hasn't grown tiresome over the years, largely due to Charles Nolte's lively adaptation, the intricately magical set designed by Hicks, and the

WHAT: "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, adapted by Charles Nolte

WHEN: Through Sunday, Dec. 27. Performance times vary, call for information.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester.

TICKETS: \$25-\$30.50, call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316 for group tickets. Special discounts Thanksgiving weekend, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29, adults paying full price may purchase half-price tickets for children age 12 and under.

1840s period costumes created by Barbara Jenks who counts more than 1,000 wardrobe pieces in "A Christmas Carol."

Before the curtain rises

Only the agonizingly agnostic and terminally crusty haven't read or watched a version of Scrooge's conversion from a greedy sinner to benevolent patriarch.

But long before the illusion of 19th-century London streets, the

sniveling Scrooge, and the suffering Cratchits make their way onto the Meadow Brook stage, the architecture of the play must be constructed.

"The physical plan of the set must serve the play and the director's interpretation," said Hicks. "And in our case, it must also fit the tight confines of a former recital hall."

Back in 1982 when "A Christmas Carol" was first performed, the guest designer hadn't planned on the set being used from year to year.

By the late 1980s, Hicks redesigned the set and the reconstructed carousel hasn't stopped turning. The play is unquestionably the most popular in Meadow Brook's history.

From year to year, "A Christmas Carol" attracts thousands of students and young families to the Wednesday-Sunday matinees over a six-week run.

"Before the curtain goes up, there's a few moments when the audience should be getting information from what's on the stage," said Hicks.

In those moments, audiences see a set seemingly pulled from a Currier and Ives painting, and hear costumed carolers in the hallways.

Time of joy

While most productions of "A Christmas Carol" borrow sappy Disney-like interpretations, Meadow Brook's holiday classic is perhaps more gritty, and closer to Dickens' bitter-sweet original tale.

And if anyone wants to see the closest dramatization of the real-

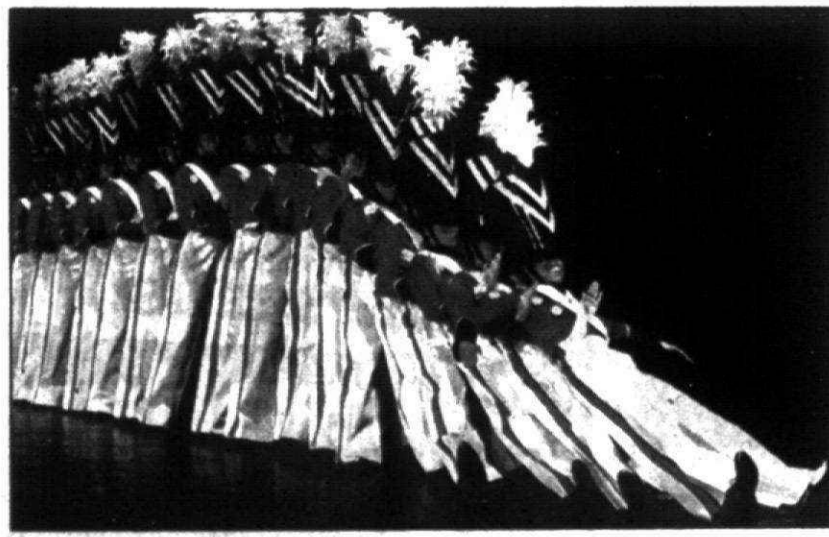
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Hung up: Barbara Jenks, costume coordinator at Meadow Brook Theatre, stands amid the hundreds of costumes prepared for "A Christmas Carol."



HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Christmas comes early for local dancer - she's a Rockette



Holiday tradition: With military precision, the Rockettes perform their popular toy soldier dance.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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It's safe to say that Tracy Rysdale is thrilled about being a Rockette in this year's "Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring The Rockettes."

"Living in Michigan, I grew up going to the Fox (Theatre) and seeing the ballet with my parents. This is not only a dream to be a Rockette but to be performing at the Fox Theatre. It's an absolutely beautiful theater. It's overwhelming but very exciting," Rysdale explained.

With non-stop enthusiasm, Rysdale tells of the thrill she gets performing as a Rockette. Since she was a child growing up in White Lake Township, she has dreamed about becoming a part of the team.

"I've wanted to be a Rockette since I was 7 years old. I didn't have a lot of flexibility when I was younger. Everyone else could do the higher kicks and



Song & dance troupe shares Chinese treasure

Birmingham Seaholm High School plays host to an appearance by the Chinese National Song & Dance Troupe 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The program "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" features Tibetan and Mongolian dancers.

Gang Chen of Rochester Hills, an engineer with Chrysler, is the chairman of the organizing committee for the program and general secretary of the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit.

Chen said the company features 27 dancers who perform 17 dances in a two-hour program.

"We are extremely pleased to bring a true national Chinese treasure to the Metro Detroit area," said Chen. "We hope that the show will bring our audience a richer Thanksgiving holiday season."

The company is making stops in New York City, Columbus, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Phoenix, Albuquerque and Honolulu.

"This December they have been invited to perform at the UN in New York on Dec. 25 and the company has arranged to appear in 20 cities in the U.S.," Chen said.

The dancers will be accompanied on traditional instruments.

"Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" will feature a mix of group and solo as well as modern and traditional folk dances. The Golden Drum and the Goddess, for example, describes how a Tibetan Buddhist uses a golden drum as a ritual object in temple ceremonies.

"The dances reflect the people's happiness, prosperity and feelings, dreams and desires," Chen said.

The Drum Dance features a group of male dancers wearing small bells on legs and waist who dance rhythmically to the beat of sheepskin drums.

Zhouma is the Tibetan word for fairy and is the central character in a dance featuring a female solo with a group of male dancers in which Lady Zhouma attracts the attention of the young herdsmen.

Odzer is Tibetan for "light" or "fire." In this female solo performance the dancer expresses the hope that "light may eternally shine on humankind."

In addition to Tibetan and Mongolian dances, the program features other folk dances as well.

The Rainbow Sleeves dance is a Tu nationality dance featuring all women and centers on the seven colors of the rainbow, a prominent feature of the

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"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes"

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 27 Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

TICKETS: Range from \$10-\$52.50. For ticket information, call (248) 433-1515, visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or any Ticketmaster outlet. Groups of 20 or more should call (313) 965-3099.

PERFORMANCES: Several performances are scheduled, call for more information. This week's shows are 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

the splits. I was the one that couldn't do it. But I said one of these days I'm going to be a Rockette," Rysdale said.

A 1991 Waterford Kettering High

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Center features festive holiday events

From youth theater, Judy Collins, to Gemini, there are lots of entertaining ways to celebrate the holidays in Southfield.

Youth Theater
The New Millennium Youth Theatre Company will perform Hans Christian Andersen's beloved fairy-tale "The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 at the Millennium Centre, 16600 J. L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$4 for groups of 10 or more. Call (248) 552-1225.

Members of the New Millennium Youth Theatre Company, who come from all over metro Detroit, have been rehearsing since September. They will put on a show your family will remember for years," said Chris Guyotte.

Judy Collins
Judy Collins will perform a holiday concert at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 per person, and available by cash or check at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, at the main reception desk, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or at the Parks & Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road 5-7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster ticket centers, or call (248) 645-6666.

The Golden Mushroom is offering a special pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. before the Judy Collins concert. The dinner is \$25 per person and begins with chilled chicken smoked chicken breast on mixed field greens, red wine vinaigrette, crumbled blue cheese and avocado.

Diners can choose between two main courses - smoke-roasted beef tenderloin with roasted garlic whipped potatoes, grilled vegetables and wild mushroom gâteaux, or bronzed Atlantic salmon on lemon risotto with artichokes and tomatoes.

Dessert will be chocolate French flourless torte with strawberry sauce and mint cream. Call the Golden Mushroom (248) 559-4230 for dinner reservations.

In this concert, Collins will share her joy of the holiday season. Her concerts are well-known for creating a warm, enjoyable evening filled with traditional and new songs for Hanukkah and Christmas. She will be accompanied by the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Robert A. Martin.

Her recordings of "Both Sides Now," "Amazing Grace," and

"Send in the Clowns," stand as classics for all time. Her 24 albums have sold millions of copies and have been certified gold and platinum.

Gemini
Internationally acclaimed children's folk singing duo, Gemini, will appear at the Millennium Centre in Southfield 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 for their annual Family Holiday Concert.

Winner of multiple Parent's Choice awards for their recordings, Gemini will perform songs from around the world and showcase the holidays of Christmas, Kwanza and Hanukkah as well as many cultures.

The Ann Arbor based twins have been performing and recording for more than 20 years.

Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for groups of 10 or more, call (248) 552-1225.



Holiday classic: Booth Colman performs as Ebenezer Scrooge and Stephanie Kosmicki (left) and Joel Carpenter alternate the role of Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol."

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School graduate, Rysdale tried out three times in San Francisco and Las Vegas before being asked to join the troupe.

"The first time I auditioned I walked into the audition really, really wanting the job. I got psyched up too high. I wasn't prepared for the disappointment," she explained.

But she did have enough confidence to give it another go.

"If you're ready to give up after one audition, you shouldn't be in this business. I knew it's just timing and just a matter of them seeing me and knowing that I wanted the job. I even heard of one of the line captains in the past who auditioned seven or eight times before getting hired."

The auditions, she said, were rigorous.

"They were very, very military. There were at least, I'd say, 150 girls there and they teach you a routine in two seconds and you have to pick it up as quick as possible," Rysdale explained.

The dancers were judged on a variety of categories including accuracy, how fast they learn the routines, and the strength of their backgrounds.

"That's all in a matter of four

minutes. You have to look very confident, be confident in ballet, jazz and tap, and look like you are enjoying yourself. You're nervous and you're scared but they also have to see that you want to perform and that you want the job," she said.

"We have new renditions of some of the numbers. We've switched some of the choreography. Overall, it's a Christmas spectacular."

The show involves a lot more than the trademark kicks, she added.

"The kicks are always the big thing for most people. But there is so much more to this show. You have to be disciplined to be able to mirror all 18 girls. You don't have your own style. The only style you have is your face," Rysdale explained.

"I hate to use the word 'military' but it is so military. There is no style. You can't just add a couple heads or a couple hips ... they're so particular. For this dance you have to have your thumb back, the next step you have to have it forward. They say if it's uncomfortable, you're doing it right."

One of the biggest challenges for Rysdale is working with props.

"You have to have a back-

ground in ballet, jazz and tap but you're also flipping wreaths and holding up canes, dancing on props, tapping with boxes and twirling sticks," she said.

"Never in my life have I ever worked with a prop. These things are 10 to 15 pounds each. I'm using muscles I never thought I had."

When she's not rehearsing for "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" starring The Rockettes, she teaches master classes at her former studio, The Dance Place in Waterford.

"I tell the girls, don't give up and don't think that you're not good enough. You are. One day it will be you. They're all going to auditions now so they know it's a hard business. But you have to be strong."

After the "Christmas Spectacular" ends its run, she will return to her position as line captain in Reno, Nev.

"I'll probably do that for another year. But I'll leave my schedule open for the next 'Christmas Spectacular.'"

"It's so much fun. I was telling my mom my feet are tired, everything aches. But I can't wait to do it again tomorrow."

After all the actors have been fitted and the costumes were neatly pressed, Jenks handed over responsibility to two dressers. For now, she'll join Hicks to begin work on Meadow Brook's next play, "Scotland, Scotland," scheduled to open in mid-January.

But neither will be far from the holiday celebration occurring on stage.

"This is a time of joy," said Jenks. "A lot of old friends come to the production, and a lot of people who might not be in any of this season's plays come back and do 'A Christmas Carol.'"

In theater, that's the closest thing to running like clockwork.

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life Scrooge, there are no better performances year after year than Booth Colman's.

Often forgotten by audiences is Dickens' stinging indictment of the perverse consequences of "progress" at the onset of the Industrial Revolution.

"If we wanted to be more historically correct, there'd be more rags and less beauty," said Meadow Brook costume coordinator Jenks, who redesigned the wardrobe two years ago.

More jewel-tone colors have been added to the current production, said Jenks, whose design for Meadow Brook's opening play, "Merry Wives of Windsor," merits the highest recognition for the year's best costumes.

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Seven of their ethnic costumes. Eleven dancers personify a rainbow of colors, seen so often on the grassland of Qinghai plateau.

The dance Flowers and Youth in a Han Chinese dance "to express the true meaning of love, through a composition of gentle, graceful movements."

Tickets for "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" are \$20, \$30 and \$40. For more information, call (248) 852-1886 or (248) 649-9844. Seaholm is at 2436 West Lincoln Road.

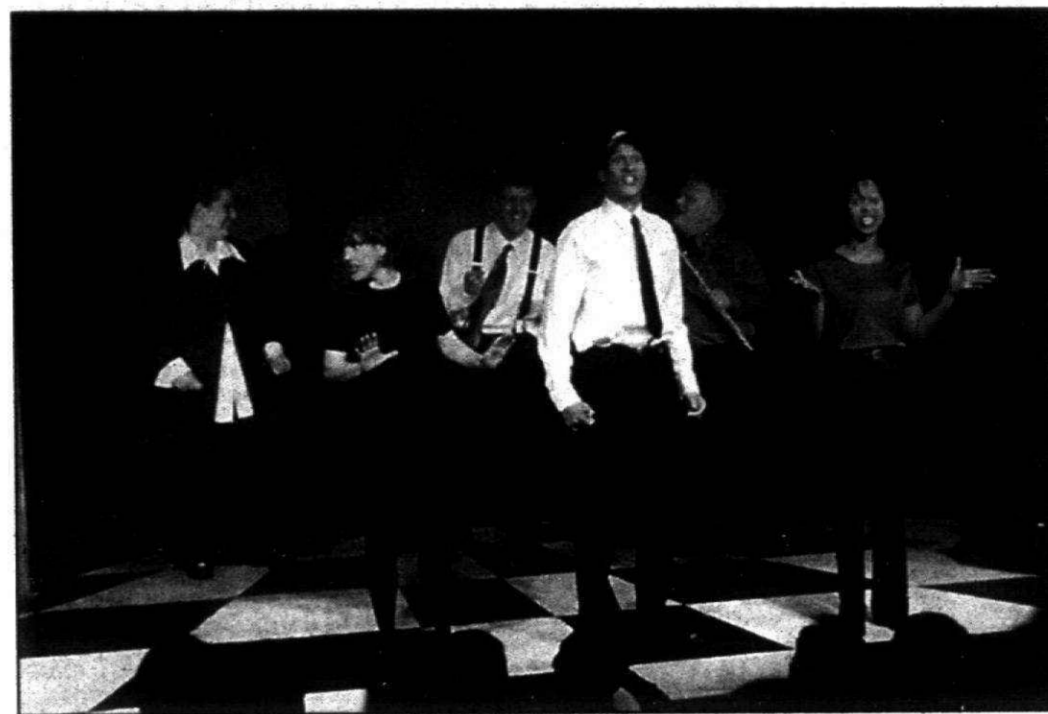
Second City marks 5th anniversary with new revue

BY KELLY WYGONIK
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Irreverent as ever, The Second City-Detroit celebrates its fifth anniversary with "Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend," their 14th live-comedy revue.

In typical Second City fashion, the show, which opened Thursday, has nothing to do with Daimler or Chrysler. It's edgy in spots, the kind of comedy that makes you think, and disappointingly, a little offensive.

When will comedians get it - the f-word isn't funny, and because it's so over-used, doesn't even have much shock value. So why use it?



Main Stage: The cast of Second City-Detroit, (back row, left to right) Margaret Exner, Eric Black, Larry Campbell, and Mary Jane Pories (front row, left to right), Keegan-Michael Key, and Nyima Anise Wood in "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend."

Opening day at the brand new Tiger Stadium, same old Tigers, score 0-14, could have been played a lot of different ways. Larry Campbell and Keegan-Michael Key were funny as the sportscasters with their running commentary and commercials - "Down River Ale, if you're gonna go down, go down smooth." The scene where Eric Black slaps (hardly a tap) Mary Jane Pories, "you're so annoying I had to hit you" was upsetting. Pories in the skit is Kate, the friend of newcomer Nyima Anise Woods who divorced Black and finds herself sitting next to him at the Tiger's game. Upon discovering his ex-wife's newly acquired knowledge of baseball, Black is smitten, and wants to get back together. Kate and Margaret Exner are her girlfriends who run interference.

I suppose they were exaggerating to bring light to an issue, but you can take things a little too far. Maybe that was the intent. Seeing someone slap a woman on stage, no matter how lightly, is disturbing. It was just a little too real to be comedy.

That's not all. There's more sexual innuendo in this show than other shows, sometimes aimed at homosexuals. Like the

slap, they're cheap shots - not very creative when measured against previous revues.

Fans will enjoy repeat performances of popular skits from previous shows. The Lawn Guy (Key) returns to help poor Miss Angela (Woods) who's African American and lives in Birmingham, sort of racial issues. "I don't feel black enough," she says. "Eight Mile seems really wide." This is what Second City does best, take a charged issue like racism and diffuse it to make their audience think.

If you're stressed at work, you'll enjoy the skit where

"Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend"
What: The Second City-Detroit's 14th live comedy revue
When: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sundays, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs an improvisational set, free of charge, after every performance Wednesday through Sunday (after 10:30 p.m. Show Friday-Saturday).
Tickets: \$10 Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, \$17.50 Friday, and \$19.50 Saturday. Call (313) 965-2222, or (248) 645-6666.
Holiday Highlights
■ **Accidental Terrorist** - A multi-media master class production, directed by Larry Campbell - 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29; 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Tickets \$4, call (313) 965-2222.
■ **Homeless for the Holidays** - A dysfunctional seasonal revue (Second City Detroit Workshop Production) - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1; and Monday, Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Tickets \$8, call (313) 965-2222.

Woods, Pories and Key, downsize everyone else out of a job - "although you will always be part of our extended family. The only thing is, the staff doesn't get it. 'If we're not working here, then where are we working?' We need to know so we can be there in the morning."
There's a new spin, an Affirmative Action sequence where Black and Campbell lament, "No one's hiring white guys."
TV is cleverly pictured as "evil and sucking the life-blood out of us," and President Clinton (Campbell) and his wife Hillary (Exner) share a joint and conversation on the White House roof.
There's a lot of really creative animated humor such as the video game skit where Bill Clinton (acting like a video game character complete with robotic moves) goes to battle with Linda Tripp. Kenneth Starr, and

Changes made by producer, Rico Bruce Wade are apparent. The cast finishes the skits they start. There's more emphasis on relationships between men and women.
In a clever move, just before the ending, each cast member stops, and comments on unfinished business. They hurry up, go back into character to complete the scene.

Stagecrafters' 'The Heiress' awakens from sleepy 1st act

"The Heiress" continues through Sunday, Nov. 29 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, with additional performances 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. Tickets \$10 and \$12, all seats reserved, call (248) 541-6430.



Main Stage production: Aunt Lavinia (Jeanine Matlow of Farmington Hills, left to right) chaperones the courtship of Catherine (Robin Johnson of Farmington Hills) and Morris (Tony Castellani) in a scene from "The Heiress."

Held? "Someone must love me," she declares. "Someone must tell me he wants me."

Her new brother-in-law's cousin Morris (Tony Castellani) eagerly applies for the job. This oily cad, having gone through his own inheritance, sets his sights on Catherine's, and it seems there's not much he's unwilling to do to get it, short of

breaking into a chorus of "On the Street Where You Live."

To her father (Pat Reid), Morris' motives are "pitifully clear." Catherine, as expected, is dazzled by their first kiss, and succumbs to his quick proposal. Is Morris' love true? Will father cut her off if she marries him? How much of herself is Catherine willing to sacrifice to meet

the expectations of others - or can she summon the courage to tell the world where to go?

Robin Thomas is a woeful caterpillar and an even more glorious butterfly, her metamorphosis a superb accomplishment. Like her Venetian crystal so desired by Morris, Thomas' Catherine is delicate and easily shattered, yet durable and, yes,

beautiful in ways that her self-motivated relatives and suitor can't see.

Pat Reid's Dr. Sloper is the living embodiment of every Victorian-era portrait. Have you ever seen a smiling face in one? You won't on this man, either; his bitterness is so deep it stays with him right into the grave. Reid plays the doctor as your most intimidating college professor, only he happens to be your father, too. There are some things one cannot give to others; one cannot give eyes or understanding if they have none." Yes, sir-may I go now?

Tony Castellani is a wolf in chamois gloves. His Morris skulks outside the hen house licking his chops, even winning over the doctor's two sisters, sympathetic, somewhat-vacant Aunt Lavinia (nicely played by Jeanine Matlow) and no-nonsense Mrs. Almond (Linda Hammell, a five-foot tornado who'd make Carrie Nation a wimp).

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GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800

JET
"Resident Alien," an intercultural comedy of love and acceptance by Stuart Spencer, Wednesday, Dec. 2, Sunday, Jan. 3, at the theater, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"A Christmas Carol," Saturday, Nov. 21, Sunday, Dec. 27, at the theater, 825-836. (248) 377-3300

"MUTCRACKER ON ICE"
7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 12:30-30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 students and seniors, \$28 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY
"Boom Town," Jeff Daniels' powerful drama set in a small midwestern town, through Sunday, Nov. 29, at the company's garage theatre, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, "Boom Town" is recommended for mature audiences only. \$15-\$30. (734) 475-7902

UD MERCY THEATRE COMPANY
An evening of the compelling work of the masterful Russian playwright Chekhov, through Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Earl D. Smith Studio Theatre on the McNichols Campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 students/seniors/UD Mercy employees, alumni. (313) 993-1130

UM THEATRE AND DRAMA
"Volpone," Ben Jonson's wickedly funny Jacobean comedy returns to UM stage after a hiatus of almost 40 years, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 3-6, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 student with ID. (734) 764-0450

WWS HILBERY THEATRE
"Scapin," Moliere's tale of intrigue and slapstick runs in rotating repertory to Feb. 3, at the theater, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 377-2972

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"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, begins Thursday, Dec. 3, for an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8658/(248) 645-6666

GENITIV'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
Live interactive children's theater program, "Santa's Workshop," Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6, Friday, Dec. 11, and Saturday-Wednesday, Dec. 12-23, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$9.95 for children, \$11.65 adults, includes lunch, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

WILD SWAN THEATRE
In collaboration with Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village presents "The Cricket in Times Square," the first ever stage version of George Selden's book run Wednesday, Dec. 2 to Saturday, Jan. 2, at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. (734) 763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS
ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES SHOW
Nov. 10 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75. (734) 287-2000

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Featuring 20 antique dealers of 18th and 19th century furniture, American fine art, estate jewelry, art glass, toys, lighting, books, porcelain, and primitives, free appraisals during show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 251 Merrill Street, Northville. (248) 349-8880

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FAMILY EVENTS
AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE
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MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
John Bizarre and Tim Lilly, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 26-29, Jack Mayberry and Jeff Margrett, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 2-6, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

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"The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary on the African American soldier in the U.S. Army during the years 1866-1912, through Jan. 3, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$15 children ages 17 and

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"The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary on the African American soldier in the U.S. Army during the years 1866-1912, through Jan. 3, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$15 children ages 17 and

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JOHN HARTFORD
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

PINO MARELLI
7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26 and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540. (Italian/Spanish)

DAVID BARRETT AND DAVID MOSHER
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
John Bizarre and Tim Lilly, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 26-29, Jack Mayberry and Jeff Margrett, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 2-6, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY
"Damlars are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

JOHN VALBY
7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

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DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" Conference and square dances with Don Theykyn and Don's Choice Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$7. No partner or experience is required. (248) 542-2093

OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE
"Leaving Ground," a concert featuring works Oakland University student works, faculty and guest artists, directed by Laurie Eisenhour, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Varner Studio Theatre on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$10. \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Featuring the Rockettes, 70 performers, Friday, Nov. 27, Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$22.50. (248) 645-6666

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'Enemy of the State' is thrilling and scary

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

DeMille, Hitchcock, Capra. When you want to see a movie with one of their names above the title, you know what to expect. Several filmmakers today offer that consistency of style, including Woody Allen, Martin Scorsese and Jerry Bruckheimer and Tony Scott.

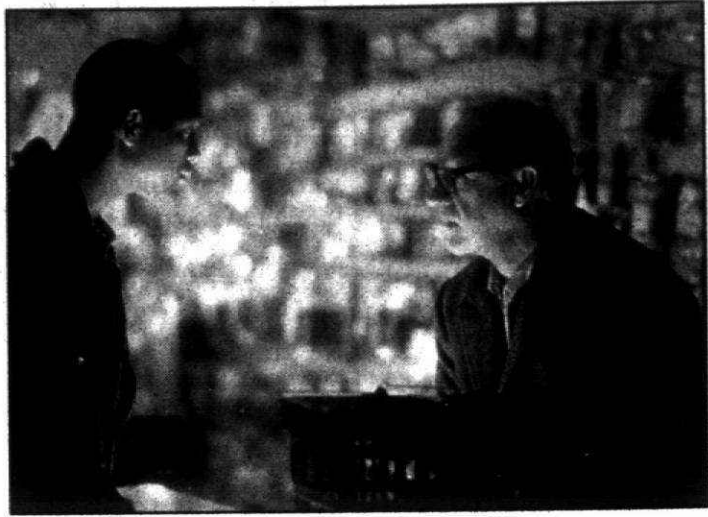
Who were those last two, you say? Think "Top Gun," "Criminal Minds," and "Beverly Hills Cop II." Bruckheimer co-produced and Scott directed them all. With their latest collaboration, "Enemy of the State," you know what to expect, and you get it. "Enemy" is not just the latest Will Smith vehicle; it's a two-hour chase scene. Take a very

deep breath when you sit down; you may not take another until you get up.

Smith—who continues to find new ways to lead the most-liked list of the movie-going public—plays Robert Clayton Dean, a Washington D.C. attorney on his way up, with a loving wife and son. During a chance meeting with an old college buddy, the man slips a Game Boy-type cartridge into his shopping bag. On it is incriminating evidence linking a corrupt National Security Agency official (Jon Voight) to the murder of a congressman (Jason Robards, in an uncredited appearance).

To get the tape, the NSA proceeds to unravel Dean's life. They use ultra-sophisticated surveillance equipment from tiny "tracers" planted in his clothes to a spy satellite 155 miles overhead to find him, access his financial and phone records and leak misinformation that gets him fired and thrown out of his house. In order to extricate himself, he must find and team up with a mysterious operative named Brill (Gene Hackman), whom he has dealt with before to gather case evidence, but only through a go-between (Lisa Bonet, oldest daughter from "The Cosby Show").

"I want credibility. I want people to know he's lying before he says it," orders Voight to his willing crew of computer geeks and former Marine toughs. "I want,"



Drama: A chase encounter with an old friend destroys attorney Robert Dean's (Will Smith, left) fast-track career when he is framed for murder. Dean's only hope to reclaim his life and prove his innocence is a mysterious underground information broker known only as Brill (Gene Hackman) in "Enemy of the State."

he says, "to get into his life." Now comes the part that makes "Enemy of the State" not only a tense thriller, but also one of the scariest movies in memory.

It has no monsters, no aliens, no wackos in goggle masks. The scary part is that all this is real. There really is an NSA, nicknamed "No Such Agency" because of its super-secret status. And these boys can do anything. They can break any lock, manipulate the media, hear your every conversation (no pun intended, but 1974's "The Conversation," with a similar theme, is still one of Hackman's best big-screen performances). With over 100 spy satellites they can even, as Hackman tells Smith, "read the time off your wristwatch." And with every order that Voight gives his people, they reply "It's already done."

So Smith goes on the run. We know so because the geeks use high-tech phrases like "He's a rabbit." There are chases through hotels, tunnels, train yards and Baltimore's abandoned Dr. Pepper warehouse. Director Scott employs what could be an all-time record for "cuts" in a major motion picture to establish the tension and never let up. The shots come at you in MTV rapid-fire fashion, but here, at least, they do so with intelligence and pace.

Smith and Hackman (who doesn't appear until an hour into the film) click like they've been doing buddy flicks for years. We

'Best of Bullfrog' CD celebrates Michigan musicians



CHRISTINA FUCIO

Jim Forner has two missions in life—to promote Detroit-area music and to raise awareness of the genetic disease hemochromatosis.

This weekend he's folding both causes into one when his bar, the Bullfrog Bar and Grill in Redford, celebrates the release of its compilation CD "The Best of the Bullfrog Bar and Grill Vol. 1: Michigan Music."

"Me and Aaron Ormanian, my partner in the Bullfrog, we just saw so much talent in the Michigan area and bands that aren't really being noticed nationally. We didn't see any bars doing anything like this so we decided to do it," Forner said.

"We wanted to broaden the scene. We think more people should be able to hear these bands."

"The Best of the Bullfrog Bar and Grill Vol. 1: Michigan Music" features music from Bridge, Gods Made Love, Robb Roy, Government Honey, Without a Face, Brotherhood, Face, Daisychain, Brilliant, and White Guys Dancing.

"The people who have reviewed it so far say a lot of them have a potential for being a national act," Forner said.

A handful of those bands, including Bridge, Face and White Guys Dancing, will perform during the CD release party at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the bar, 15414 Telegraph Road in Redford. Cover charge for the party, open to those ages 21 and older, is \$6.

"Extreme Radio," radio station WKRR 97.1 FM, along with Labatts beer, is sponsoring the event. At the event, "The Best of the Bullfrog" will be available for \$10. Afterward, it will be found at Harmony House and various independent record stores throughout town. The price will vary according to store.

The CD release party has a sobering aspect to it, however. Proceeds from the event will go to the Hemochromatosis Foundation Inc. in Albany, N.Y.

Jim Forner's father, Richard died at age 48 in 1987 during liver transplant surgery after the effects of hemochromatosis destroyed the organ. According to the Hemochromatosis Foundation's Web site: <http://www.hemochromatosis.org>, the disease is the most common genetic disorder in which excess dietary iron is absorbed causing iron accumulation in, and damage to, vital organs and joints.

Symptoms include weakness/fatigue, arthritis, abdominal pain, diabetes, heart irregularities/failure, large liver/cirrhosis, decreased libido/impotence, and a tan not due to sun exposure.

"I'm trying to spread the word about it because one in six Americans have it and people don't even know about it. That's the scary part that just came out," Forner explained.

"The good thing about it is it's treatable if you catch it in time and you're able to give blood."

One treatment, he said, is to give blood to rid the body of some of the excess iron. To help people like his father, Forner encourages people to sign the organ donor stickers that come with driver's licenses.

Forner and Ormanian waded through music by 126 local bands before deciding on the 11

that made the cut. The European-style band Brilliant, based in Ferndale, saw it as a good opportunity to increase visibility.

"When we were approached, we were not planning to release a CD due to the cost at that point in time. So the Bullfrog CD seemed like a good opportunity to get our name out on a mass-produced CD," said Stephen Villus, who plays fretless bass for Brilliant. The band, who is unable to perform at the CD release party due to scheduling conflicts, contributed the song "Never" to the compilation.

Class Music recording artists Robb Roy was one of the first groups that was approached, according to Susan Leigh of Select Management, which represents Robb Roy. The band contributed the songs "Dirt" and "Shine."

In between the songs are clips from Capital Records comedian Roy D. Mercer. The release of the CD comes just before the Bullfrog celebrates its two-year anniversary.

"Since the beginning, everything has been renovated or changed in one way or another," Forner explained. The new year will bring a full menu and a new chef.

For Thanksgiving weekend, however, Forner and Ormanian are concentrating on "The Best of the Bullfrog."

"We're real proud of the CD; the flow of it and the quality of the bands. There's a lot of compila-

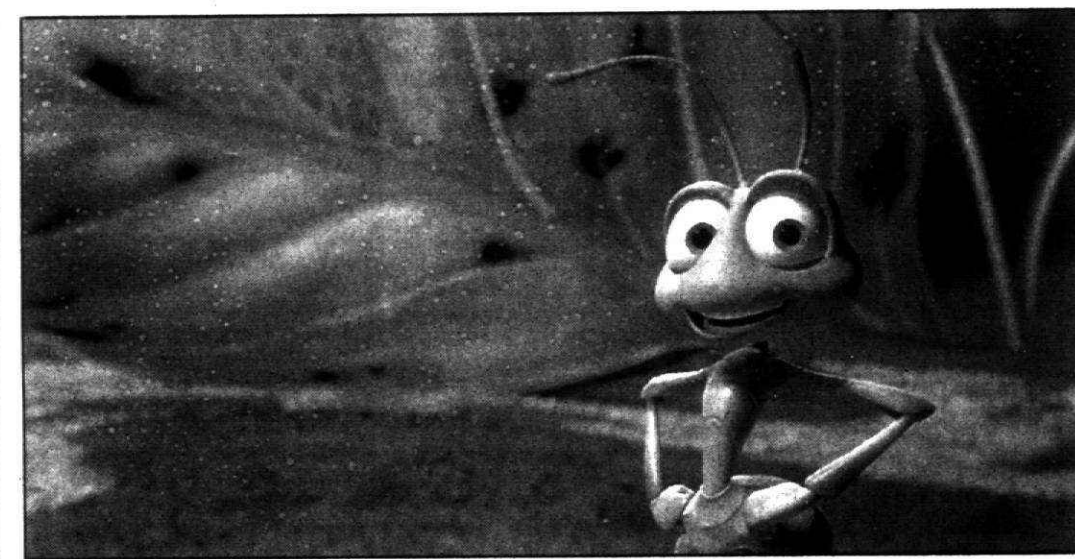
tions out right now of Michigan bands. This one you're gonna want to put it in and play it right through."

For more information about the CD or the release party, call (313) 533-4477 or visit <http://www.bullfrogbar.com>. To contact the Hemochromatosis Foundation Inc., write to P.O. Box 8569, Albany, N.Y., 12208-0569, call (518) 489-0972, or visit <http://www.hemochromatosis.org>.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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COMING ATTRACTIONS



Unlikely hero: Flik, an original thinker out of step with the rest of the more traditionally-minded bugs on Ant Island, unwittingly triggers a major confrontation with a gang of greedy grasshoppers led by the menacing Hopper in "A Bug's Life."

Just opened on Wednesday, Nov. 25

"HOME FRIES"
An offbeat comedy about two brothers obsessed with the same woman, one wants to marry her, the other to kill her. The two's lives intertwine in unexpected ways that are orchestrated by the brothers' highly eccentric mother. Stars Drew Barrymore, Catherine O'Hara.

"A BUG'S LIFE"
Computer animated comedy centering around a misfit ant as he tries to save his colony from a greedy gang of grasshoppers.

"VERY BAD THINGS"
Savage comedy about five men who turn on each other after a bachelor party goes horribly wrong. Stars Christian Slater, Cameron Diaz.

"BARE, PIG IN THE CITY"
The sequel to the 1995 hit as Babe travels to an overseas state fair to demonstrate his sheepherding abilities.

"JERRY SPRINGMASTER: RINGMASTER"
Comedy about a woman who suspects foul play between her husband and daughter, and their venture onto a famous TV talk show. Stars Jerry Springer.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 4

"PSYCHO"
A scene-by-scene remake of the 1960 Alfred Hitchcock classic. Stars Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 11

"JACK FROST"
Fantasy adventure about a man who becomes a real father after returning to life as a cooler guy than he ever imagined possible—below, freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston.

"WAKING NED DEVINE"
A comedy fable about the true meaning of fortune. Someone in a small town

'Fallen' becomes predictable

By LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Police Detective John Hobbes pays a visit to a death row convict he is apprehended for a series of murders in the opening of "Fallen," 1998 supernatural thriller.

It's not the first time Hobbes, played by Denzel Washington, has witnessed an execution. This time is different—the killer sings the Rolling Stones' "Time Is On My Side" and speaks in an ancient language.

The killer also gives Hobbes a riddle that eventually leads the detective, who is investigating copycat murders, to the death of a decorated and decorated police officer. The cases are further complicated as Hobbes figures out that the common denominator is a demon—a fallen angel without corporeal form

—that moved from the executed man through a variety of other people to commit new crimes.

An ethical man who supports his brother and young nephew, Hobbes apparently caught the demon's attention during the murder investigation. He wasn't susceptible to accepting the demon, usually by touch.

Directed by Gregory Hoblit, "Fallen" starts out as an interesting film, both in story and visual appearance. Washington gives a good performance, as does the supporting cast which includes John Goodman, Donald Sutherland and Embeth Dattner, as the theology professor daughter of the long dead police officer.

There are a couple of creepy scenes one starting in the police station—where Hobbes gradually becomes aware of what is happening and how. In another

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DINING

Festive holiday dinners offer taste of yesteryear

There are lots of ways to celebrate the holiday season. You can step back in time, and enjoy seasonal delights at these special holiday dinners.

Schoolcraft College

Ye lords and ladies, take heed! You are invited to gather of a winter night and laud the holidays with a lusty meal and a draught of fine wine. The king, his queen and court will assemble for Schoolcraft College's 22nd Annual Madrigal dinners, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12.

The pageantry begins 7:30 p.m. in the College's Waterman Center where royalty and guests dine on bounties prepared by the award-winning culinary arts department. You'll hear joyous sounds produced by members of the music department and visiting minstrels.

Madrigal Singers, under the direction of conductor Steve SeGraves, enter the hall in full costume to present the wassail and toast the season. Dinners then partake of the prime rib menu's many choices, each presented to the court with trumpet fanfare and ceremony.

Throughout the evening, the dulcet tones of Good Neighbors All provide music on period instruments, the Madrigal Singers intone the songs of the season, and a court jester amuses guests with magic and juggling.

Celebration proceeds enhance the student scholarship fund. The cost is \$35 per person, call (734) 462-4417. Saturday, Dec. 12 is sold out, seats remain for the Dec. 10 and Dec. 11 dinners.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275).

Oakland Community College

The college's annual Wassail Feast will be presented 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The cost is \$45 per person, call (248) 471-7786 for details.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Tickets are still available for an Elizabethan England Wassail Feast, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12, and Dec. 17-19 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Ave.

The evening commences with an open bar reception in the museum's Kresge Court and continues to the majestic Great Hall, an opulent setting for the candle lit tables, mimes, acrobats, madrigals, dancers and strolling museums.

Trumpets herald the beginning of the feast, and revelers are seated for a sumptuous five-

course meal that was served to nobility of yesteryear.

Highlights include a golden-crusted pork and leek pie, prime rib with Yorkshire pudding, and a finale of bread pudding with brandy sauce.

A vegetarian menu is also available. Wassail punch, a mixture of ale and other libations, is served throughout.

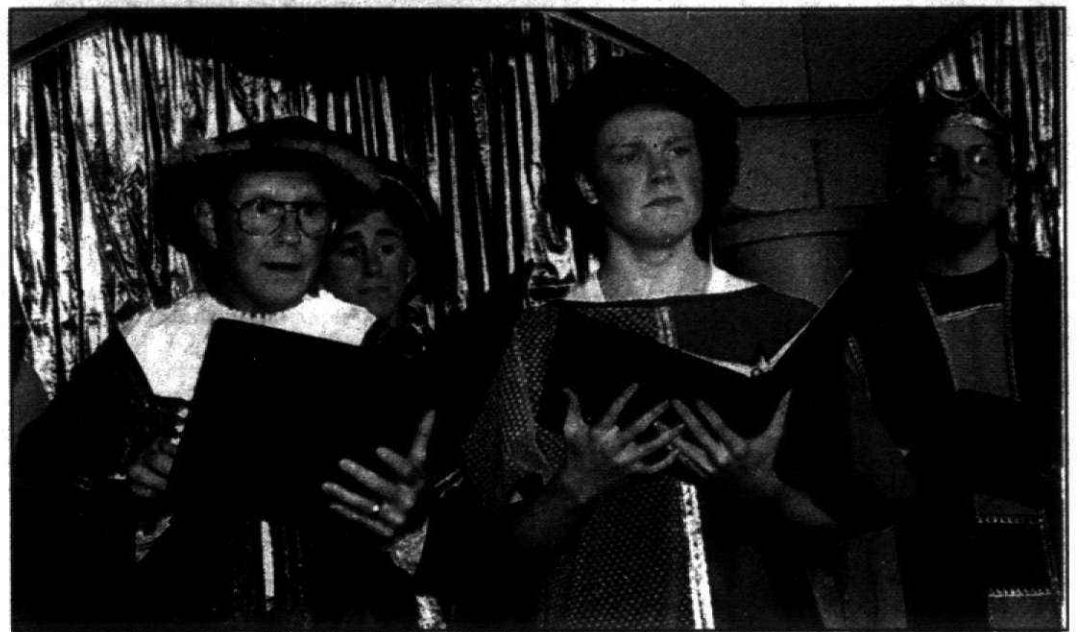
The Wassail Feast runs each evening from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each for Fridays and Saturdays; \$135 each for Thursday, as well as for purchases of 20 or more tickets.

Tickets include valet parking and are tax deductible. All proceeds support the DIA's general operating fund. Call (313) 833-4005 to reserve.

Eagle Tavern at Greenfield Village

The holiday menu at Eagle Tavern in Greenfield Village in Dearborn, offered on select nights through Jan. 2, reflects the seasonal availability in mid-19th century Michigan and is created from authentic recipes of the time.

A merry band of the area's finest entertainers will delight you and your companions with holiday song and dance. Costumed presenters will be entertaining throughout the evening. Guests will arrive at Green-



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field Village located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, and west of Michigan Ave., and drive directly to the Eagle Tavern parking lot.

Reserved seating at the Eagle Tavern is provided family style

at tables of eight, as was the custom in 1850.

The menu includes assorted cheese and crackers, corn chowder, Sliced Honey Glazed Ham, Chicken Pie, Roasted Rib of Beef, roasted redskin potatoes, and hot vegetables.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and entertainment. The evening begins with a cash bar at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 982-6001 for information and reservations.

WHAT'S COOKING

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New at Troy's Somerset Collection - P.F. Chang's China Bistro, is scheduled to open Monday, Nov. 30 at the Somerset Collection (South) in Troy. Occupying the ground floor location of the former Sebastian's, the restaurant claims to offer a unique blend of traditional Chinese cuisine and American hospitality in an upscale, modern bistro atmosphere. Hours will be Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday until midnight. Phone (248)352-7779.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro has locations across the U.S., but this is its first entry into the Metro-Detroit dining scene. Keeping reading DINING for a full feature on P.F. Chang's to learn how Asian, as in authentic Chinese, and bistro, a French notion, harmonize in this unique concept.

Van Gogh's Improv Grill, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road) offers an interactive dining theme. General Manager Stewart Sloan described the experience as one where "you will be able to choose everything you want to eat and watch it being prepared at the grill in the middle of the room. Something like The Mongolian Barbeque; only we won't be strictly Asian. We'll have a lot of choices."

Van Gogh proprietors are William Gitre and Duane Gmerek who also own Roosevelt's Billiards Bar & Grill across the street from Van Gogh. They've named Patrick Houston, formerly with Larco's in Troy as executive chef. In the future, stay in touch with DINING for a review of the menu and an explanation of the Van Gogh name.

The Golden Mushroom, 18100 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, has reopened its popular Mushroom Cellar, closed temporarily for a facelift. New carpeting with an upbeat Art Deco pattern has been installed. Wood floors have been replaced

with tile. New art work has been added and the popular gathering spot has been generally spruced up!

The same quality food and service as main floor Golden Mushroom dining is offered in the lower-level, cigar-friendly Mushroom Cellar.

Flying Fish (17600 W. 13 Mile, Birmingham) has cast off to a receptive dining audience. Wednesday evening last week saw a full house of diners enjoying the brightly-colored and remodeled interior. They were taking advantage of the "Flight Arrivals" boards announcing best catches of the day.

Birmingham's Flying Fish is different from the one at Orchard Lake and Maple Road because it has retained two dining levels from its days as Tavern on 13. Downstairs can get a bit noisy around 7 p.m., but upper-level tables afford a quieter dining atmosphere.

Common at both Flying Fish locations is lots of good food at modest prices. Dinner for two with check below \$25.

Champagne Feast - Eat, drink and be merry as Matt

Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation toasts the holiday season with the Champagne Feast. The feast celebrates the rich history of Veuve Clicquot Champagne and the flavorful cuisine of URC Corporate Chef Jim Barnett. The event will be held on two separate evenings, Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, and Thursday, Dec. 3 at Duet. Each feast begins at 6:30 p.m. Holiday revelers will savor an array of Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin selections from the rich and elegant La Grande Dame to the sweet and fresh Demi-Sec. Barnett has prepared a menu that partners the finest Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin varieties with delicate dishes. The evening features five Champagnes. The cost is \$125 per person, exclusive of tax and gratuity. Morels is at 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms, (248) 642-1094. Duet is at 3711 Woodward Ave., Orchestra Place Hall, (313) 831-3838. Call for reservations and information.

Krispy Kreme - The doughnuts Elvis Presley loved are now available in Michigan. Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

recently opened in Dearborn Heights at 4345 S. Telegraph Road, (north of Van Born).

Farwell & Friends - is decorated for Christmas.

They'll offer a holiday sing-along every Sunday at 8 p.m. beginning Sunday, Nov. 29 with live music and song sheets for everyone.

Also, they are planning their 14th annual Kid's Sing-Along with Santa 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Kids eat for 99 cents.

Farwell & Friends is located at 8051 Middlebelt in Westland. They offer a variety of dishes including chicken, steak, pork chops, and seafood. Specialty menu items include Crab

Stuffed Mushrooms, Sauteed Perch, Crab Stuffed Shrimp, and Montreal Steak Bits.

Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, (lunch), 4-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, (dinner). Call (734) 421-6990 for reservations/information.

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