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Letters to Santa

Attention, girls and boys! Christmas is almost here and you know what that means. Santa Claus is up at the North Pole waiting for letters and double checking his list to find who's been naughty or nice. The Plymouth Observer is asking children to send us their letters to Santa Claus, along with their school picture. **The deadline is Dec. 11. The letters and photos will be printed in the Dec. 24th issue,** having forwarded the letters to Santa in plenty of time. Children of all ages are encouraged to send their letters to:

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Plymouth Observer
794 South Main
Plymouth, MI 48170

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TODAY

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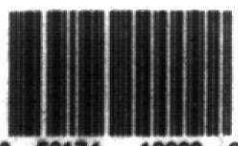
It's Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club time again!

And we want to send out a big thank-you to folks who've dropped off gifts for the needy, since we kicked off the Cheer Club drive Nov. 26.

Those folks are Courtney, Elise, and Jeffery Simpson of Canton, Emerson and Diane Coates of Plymouth, Nancy Krueger of Canton, Heather and Ryan Nimmerguth of Plymouth.

So join the Cheer Club by bringing donations of new toys and canned and boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main in Ply-

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Musical interlude: Katy Conroy holds daughter Natalie, 15 months, at far left, as the Plymouth Christian Academy Choir performs in the middle of the store. Conroy has an older daughter who was performing with the choir.

Dog's day: Trainer Debbie McPhee of the Paws With a Cause program chats with Grant Kraft of Canton. McPhee says the program trains dogs to help disabled persons with daily tasks. "Eclipse," a 2-year old English Labrador Retriever who serves with the program relaxes in the aisle.



Shopping spree

Store gives seniors their day

The Canton Target store on Ford Road held its annual Holiday Shopping Party Wednesday for area senior citizens and people with disabilities. Doors were opened from 8 to 10 a.m. exclusively for "party-

goers" and store employees offered extra assistance and acted as quasi-personal shoppers for those who had difficulty navigating the aisles.

Guests were greeted at the door with a free plant, offered

maps and information, as well as free entertainment and refreshments, and then enjoyed 10 percent off all merchandise. Free gift wrapping was then available in two locations for the special shoppers.

Teacher buyout creates district vacancies

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth-Canton school administrators are being forced to take an aggressive approach to filling teaching vacancies, dipping into a pool of eligible applicants who are also being courted by neighboring school districts.

A buyout plan which is enticing nearly a hundred Plymouth-Canton

school teachers to leave the district with \$60,000 each in their pockets has the administration scrambling to find replacements.

And, district officials say the number could go higher if enrollment continues to climb.

Lenaghan will leave the department as a lieutenant. In between he got to know the community and the other officers that served it.

"I'm very pleased with the time I spent in Canton," said Lenaghan.

The township wasn't his first law enforcement assignment.

Lenaghan worked for Bloomfield and Redford townships as an officer. He also worked as an agent for U.S. Treasury Department in its customs department. His job was to intercept narcotics at the border.

"It was very interesting," Lenaghan said.

He was eventually promoted to supervisor. But the job required a move to Miami—something he and his family weren't ready to do.

"We had made 14 moves before that," Lenaghan said.

So instead he left the department and took a job with Canton. With seven children at various ages, he said, "we were looking for some stability."

Lenaghan found that in the town

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

"We've broadened the number of colleges and universities that we'll send postings to," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel. "We also have our school Internet site, our hotline, cable TV, as well as focus on our current stu-

dent teachers."

Goldman told the Board of Education his office will know by Jan. 15 exactly how many teachers will accept the severance agreement at the end of the 1999 and 2000 school years. Thus far, he's expecting approximately 50 in each year.

"Our need for most years to replace

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Price is right at used sports equipment sale

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If the price of new sporting equipment makes you cringe, Pheasant Run Golf clubhouse may be the place to be Saturday.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., used golf clubs, tennis rackets, bowling balls and more will be available at bargain prices. The clubhouse is located adjacent to the golf course on the Summit Parkway.

"It has to be in good working order," said Canton Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates. "We won't take junk."

The township receives 15 percent of everything sold at the event. Money raised will go into the recreation department's general fund to help pay for programs.

"The most we've ever raised is about \$700 to \$800," Dates said. "It's not a lot. This is more of a service for township residents."

The equipment sale has been held for about a dozen years. Dates said

it had been at various locations until last year when it moved to Pheasant Run's clubhouse.

"We were all over the place," he added. "It was difficult for people to find us."

Residents wishing to sell old equipment must first bring it to the clubhouse tonight between 6 and 9 p.m. Dates said residents suggest prices for their own items.

"We will help with pricing if they don't have an idea," he added.

Dates figures more than 500 items will be on sale. Prices range from a few dollars to a few hundred for sets of golf clubs or larger exercise equipment such as a treadmill. Skiing equipment, golf clubs and softball bats are three common items at the event.

"Most things are under \$100. Dates said. "A lot of things go for \$5 to \$10."

He isn't sure how many people to expect for the sale.

"It's a neat event," Dates added. "We see a lot of the same people each year."

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Woman kills self at train tracks

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A 39-year-old Canton woman committed suicide early Sunday morning by throwing herself in front of a train on Warren Road.

The woman was identified as Sumi Chen.

According to police reports, Chen was parked on the shoulder of eastbound Warren near the CSX tracks between Haggerty and Lotz roads just before 8 a.m.

Plymouth resident Nathan Morland, a witness, said the woman stood about 10 yards away from her car. With the warning gates down, she waited until a northbound train approached.

Morland said the woman then jumped in front of the train just as it came to the crossing.

"I got out of my car," said Morland, who was parked on the westbound side of the road. "I didn't believe it really happened. I thought I was dreaming."

The train dragged the woman

about 30 yards but didn't stop, he added.

"I don't think they knew," Morland said. "She waited for it to get right next to her."

The 21-year-old Plymouth man ran to a nearby home and called 911. A Canton Fire Department rescue squad responded and pronounced the woman dead at the scene.

The train was stopped and examined for evidence at 12 Mile and Taft roads in Novi, police reports indicated.

Motive for the suicide is unknown. The incident is under investigation.

A second unrelated suicide occurred at about the same time, 8 a.m., Sunday. A 50-year-old Canton man killed himself with a single shotgun blast to the right temple, police reports said.

A neighbor found the man lying in his back yard. The man's wife told police he had recently been depressed.

Salvation Army seeks bell ringers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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"We could use volunteers in the worst way. The toughest time slots to fill are during the day when many people are working."

Martha Schultz,
Red Kettle coordinator

The Plymouth corps of the Salvation Army is being forced to pay bell ringers for its Red Kettle campaign because there aren't enough volunteers donating their time.

Martha Schultz, the Red Kettle campaign coordinator, said she has only 100 people volunteering time to ring bells and collect money in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. That's down from the 800 volunteers she had last year.

"We could use volunteers in the worst way," said Schultz. "The toughest time slots to fill are during the day when many people are working."

Schultz has hired six bell-ringers at \$7 an hour because she can't find volunteers to fill all the time slots between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. through Christmas Eve.

Schultz noted she does have most of her weekend slots filled with the help of Kiwanis, Rotary and Optimist clubs.

"We're looking for people to donate only a few hours of their time during this monthlong period," said Schultz. "Many people take a block of hours and split the time between family and friends."

Schultz said the ideal situation is to have all volunteers so all of

the money raised will go toward people in the community who need help.

"There's a genuine need in the three communities for support, so it's important the donations go to them," said Schultz. "The money goes towards food, shelter, medicine, rent, utilities... whatever the need may be."

Last year, the Plymouth corps, which serves the Plymouth-Canton-Northville communities, raised \$111,000 in the communities, and Schultz is hoping to surpass that mark this year.

"Some people just walk in the door and donate money. I remember last year getting a check for \$1,000," said Schultz. "It's amazing how wonderful and generous people are."

If you have a few hours to donate as a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army's Christmas Red Kettle campaign, call Martha Schultz at (734) 453-5464.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSTMAN

Chime time: Maggie Kappeler of Plymouth stands in front of the Plymouth Cultural Center Friday ringing her bell for the Salvation Army.

Cheer Club

mouth, 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 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.

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Canton couple helps keep memories alive

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Vicki Chilcoff's new Canton business, Memory Lane Scrapbook & Stamp store, began from a broken heart.

Chilcoff, who has been creating scrapbooks of memories since she was 10 years old, is saddened when she leafs through the yellowed and aged pages of books she's compiled of her children, family and that of her Northville High School sweetheart and husband, Jim.

"I put a lot of time and effort into these books and they have been ruined by exposure to the elements," said Chilcoff. "There weren't the materials available back then to keep them from deteriorating. Today, acid-free papers and albums insure people won't have to worry about their books looking like this in 20 years."

While time can't erase the tattered pages and faded mementos brimming from Chilcoff's books, she's hoping the archival quality products and supplies she sells at her store will guarantee others will be spared a broken heart.

Located at 8595 N. Lilley in the Golden Gate Center, Memory Lane offers both novice and experienced customers 1,500 square feet of products and materials, including a work area for weekly classes on scrapbooking and stamping.

In addition to the scrapbooking supplies, rubber stamp products line the adjacent wall of the store and include papers, embossing powders, ink pads, scissors and more for a variety of creative undertakings.

"People don't have a lot of time these days to spend searching through aisles and shelves for what they want," said Chilcoff. "They want to come in, go right for the item and get out."

Themed, 4-foot wide segments of the store are dedicated to occasions and events that typically characterize the nature of scrapbooks. They include symbols, holidays, seasons and activities such as weddings, vacations, fall, animals, sports, Christmas, and hearts.

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Customers first Chilcoff refers to the store as



Holiday time: The store is filled with holiday displays.

Suspects sought in Speedway gas station hold-up Wednesday

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Two men, one armed, stole an unknown amount of money and cigarettes from a Speedway gas station at Ford and Lilley roads early Wednesday morning, according to Canton Police reports.

Police said the two men entered the store between 3 and 3:30 a.m. demanding money. When the clerk said he couldn't get inside the gas station office, the armed man fired what police are describing as a 380-caliber silver semi-automatic handgun at the door handle.

The round bounced off of the door, according to police reports.

At that point, the same man began kicking the door until it opened.

Once inside, the men took cash and cigarettes. The gas station clerk, a 29-year-old Westland man, was on the ground while the men took the items.

There were no injuries. Police believe as many as four people may have been involved in the robbery. While lying on the ground, the clerk heard the two men speaking to other people.

The Westland man remained on the ground while the two men got away. It's unknown what kind of vehicle they were driving or in which direction they left.

Police have a description of the

two men. The armed suspect is noted as being 18-to-22-years-old, of Midwestern descent, 5-foot-7-inches tall and approximately 130 pounds. He was last seen wearing dark pants, a gray and black stocking cap, and a loose-fitting sweatshirt or jacket.

The second suspect is described as 18-to-22-years-old, of Midwestern descent, 5-foot-1 and about 180 pounds. He was last seen wearing baggy jeans.

Police are asking that anyone in the Ford and Lilley Road area between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. Wednesday with possible information about the robbery, call (734) 397-5344.

For your viewing pleasure Here are some new videotapes available from the library:

■ "Crime for Christmas" by Leslie Egan

Web Watch Check out these new Web sites:

■ <http://www.namesake.com>

■ <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geog>

■ <http://www.investor.com>

■ <http://www.orientalfood.com>

■ <http://www.shawguides.com>

Q & A:

Q How did the tradition of sending Christmas cards start?

A The first mass-printed Christmas cards were sent in 1843 by a wealthy British businessman to 1,000 of his friends and acquaintances. Today, Americans exchange about 2.6 billion Christmas cards per year.

The source for this information is Good Housekeeping Magazine.

Christmas mysteries Here are seasonal selections available from the library:

■ "Gone to the Dogs" by Susan Conant

■ "Hard Christmas" by Barbara D'Amato

■ "The Body in the Transept" by Jeanne Dams

■ "Nobody's Child" by Janet

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

■ "Madeline First and Second Grade"

■ "Blue's ABC Time Activities"

■ "Blue's Birthday Adventure"

■ "Dr. Seuss Preschool"

■ "Dr. Seuss Kindergarten"

■ "Arthur's Computer Adventure"

NEW BUSINESS

"customer-friendly" due to a 13-theme organizational feature she envisioned when designing the concept and layout of the store.

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Memory makers: Vicki Chilcoff (center), husband Jim and Memory Lane employee Ann Smith show ways to preserve holiday cards. Pictured below are dozens of rubber stamps that can be used to personalize items.



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WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES TODAY

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

ALCOHOL'S LINK TO BREAST CANCER

Recent research indicates that one drink daily (4 ounces of wine, 12 ounces of beer, or a shot of liquor) increases a woman's risk for breast cancer by 9%. An analysis by the Harvard School of Public Health also revealed that two to five drinks daily increased a woman's breast-cancer risk by 41% (similar to that experienced by women with family histories of breast cancer). Alcohol consumption raises estrogen levels, and high levels of the hormone have been linked to breast cancer. While one drink a week or a few drinks a month probably will not increase a woman's breast cancer risk, women should consider limiting their alcohol intake if they are at higher risk than normal for breast cancer to begin with. If you would like to take a drink after work to unwind, consider the benefits of substituting an hour's worth of exercise for that glass of wine. Weight lifting helps increase bone and muscle mass. Aerobic exercise helps burn calories and increase cardiovascular strength. Plus, exercise is a great outlet for that workday stress. Get the low down on how to maximize your health, by calling our offices, located at 1711 Monroe, at 313-565-9510 to schedule an appointment.

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which will be paid out of remaining funds from her campaign account.

McLaughlin described her race with Sullivan as a photo finish. The high number of precincts, she added, provides a greater chance for error.

"The more there are the greater opportunity there is to find an error some place," McLaughlin said.

Sullivan's margin of victory amounted to 0.1 percent out of more than 40,000 votes cast.

"If it had been 100 votes," McLaughlin said, "I probably wouldn't have done it."

Results of the recount should be in by late Wednesday afternoon. McLaughlin said she's not getting her hopes up too high about the outcome.



Melissa McLaughlin

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teachers who are retiring or leave for other reasons is generally five to 10," said Goldman. "We'll have to be aggressive because of the numbers we need and the competition from other districts."

Goldman noted his office will distribute about a thousand fliers, and he'll be sending job notices to other school districts and their teachers.

"Some of the job openings we get don't make it to the posting board because we don't want to lose any good teachers," added Goldman. "I'm sure they do the same thing. It's a dog eat dog ..."

The Plymouth-Canton district's need for a large number of teachers comes as a result of a buyout plan in the current contract. It calls for a \$60,000 payout for teachers at the top of the pay scale who want to leave. The

'We'll have to be aggressive because of the numbers we need and the competition from other districts.'

Errol Goldman,
assistant superintendent

money is paid out to each teacher over an eight-year period.

The district is hoping the end result will be to save money by replacing more experienced and higher-paid teachers with educators who have fewer years of teaching experience and are at the lower end of the pay scale.

Goldman expects to get a thousand applications, about double the number of resumes he receives in a typical recruiting year.

The district will have two recruiting periods. The first will be held from Feb. 1 to March 29.

The second period will range from May 1 to June 14.

Goldman noted the hiring process is time-consuming, taking up to 25 hours to make a decision on one teacher. That decision is made by a selection committee, which includes administrators, building principals, teachers, parents and students.

The aggressive search by the district gets a wait-and-see attitude from the Plymouth-Canton Education Association.

"We've been through this before in a previous buyout, and it turned into chaos," said Chuck

Portelli, PCEA president. "And the substitutes aren't pleased because they don't get any priority."

This is the third revision of the hiring process, and Portelli said the union was able to change the transfer deadline for current teachers from May 1 to March 1.

"If we didn't do that, district teachers would lose an advantage," said Portelli. "Now, teachers who are currently employed and want to transfer to a different school will get the first chance at interviews for any openings. If a current district teacher isn't selected by the committee, then the administration can review applications from outside the district."

Portelli tried unsuccessfully to negotiate a change in the hiring practice which would have automatically given an opening to a teacher wanting a transfer.

Foundation plans holiday event

Area residents and the business community are invited to attend the Westland Community Foundation's holiday event featuring Victorian Carolers, scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road.

The carolers will provide holiday music, and refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be

served. Admission is donation of an unwrapped toy for children to be helped by The Salvation Army. Canned or boxed food also may be brought for the Army's food pantry.

Those planning to attend are asked to call (734) 595-7727.

The foundation also is getting help this season from youngsters who created their own holiday

cards for the foundation's annual card mailing. Children from the following elementaries helped: Patchin, Edison, Cooper, Nankin Mills, P.D. Graham, Hayes and Johnson.

In turn, the foundation will donate its holiday card budget to charities designated by the children.

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Acting state Treasurer and MET Board Chair Madhu Anderson said full, limited, or community college contracts will be offered with two purchase options: lump sum and monthly purchase.

"Ten years ago the average

cost of one year's tuition at a four-year public university in Michigan was \$2,302. This year the average is \$4,385," said Anderson.

MET contract price is exempt from state income tax and the increase in value of the original contract price is tax deferred. The increased value is then taxed at the students' tax rate over the time he or she attends college. MET is not guaranteed by the state of Michigan. It is secured by the assets of the trust.

Applications are available at banks, grocery stores, day care facilities, hospitals, Rite Aid stores, Secretary of State branch offices, libraries and Treasury offices.

A nonrefundable \$25 fee is required when submitting an application.

For more information call 1-800-MET-4-KID (1-800-638-4543). Information also is available on the Web site at: www.treas.state.mi.us

'Friends' hosts family holiday event

Join the Friends of Nankin Mills and Wayne County parks staff for holiday festivities 3-6 p.m. Saturday at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Families can expect a visit from Santa Claus, seasonal games and stories, old-fashioned holiday crafts, refreshments and a tree-lighting ceremony. The craft and game

portion of the program takes place 3-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person and pre-registration is required.

For families attending after 4:30 p.m. to visit with Santa Claus and to view the tree lighting ceremony, there is no need to pre-register and no fee. All children should be accompanied by an adult.

This event has been made

possible through parks mileage funds. In the event of inclement weather, the tree-lighting ceremony will be held indoors.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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SEMCOG: State economy is 'envy of nation'

BY TIM RICHARD
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A decade ago, southeastern Michigan was the economic sick man of the Midwest, the epitome of what scoffers called "the Rust Belt."

Today the auto capital outperforms the nation and even the more diversified outstate regions.

Why? How? Who did it?

The Engler administration, says Gov. John Engler.

"Consumer sentiment" and "the many initiatives undertaken by the U.S. motor vehicle industry," coupled with the fact that this region hasn't been hurt by "military base closings and defense industry cutbacks," says a report by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Government. Economists Jeffrey W. Jones and Abel Feinstein don't even mention Engler's name, though they gave some slight credit to his property tax cuts.

Engler, re-elected Nov. 3 in a landslide, had his budget director put forth his case for a medal in the opening of his fiscal 1999

budget message:

"Since taking office in January 1991, Gov. John Engler has fundamentally transformed the fiscal and economic landscape of the State of Michigan. For years, Michigan lagged behind the nation in nearly every economic indicator."

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"Michigan's economy is the envy of the nation. Our successful efforts to reduce regulations and taxation have freed businesses, entrepreneurs and workers to create jobs, grow and prosper." (Italics added.)

SEMCOG's case

SEMCOG, in its October "Profile of the Southeast Michigan Region's Economy and Labor Market," agreed it has been "one of the great regional economic success stories of the 1990s ... a superlative ... a significant

reversal of fortune" for a region which "in the 1970s and 1980s often trailed the national economy, sometimes by a wide margin."

SEMCOG's analysis concentrates on the national market and behavior of the auto companies. Items:

■ "Consumer sentiment has, on the whole, been quite bullish" since 1990. The U.S. economy has grown at a moderate 2.8 percent annual average.

■ The motor vehicle industry "has increased output per hour by 34 percent."

■ Consumer concerns about the low quality of U.S. vehicles versus foreign cars are largely resolved. The Big Three "spent more than \$117 billion worldwide on research and development work."

■ American manufacturers targeted the light truck, van and sport utility vehicle market, "the fastest-growing segment of the overall vehicle market." By 1997 U.S. companies had captured 82 percent of the sport-ute market compared to 61 percent of the auto market.

■ Michigan doubled its exports from \$18.5 billion in 1990 to nearly \$38 billion in 1997, with "a significant share" coming from southeastern Michigan.

■ This region has been "insulated from the negative economic events of the 1990s. Military base closings, defense industry cutbacks and the collapse of over-built commercial real estate markets hurt the economies of many metropolitan statistical areas ... Defense spending does not play a large role in the region's economy, and commercial real estate was not subject to the degree of speculative excess evident in other cities."

■ Manufacturing used to be unstable. In the decade of 1979-89, southeastern Michigan lost 144,000 manufacturing jobs. In the 1990s, however, manufacturing added stability, inching up from 493,000 to 496,000 by 1997. Manufacturing work weeks rose from 42.9 hours in 1990 to 45.6 in 1997.

■ Construction has generated 20,000 jobs in the 1990s, a gain of 29 percent and triple the national average. The boom has

covered residential, commercial and industrial markets. SEMCOG credits "low mortgage interest rates, reductions in property tax rates and higher levels of transportation and infrastructure spending." (Italics added.)

■ Services added 185,000 jobs, up 15 percent during the 1990s. "Business/ management/ engineering services, health and miscellaneous services were the leaders in job creation. Wholesale and retail trade also recorded sizable gains."

■ Banking lost jobs with multi-state mergers, but real estate and insurance made up for it.

Buoyant forecast

SEMCOG's forecast was much the same as the University of Michigan economic forecast of Nov. 19-20. The southeastern corner will lead the state, although overall growth will slow.

Has the region succeeded in stabilizing and diversifying? Short answer: yes.

SEMCOG used a mathemati-

cal formula to produce a "volatility index." A high number is bad; a low number is good. The region reduced its 1990 index for executives and managers from 3.1 to 1.7; for precision production craft and repair, from 8.7 to 3.5.

Nationally, the index for executives and managers moved from 2.3 (lower than SE Michigan) to 2.0 (higher); for precision production, craft and repair from 5.8 (lower than SE Michigan) to 6.5 (higher).

SEMCOG predicts that any downturn will be less severe than those of the 1970s and 1980s. The region will face labor shortages. "The region will need to retain workers, attract needed workers with specialized skills, and encourage higher labor force participation."

SEMCOG's report is entitled "Profile of the Southeast Michigan Region's Economy and Labor Market 1997." Copies are available from SEMCOG Information Services, 660 Plaza Drive, Suite 1900, Detroit 48226; phone (313) 96104266. Web site: www.sem-cog.org

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change in this, because it violates state law," Beard said. Patterson said Democrats would cross over into Republican races and Republicans would vote in races for Democrats, "just to be mischievous."



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Man, 67, arrested in assault on wife

A domestic quarrel led to assault and battery charges against a 67-year-old Canton man Sunday.

Township police responded to a call on Lothrop at about 11 a.m. According to reports, the man hit his 61-year-old wife twice and pulled her to the ground by grabbing her hair.

The couple's adult son, who later called police, then restrained his father. Once at the scene, police arrested the 67-year-old for assault and battery. He also had a warrant against him from Michigan State Police for operating a vehicle under the influence.

Embezzlement
—Nearly \$200 was allegedly stolen from the Chuck E. Cheese Restaurant on Ford Road between Nov. 16 and 18, according to police reports.

Customer Appreciation Day set

Little Caesar's pizza stores in Canton will hold Customer Appreciation Day on Thursday, Dec. 10. Customer's can order a large, cheese and pepperoni

pizza for \$4.99 at either the Ford-Lilley or Warren-Canton Center locations from 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Retiring

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ship. He spent about a dozen years as a sergeant then moved up to lieutenant.

Running patrol shifts, firearm training and other administrative duties characterized his work as a lieutenant.

Lenaghan was often the department's liaison to the Plymouth-Canton school district. He focused on Canton and Salem high schools in helping solve safety issues.

While his duties with the department have ended, Lenaghan hasn't given up the work-a-day world. He recently became director for Livingston County's 911 services.

"I'm not ready to go fishing just yet," said Lenaghan. Fishing is exactly what Keppen, 58, is enjoying at his brand new home near West Branch. He also spends lots of time playing golf and hunting.

"I absolutely love it," Keppen said of his new community, which is adjacent to Houghton Lake. "I've been coming up here since I was a young boy. It's a slower pace. You go in town and people have time to talk."

Talking isn't something he had much time for over the last nine years of his 18 on the force.

Keppen spent those years as a detective. He handled many of Canton's high profile cases including Charles Fisher, a doctor who was eventually convicted for killing his wife in 1984.

"I always enjoyed putting away the bad guys," Keppen said.

He joined the department in 1980 as a full-time patrol officer after having spent a year as a reserve. Besides working as a detective, Keppen was also Canton's original K-9 officer.

He served in several other capacities as well. Keppen said he will miss the camaraderie of working with other officers.

"I think the biggest thing will be the interaction with the guys," he added.

Lake Lenaghan, Keppen isn't totally hanging 'em up. He said he'll do some accident reconstruction as well as other work.

"I plan on doing some private investigation," he said.

But, mainly, Keppen will enjoy his 32-acre home. "It's a dream come true," he said.



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Retired:
Lenaghan, shown here in the kitchen of his Whitmore Lake home, was often the department's liaison to the Plymouth-Canton school district. He focused on Canton and Salem high schools in helping solve safety problems. He now works as director for Livingston County's 911 services.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 24, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, Lajoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomaro, Rorabacher, Kerv, Lenaghan, Zevakink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Consent Calendar Item 1, Second Reading Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143 was deleted from the agenda. General Calendar Item 23, Establish Date for Special Meetings/Session was added to the agenda.

Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to adopt the agenda as amended. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of November 17, 1998 as presented. All ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdick, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes.

EXPENDITURE RECAP

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented.

All ayes		
Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	\$188,657.49
Fire Fund	206	12,809.73
Police Fund	207	38,179.41
Community Center Fund	208	27,576.11
Golf Course Fund	211	6,027.20
Cable TV Fund	230	11,566.00
Community Improvement Fund	246	26,624.16
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	1,358.01
Special Investigative Fund	267	7,968.66
Federal Grants Funds	274	7,046.31
State Projects Fund	289	461.90
Retire Benefits	296	12.00
Bld. Authority Debt Fund	469	27,034.10
Water & Sewer Fund	592	635,610.66
Tonquish Creek Storm Drain	804	405,733.45
Koppernick Corp Park	812	158,858.37
Beck Road Paving Const. Fund	814	8,252.89
N Haggerty (Elliot) Storm	853	141.85
N Haggerty Paving	862	195.65
Beck Road Paving	864	312.50
Recreation Checking Act	Oct.	2,312.90
Total - All Funds		\$1,566,738.45

RECOGNITION OF LT. WILLIAM LENAGHAN

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to accept the resolution recognizing Lt. William Lenaghan. All ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING: NEW CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST OF LASHISH INC.

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:15 P.M. Hearing on comments a motion was made by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to close the public hearing at 7:17 P.M. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, that the request from LaShish Inc., for a new full year Class C liquor license to be located at 1699 Canton North, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan 48187 be considered for APPROVAL. "ABOVE ALL OTHERS," it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. All ayes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to accept the report of the Board of Canvassers meeting of November 4, 1998 and to attach these minutes to the November 24, 1998 meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to reappoint Cordell Barker, Ronald Bradley and Peter Lodwick to serve three year terms on the Recreation Advisory Committee beginning January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2001. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to increase Grounds Maintenance Account #101-270-930-0000 Repair and Maintenance of Parks, by \$4,157.50 from FY1998. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve the following: Increase the 1998 Phasant Run Conferences and Seminars Account #211-756-951-0000 by \$2,000.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve special event status for ST Thomas A'Becket's craft show and permission to install signs advertising the event. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to adopt the resolution to approve the amendment to the Cherry Hill Planned Unit Development Agreement. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to cancel the Township Board Meeting scheduled for December 8, 1998 and move from a study session to a regular meeting on December 15, 1998. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, that the request to transfer ownership of 1998 Tavern licensed business located at 44938 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County from Play Louse Palazzolo and Paolo Palazzolo to Man-Pal Corporation be considered for APPROVAL. It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for capital purchases:

Income - Revenues		
Appropriations from Fund Balance	#101-000-899-0000	\$6,000
Increase Appropriations		
Finance - Capital Outlay	#101-223-977-0000	\$6,000

All ayes.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Burr Ridge Court Private Drive. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to adopt the resolution to approving Amendment No. 2 to Willow Creek PUD. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to rezone the south 3.003 acres of certain property identified by property tax EDP #042-02-0197-002 from C-1, Village Shopping to MR, Multiple-Family Residential District. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for the proposed Arden Courts. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to adopt the resolution to grant special use for a concrete recycling facility to be located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Belleville Road. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Lajoy, to table the consideration of special land use for a concrete recycling facility. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution to approve the preliminary site plan for the proposed Rolling Meadows Site Condominiums and the variances to the Condominium Ordinance. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to award the bid for computer room shelving workbench, and printer stand to Wright Line in an amount not to exceed \$9,805.77 from the 1998 MIS Budget Capital Budget Item #9-101-258-977-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to create and fill a Clerk Typist I position in the Grounds Maintenance Division to be budgeted from 1999 Salaries act #101-270-705-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to create and fill an Equipment Operator position in the Grounds Maintenance Division to be budgeted from 1999 Salaries act #101-270-705-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to create and fill a Laborer position in the Grounds Maintenance Division to be budgeted from 1999 Salaries act #101-270-705-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to award the bid for the purchase of a display board from Lacerat, Inc. 3445 Winfield, Wayne, MI for a total cost of \$6,900.50, from 1998 Police Capital act #207-301-977-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to award the bid for the purchase of two outside security cameras from ASC Security Systems, Plymouth, MI for a cost not to exceed \$9,800.00, from 1998 Police Capital act #207-301-977-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the bid for four 14" in car video cameras for the department of Public Safety from Mobile Visions 90 Fanny Rd., Bonton, New Jersey, 07004 at a cost not to exceed \$15,180.00 from 1998 Police Capital act #207-301-977-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to award the bid for the purchase of a 1999 McCoy/Miller, Type III Modular Ambulance from Goggan & Associates Inc., 15783 US 12, Union, MI 48130, for a cost not to exceed \$82,932.00 from 1998 Fire Capital Outlay act #206-336-977-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the bid for the purchase of confined space rescue equipment from Pressure Vessel Testing of Clinton Township, Michigan, Roco Rescue of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Smith Safety Products of Petaluma, California at a total cost not to exceed \$11,128.24, to be paid from the 1998 Police Capital Outlay act #207-301-977-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the agreement with Wayne County to upgrade winter maintenance on an additional 8.75 miles of roads and authorize payment of \$18,328.00 to Wayne County, budgeted from 1998 Wayne County Road Maintenance Account #101-441-950-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute an agreement with Wayne County to change the flashers at Warren and Beck Roads to a full traffic signal for a cost of \$26,300.00, budgeted from 1998 Capital Projects, Road Paving Fund #101-441-970-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to award the design and construction follow up for the Summit Parkway repairs to Dietrich-Bailey and Associates, P.C. for \$9,588.00 plus a 10 percent contingency for a total of \$10,547.00 from 1999 Summit Parkway repairs. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to approve the resolution for the American Yazaki Pedestrian Tunnel accepting the liability and maintenance jurisdiction of the pedestrian tunnel and further authorize the Township clerk to execute the Maintenance Jurisdiction Permit. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy, to waive the formal bidding process and to authorize the purchase of two computers through the State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program as part of the GIS Round 1 Project. Canton Township Utility Coverage Project through the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project from 1998 GIS Utility Coverage Project account #101-860-818-1200. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery, to award the bid for environmental cleaning of registers and duct work for the Administration Building with Cherry Hill Heating and Cooling for \$18,700.00 with a 10 percent contingency of \$1,870.00 for a total amount of \$20,570.00 and further the funds be transferred from 101-265-975-000, Capital Outlay, to 101-265-931-000, Maintenance and Repair of Building, FY1998 in order to cover the cost of the contract. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Special Incentive Award in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Debbie Zevakink. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to establish the date of a Special Board Meeting for December 3, 1998, for the purpose of a Second Reading of the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143 and any other business that may come before the Board of Trustees.

ADJOURN
Motion by Lajoy, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. All ayes.

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 24, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on December 15, 1998.

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

Published: December 3, 1998

Former Livonia educator will head Madonna international study program

The former director of global education at Livonia Stevenson High School has been named as the new director of international studies at Madonna University.

Jonathan Swift of Bloomfield Hills recently retired from Livonia Public Schools after 25 years of teaching, but now he will bring his world knowledge to Madonna.

Educated in Great Britain, France and the United States, Swift holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University, a doctorate from Michigan State University and a certificate of music from the Paris Conservatory of Music.

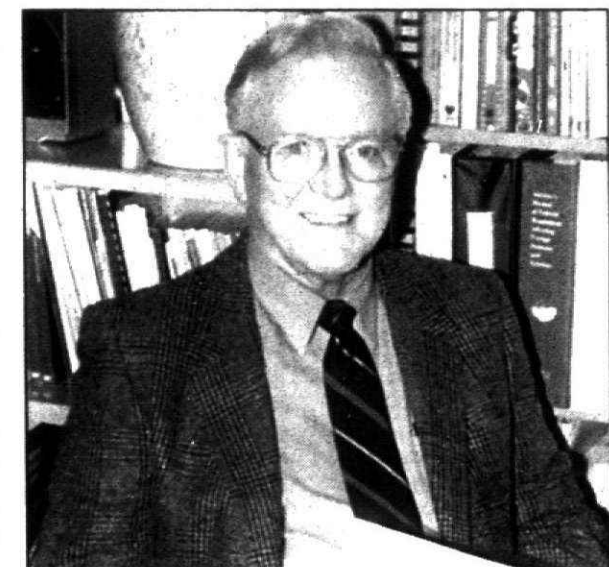
Swift has covered the globe as a singer and television personality, and is an author of several articles and reviews.

"It is a great honor for Madonna University to have a man of such extensive experience on board," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic affairs at Madonna University. "His many travels abroad will continue to expand our international studies program."

Swift hopes to create a brochure describing international programs and activities, work with Madonna's international students to recruit more individuals from their home countries, and design a faculty newsletter.

Swift would like to see more faculty, staff and students visit other countries.

"Our ideal would be to have everyone on campus have an overseas experience," Swift said.



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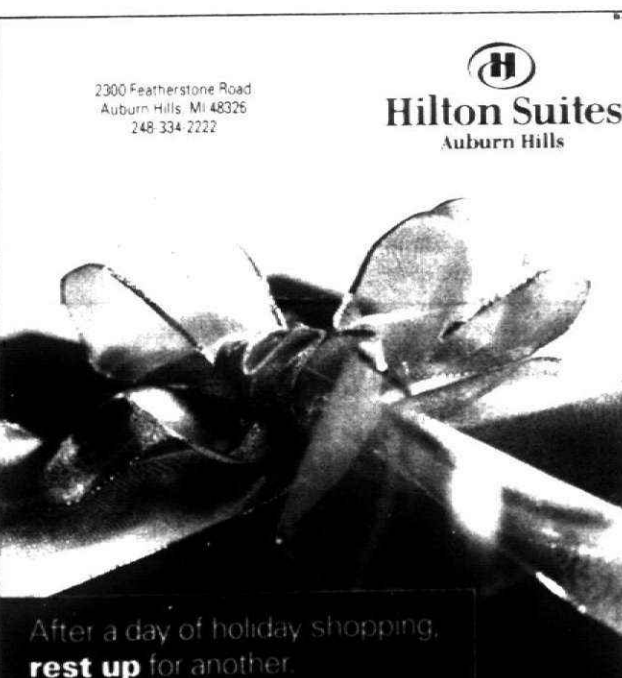
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Marines launch toy drive

Fantastic Sams family hair salons are drop-off locations for the Toys for Tots campaign spearheaded by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

Each year, thousands of Metro Detroit children have a happier Christmas as the result of the Marine Corps Reserves Toys For Tots program and the hundreds of area businesses and organizations that help collect and distribute the new, unwrapped toys.

The Marine Corps Reserve and other volunteers hope to better last year's total of 350,000 toys.

To help launch this year's campaign, several of "the few and the proud" visited local Fantastic Sams to help publicize the 51st annual toy drive for needy children. They also took the opportunity to get their trademark "high and tight" haircuts trimmed up.

Many of the Fantastic Sams franchisees will be displaying in their salon the names of those who donate toys and have drawings for gifts and prizes.

Fantastic Sams are located in Livonia, Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City and Redford.

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ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

Published: December 3 and 24, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS December 10, 1998

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern, Williams
Acceptance of Agenda

- Kevin Iddings, 44064 Gordon, Canton, MI 48187 is representing KI Construction in regard to property located at 1718 Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48187. They are appealing Article 26, Section 26.01 Schedule of Regulations. Intent and Scope of Requirements. Variance from the required 120' lot depth requirement and lot size requirement in R-5. Parcel #057-01-0518-000 (Planning)
- Douglas R. Mueller, 6642 Carlton Road, Canton, MI 48188 is representing Michigan Dehockey Center of 45109 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI 48188. They are appealing the Section 26.04 Front setback variance in L1-2 District. Parcel #71-135-01-0001-302 (Planning)
- Luigi Cerci, 45141 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 is representing Luma Building Co. for property located at 41504 Singh Drive, Canton, MI 48188. They are appealing Article 26.02N Variance from the required 30 ft. Side to side ordinance. Parcel #71-101-03-0079-000 (Building)

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 1998.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

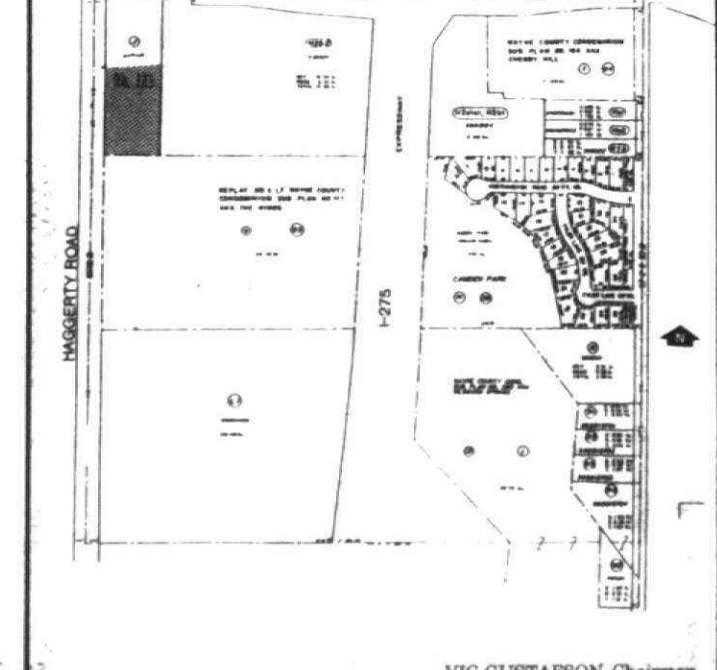
CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 4, 1999 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

TALLA FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOCAL SHOPPING FOR THE SOUTH 400 FEET OF PARCEL NO. 094 99 0007 000. Property is located on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Haggerty Roads.

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



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A good belt Law designed to protect kids

Canton Police joined recently with other police agencies in cracking down on violations of the state's child restraint laws.

It's part of a nationwide program called Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children. Some 5,000 agencies are participating. The crackdown will continue periodically during the next year.

A leading cause of death among children is car crashes. In fact, six of 10 fatally injured children are unbelted, and three of those killed would be alive today if they had been in child restraints.

Following child restraint laws is an important way to protect children in an accident.

Whenever we see someone on the road and it's apparent that their children are not properly restrained because they are standing up looking out the back window, we wonder what those parents could possibly be thinking. But, then again, they must not be thinking.

There's really no excuse, except laziness,

for not making sure children are properly secured in the car. It's better to take precautions before a crash than live with a fatal mistake afterward.

The state has laws designed to help protect children. Here is a recap of our laws concerning child restraints:

■ Children age 1 or younger must be restrained in a child safety seat facing backward, regardless of where they are riding.

■ Children 1 to 4 have to be in a child safety seat if they are riding in the front seat. If riding in a back seat, they must either ride in a safety seat or wear a seat belt.

■ Children 4 to 16 have to wear a seat belt regardless of where they are riding.

■ Anyone 16 or older must wear a seat belt if riding in the front.

We hope the police crackdown helps in saving lives. After all, it's up to parents and guardians to protect their children, and if they don't, they need a firm reminder of their responsibilities.

Get serious - MEAP matters

Game time is over. Enough 11th-graders have skipped the state tests. They've acted out their rebelliousness and thumbed their noses at the principal. Now it's time for state and local officials, parents and students to get serious.

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program high school proficiency tests have a serious purpose. It is to make sure kids do more than sit in a classroom X number of hours; it's to make sure they learn what they need to function after graduation as college students, as workers and as citizens.

It's no secret that some high schools in Michigan have been diploma mills. That's why the state designed proficiency tests in math, reading, writing and science. Setting the standards, during years of work, were employers, college admissions people, school officials and parents.

Instead, only 16 percent of Farmington students, 24 percent of Clareville students and 40 percent of Plymouth-Canton students took the tests last spring. That's compared to less than 50 percent of students in Livonia and 80 percent in Garden City. In Wayne-Westland, nearly all juniors took the tests.

The tests are here to stay. Michigan is not going back to the days of local standards. Michigan's tests have won high praise both from Michigan's educators as well as Dr. Willard Daggett, the New York State internationally known guru of teaching for real-world employability. Daggett warns against "naysayers" who would sabotage state testing.

Daggett notes that a major goal of MEAP high school tests has been to emphasize multiple problem solving rather than one-step calculations and memorization. Another goal has been to integrate academic disciplines rather than test them in isolation.

In particular, Daggett praised the communications tests (reading and writing) for "requiring the complex cognitive skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation within real-world problem situations."

So why doesn't the state just pass a law requiring able-bodied kids to take the MEAP proficiency tests? In part it has to do with the Headlee amendment to the state constitution that requires the state to pay for anything it mandates. In part it has to do with right-wing paranoia about any kind of state require-

ments.

What can everyone do to make sure kids take the proficiency tests?

■ The state should provide timely feedback. Tests are taken in the spring and results should be available the first week of school. Local school districts have their final shot at helping students in the senior year. This year, test results weren't released until after the November election.

■ Ensure that individual results are being shared with parents.

■ Although the test is still too long and more work must be done, we hesitate to suggest any major overhaul. There must be some continuity of results, so districts can have useful longitudinal data for North Central Accreditation and for state mandated school improvement process.

■ The state must do a better job explaining the test. The booklet currently used to interpret the results is very confusing to even experts in testing.

■ The state and local districts should deal with parents' - yes, parents' - fear of this test. Parents fear that it will hurt kids for jobs and for college. The Legislature could adopt the House bill, languishing on the agenda, to require college officials to consider an applicant's MEAP test scores.

■ The Legislature could have adopted the amendment, rejected by the Senate, requiring that a high school senior wishing to take vocational courses in a voc-tech academy or community college, to have at least minimal passing scores (level 3) on MEAP tests.

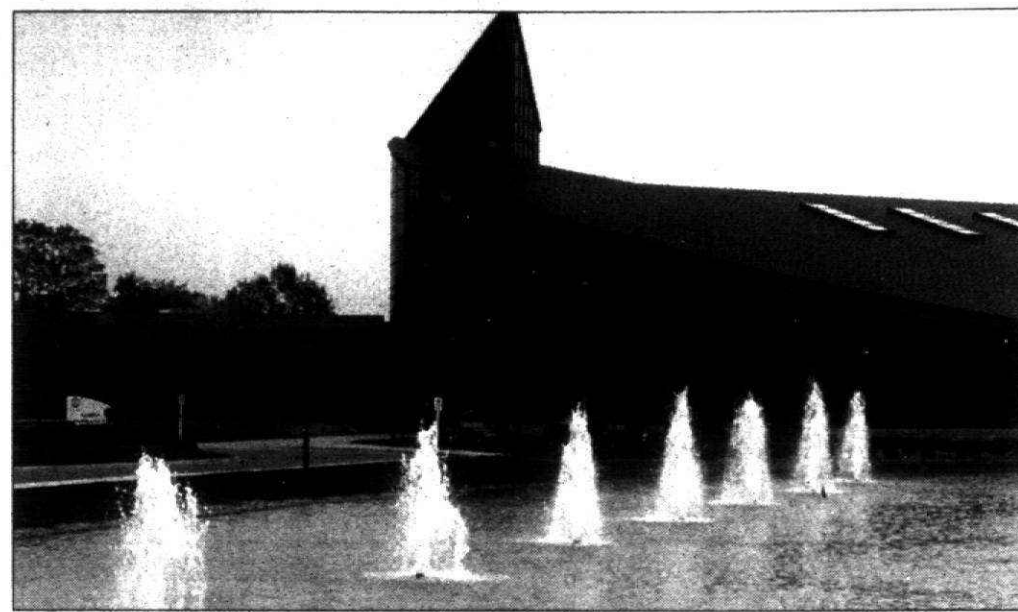
■ School boards could exercise their "local control" by printing test scores on diplomas.

■ At graduation time, school boards could award colored tassels on mortarboards or colored stoles to graduates who passed MEAP tests.

■ Parents could and should refuse to let kids "opt out" of MEAP tests. They need to make kids realize that the educational system can't function unless there is accountability; that the schools themselves can't evaluate their own effectiveness without accountability; that meeting and, hopefully, exceeding state standards should be a source of personal satisfaction.

Game time is over. MEAP high school proficiency tests are here to stay.

Changes planned at the Summit



FILE PHOTO

Reorganization: Canton Township will take over booking, sales and marketing at the Summit on the Park banquet center. The township will add two full-time positions and also solicit bids for a new food service provider to replace Oakland County-based Cregar Enterprises, which has handled food preparation at the Summit since it opened in 1995.

LETTERS

Kudos for Cregar

Your recent article concerning the banquet operating changes in food service at the Summit on the Park (Canton Observer, Nov. 29, 1998) leads me to emphasize the following:

■ Cregar Enterprises' staff have assisted numerous individuals and groups in planning and successfully executing a variety of functions and events.

■ Cregar consistently prepared and presented food of distinction.

■ Cregar Enterprises and Canton had discussed a change in operating responsibilities prior to Cregar's decision to focus on its Oakland County business.

■ Canton's assumption of the booking and promoting functions is intended to more aggressively promote the Summit to community groups, businesses and other organizations.

■ Cregar Enterprises and Canton are committed to a seamless transition of the Summit's banquet and event service.

■ Canton's administration was pleased with the service provided by Cregar Enterprises and would strongly recommend their services to others.

The Canton administration extends our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Cregar Enterprises staff for establishing the Summit's outstanding banquet and event reputation.

Thomas Yack
Canton supervisor

Tim and Barb Kilgore
Canton

Source of help for stutterers

We applaud your Oct. 4 article, "Stutter support," and your efforts to shed some light on this complex disorder affecting over three million Americans.

However, your readers should also know how to contact an excellent nonprofit source of help, the 50-year-old Stuttering Foundation of America.

We provide a nationwide resource list and accurate information on stuttering compiled by the leading authorities in the field of speech pathology.

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Jane Fraser
president, Stuttering Foundation of America

Remember the children

As the holidays are upon our community we would like to once again thank the entire Plymouth and Canton community and especially the students and staff at PCEP for their continued love and support that has been shown to our entire family since the death of our son, Mike Kilgore.

I would like the community to be aware that Congress has passed Resolution 193 declaring Dec. 13 as National Children's Memorial Day. This day calls upon the people of the U.S. to observe the day in remembrance of infants, children, teenagers, and young adults who have died.

Dec. 13 is also the day of the second annual Compassionate Friends World-Wide Candle Lighting. On that day candles will be lit at 7 p.m., in every time zone in memory of all children who died, producing a light that will encircle the world. As candles burn down in one time zone it becomes 7 p.m. in another, creating a 24-hour memorial. Light a candle to remember a child you knew.

Thank you again for your love and support. May you as a community have a safe and blessed Christmas. May you always remember Mike and keep our family in your thoughts and prayers. Keep him in your heart and his spirit will live with all of us.

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GWEN DIETRICH

ing camp in Traverse City. I couldn't believe my luck to have won the complimentary package provided by Sugar Loaf resort, the Detroit Red Wings and WNIC radio.

But why me?
I am an avid hockey fan but there had to be something more to this - a reason I had won. Something even more special had to come out of my winning.

I've been very fortunate in my life. I am blessed with talent as an artist and have the physical and emotional ability to pursue what I love.

Suddenly, I knew. I would give two of the tickets to someone less fortunate.

I contacted Kevin Vaughn, marketing manager of the Detroit Red Wings, to discuss my plan to find a child, a little boy or girl, who has great love for the Wings and who has either a terminal illness or a life-threatening medical condition.

Kevin loved the idea, although he cautioned that a child with such a condition would probably not be able to travel to Traverse City. If that were the case, he said the Wings would donate a couple of sets of tickets to home games.

But I had hope. I knew it would work out.

Days later, Kevin called with good

news.
"You're not going to believe this," he said, "but we just received a fax about a 4-year-old Traverse City girl, Courtney Bailey, who has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair. Courtney loves the Wings and would like to meet them."

I was overjoyed. I could be instrumental in granting this little girl's wish.

Not only would Courtney meet the Wings, but mom Dawn and dad Don would be along to experience Courtney's joy.

The plan was set. We met Kevin at the arena shortly before game time.

Tomas Holmstrom and Anders Eriksson were the first to emerge from the locker room and greet Courtney.

Imagine the excitement of a little girl who watches every game and wants to skate like the Wings do, especially Steve Yzerman.

Courtney is unable to take part in many activities, but she is able to enjoy horseback riding as part of the physical and occupational therapy she receives five days a week.

Doug Brown was the next Wing to make Courtney's dream come true. At first, she didn't recognize him because he wasn't wearing the red and white uniform, so Brown went to the locker room to put on his jersey. He returned with Sergei Fedorov and a hockey stick as a souvenir.

Next, Joe Kocur stopped to say hello to Courtney. He left briefly only to return with a hockey stick, which he autographed for her.

Wait, it gets even better. Who should be next out of the locker room bearing a hockey stick he would autograph for Courtney but Kris Draper?

The Red Wings and I and Kevin Vaughn had succeeded in creating magic for this little girl who couldn't stop smiling as she looked down at the three hockey sticks placed across

Public service really meant something to Don Thurber

Don Thurber's funeral last Saturday was at old Christ Church, on East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, close by the Renaissance Center.

As an Episcopalian and a sucker for ritual, I was deeply moved by the traditional, rolling liturgy and by the concrete symbols of faith so deftly melded together. The hymns, the stained glass shining in the warm sun, the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah," the bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace." Ritual, I think, provides the emotional content that separates everyday events from significant acts.

Funerals, certainly, are significant acts, but-terwrest rituals designed to promote a healthy grieving and to stimulate the celebration of a worthy life. And nobody I know had a more worthy life than Donald M. D. Thurber.

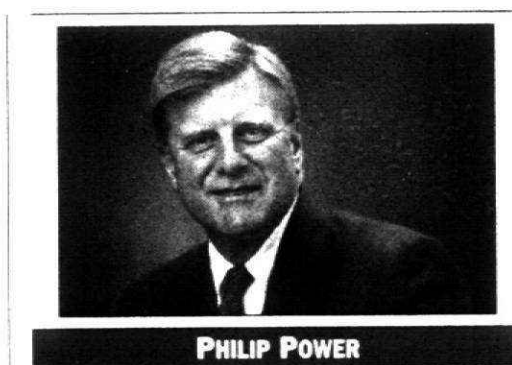
Descendant of a family that lived in America since the 17th century and in Michigan since 1825, Don Thurber was truly a blueblood from a distinguished family. He attended Detroit University School and graduated from Harvard, where he forged friendships with John F. Kennedy, his classmate, and Sargent Shriver, his roommate, who would go on to marry a Kennedy sister and be the first director of the Peace Corps.

Don's career was in public relations and fund raising. His firm, PR Counselors, was one of the best. After he retired, he was chairman of the board of directors of Blue Cross/Blue Shield. But his love was public service, a blazing commitment that lasted his entire life.

When President Kennedy asked him to raise money for the National Park Service, he established the National Park Foundation that recently raised more than \$1 million to refurbish Isle Royal National Park. He was a key fund-raiser for the restoration of Orchestra Hall and the building of the Center for Creative Studies. He was executive assistant to U.S. Sen. Blair Moody, a consultant to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall and an adviser to Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson. He was a regent of the University of Michigan.

I remember years ago going to his home in Grosse Pointe - elegant, tasteful, discreet - for a party to introduce Richardson, then considering a run for president to the movers and shakers of the Michigan Democratic Party. It seemed as though everybody who was anybody was there, drawn by Don's infectious enthusiasm and prodigious web of acquaintances.

Don was a member of a remarkable and



PHILIP POWER

small group, mostly men, members of distinguished families who felt to their bones the obligation to use their talents in disinterested, valuable public service. It seems as though their stature and standing freed them from the ego needs that cheapen the careers of so many, liberating them to devote their talents to benefit their entire society.

National examples abound, beginning with John Kennedy and Elliot Richardson, both Don Thurber's friends.

Two Michigan models come quickly to mind: G. Mennen Williams, six times elected governor and the founder of the modern Democratic Party, was a blueblood, an heir to the Mennen toiletries company fortune. William G. Milliken, the son of a distinguished Traverse City retailing family (Milliken's Stores), is still revered to this day for his sane, thoughtful moderation.

In a famous passage from "The History of the Peloponnesian War," Thucydides, the ancient Greek historian, relates Pericles' Funeral Oration: "We are lovers of beauty without extravagance, and lovers of wisdom without unmanliness. Wealth to us is not mere material for vanity, glory but an opportunity for achievement."

Don Thurber did not quote Pericles in the funeral service he designed in the few weeks after he came home from the hospital to die. But he would have recognized it as a touchstone of his own life and philosophy.

I grieve Don's passing, not just because I was lucky enough to be a friend but also because his death diminishes yet again a small group of valiant, productive citizens of our state.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@online.com.

POINTS OF VIEW

Area woman makes girl's Red Wing dream come true



Wish fulfilled: Courtney Bailey, a 4-year-old Traverse City girl with cerebral palsy, got a free trip to the Red Wings training camp, thanks to Canton resident Gwen Dietrich. Here Courtney gets friendly with Joe Kocur.

the arms of her wheelchair.

We all enjoyed the rest of the evening watching the Wings, but the game could not compare to being a part of making this child's dream come true to meet her Red Winged heroes.

Shortly after returning home, Dawn sent me photographs of our eventful evening and a mug I will

cherish forever. It read:

"A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

I cherish Dawn's note to me even more.

"Thanks for coming into our lives," she wrote. "Courtney is still talking

about the players."

Courtney underwent surgery in October to lengthen the muscles in her hips. Her right hip is almost dislocated.

I am grateful to have been given the chance to brighten the life of this child.

Gwen Dietrich lives in Canton Township.

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"We asked this question at the Plymouth and Canton post offices."

"It think it will be pretty cold. The Mountain Ash trees had a lot of berries on them this year."

"I would bet it's going to be a mild one with the way it's started. Maybe towards the spring it will be colder."

"I don't think we're going to have much of one at all."

"I think it'll be a real cold one. Last it was mild so I think this year will be a lot worse."

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OBITUARIES

RUTH EMMA CAMERON

Services for Ruth Emma Cameron, 86, of Plymouth were Nov. 28 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

She was born on March 6, 1912, in Detroit. She died on Nov. 26 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Westland community from Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Malcolm R. Cameron. Survivors include her two sons; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

PHILIP PENGLASE JAMES

Services for Philip Penglase James, 90, of Canton were Nov. 30 in St. Michael Lutheran Church with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1907, in Detroit. He died on Nov. 25 in

Novi. He was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church. He was a supervisor.

Survivors include his daughter, Marilyn (Robert) A. Barrick of Canton; one son, Richard (Anita) D. James of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister, Mary Grace Adams of Grosse Pointe; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 S. Sheldon, Canton, MI 48187 or Karmanos Cancer Institute, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

KURT THRUN

Services for Kurt Thrun, 75, of Ypsilanti were Dec. 1 in Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel, Ypsilanti. Burial was at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

He was born on March 23, 1923, in Berlin, Germany. He died on Nov. 28 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He served in the German Afrika Korps during World War II. In 1953, he married Kathryn Loessel in Munich, West Germany. He immigrated to Ypsilanti in 1953. He was a

leader in the travel industry. He opened the Travel Center in Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn Loessel in November 1990; and his daughter, Tanya Sue. Survivors include his five sons, Thomas (Joy), Timothy, Todd (Julie), Tab and Troy (Karen); two brothers, Lothar and Ernst of Germany; and three grandchildren, Scott, Travis and Victoria.

MARY MAGDELENE RIDDLE

Private Services were held for Mary Magdelene "Charlie" Riddle, 84, of Crese, Calif., formerly of Plymouth. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Park.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1914,

in Kentucky. She died on Nov. 27 in Emanuel Hospital in Turlock, Calif. She moved to Michigan at the age of 4. She graduated from New Hudson High School in 1933. During World War II, she worked on the line at Willow Run. After the war she moved to Livonia and worked for Daisy Air Rifle in the shipping department. She worked for the Plymouth school district from 1962 until she retired in 1978.

Survivors include her son, William Riddle of Ceres, Calif.; two grandsons; and one great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due on December 1, 1998 and payable through March 1, 1999 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the City Hall lobby next to the Treasurer's office window. The DROP BOX outside the Library building, located on the east side of the building, next to the book returns, is also available. National City Bank (the former First of America Bank) Plymouth office will also accept tax payments for your convenience through March 1, 1999.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas holidays from Thursday, December 24th through Friday, January 1st. The Treasurer's office **WILL BE OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS** and other payments on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th.**

TERESA CISCHKE, CMFA
City Treasurer

Publish: December 3 & 6, 1998

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1998
REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL
FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
FOR TOWER AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Tower Automotive, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a 66,366 square foot addition to their existing facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan. The request includes the cost of new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures.

The request of Tower Automotive, Inc., is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 453-3840 X 224

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NEWSLETTER PRINTING/PROCESSING

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently accepting bids for the printing and processing of quarterly newsletters for a Two (2) year period commencing January 1, 1999. Request for Proposals may be obtained at The Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Sealed bids can be delivered to the Office of the Clerk by December 4, 1998 no later than 3:00 p.m.

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1998

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 1998 at 7:00 P.M., in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Brownie book drive
benefits First Step

Members of Brownie Troop 1572 know the thrill of owning their very own books, and they wanted to make sure other children don't miss out, either.

Recently, the Brownies conducted a book drive to benefit First Step, an agency that offers assistance to victims of domestic violence in Western Wayne and the Downriver Wayne areas. These third-grade scouts papered Hoben Elementary with posters and asked other classmates and families for help. As a result, Troop 1572 collected over 200 new or slightly used books for donation to First Step.

Another 100 books in good condition were also collected for donation to local doctors' offices.

The book drive for First Step culminated during National Children's Book Week. This annual celebration of children's literature traditionally occurs the week before Thanksgiving and is sponsored by the Children's Book Council, a non-profit trade organization dedicated to literacy among children.

Troop member Katie Hagen summed it up this way: "Books are fun. Every kid needs a book of his own."

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Thursday, December 3, 1998



JACK GLADDEN

Child's play: Who's got right stuff?

It's an American tradition and it starts the day after Thanksgiving. Shoppers hit the malls, looking for bargains, and the women of WAND station themselves outside the Toys 'R' Us store in Southfield, protesting Power Rangers, GI Joes and other toys that they claim promote violence among children.

Animal rights activists stage demonstrations in front of fur stores, participating in what the activists have labeled "Fur Free Friday." Attorneys general and other law enforcement officers issue their annual warnings about scams for bogus charities, a campaign the Oklahoma attorney general calls "Operation Santa Fraud."

And a variety of "public interest" groups issue dire warnings about toys that they claim are designed to cause damage to both body and soul. Welcome to the beginning of the Christmas season in America.

Most of these campaigns are well-intentioned (or at least they started out that way), but after a time they begin to get a bit tiresome. And sometime it's difficult to distinguish between looking out for "the public interest" and just being a group of organized busybodies.

Please see GLADDEN, B2

Film production is a Dore-ing job

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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As a University of Michigan student, Bonny Dore was always on the lookout to earn an extra buck, whether it be as a narrator at the North American International Auto Show or as an actress in television commercials.

The opportunity arose for her to appear in a Maxwell House Coffee advertisement. While she was preparing for the role, the Royal Oak native had an epiphany.

"They handed me a script, and it was incomprehensible," Dore said. "In the past, I had fixed things quietly. But this time I went in the bathroom and I rewrote it. I just couldn't say those words."

"I came out and had it memorized. When I said it, he (the director) looked at me and said, 'That's not what the script said. Who wrote this?'"

Dore confessed: "OK, you can fire me. I did it in the bathroom. I'm sorry. I just couldn't say those other words."

His response was quite different from what she expected.

"He looked at me and said, 'I'm sorry. They pay people to do that. You did a really good job. This is terrific.' I had a little epiphany that maybe being an English professor wasn't what I wanted to do."

Acting on the tip, Dore gave up her fellowship in English and began work on a master's degree in film at University of Michigan. Since her days as a teacher for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, she has produced the "Schoolhouse Rock" educational series, the children's television show "Hot Fudge" and television series and movies.

Her work paid off in September when

Dore was awarded the Women in Film Founders Award at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel in California.

According to the Women in Film Web site, <http://www.wif.org>, Dore was given the award by Fox Entertainment Group President Peter Roth "in recognition of her efforts on behalf of the organization and paving the way for other female executives and producers."

"It was given to me not only by my peers but by the women in television; it is very special to me," Dore said via telephone from her Beverly Hills, Calif., office. "The person who gave me the award was Peter Roth. The reason

Please see DORE, B2



Kid's stuff:

Bonny Dore (left) started her career as a teacher and founder of Plymouth-Canton's WSDP radio station, but along the way to receiving the Women in Film Founders Award, she created and produced WXYZ-TV's highly successful children's show "Hot Fudge" (above).



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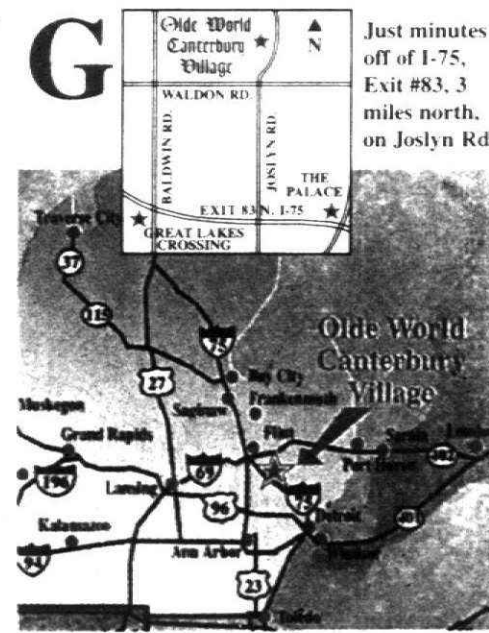
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Peter gave me the award because he started his life as my assistant with ABC. It was very, very emotional. He made me cry.

For the ceremony, Dore prepared a videotape retrospective of her career. "I showed a piece of 'Scooby Doo' in the clip and I showed a piece of 'Schoolhouse Rock.' There were so many executives who were below 35, they went crazy. It was unbelievable. They erupted," she said.

Humble beginnings
Dore was hired as a teacher for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in 1969 after earning a bachelor of arts degree in English from University of Michigan. Concurrently, she was working toward a master's in film at U-M.

"I spent my first year in the old high school and then I helped design Plymouth Salem with (then-principal) Bill Brown, particularly the mass media section," said Dore, a 1965 Royal Oak Kimball High School graduate.

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A spokeswoman for those WAND protesters in Southfield told a reporter: "There is only one way to play with these toys that we don't approve of (emphasis added) and that's violently and aggressively. I just hope parents will start thinking about the type of toys they are buying for children."

And the inventory-control manager for the Toys 'R' Us store said: "It's our job to provide the toys that consumers are looking for. It's really up to the parent to pick and choose what their child plays with."

A new direction
WAND started out back in the 1980s as Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament. As the need for such a movement waned, the organization kept going, same acronym, different words. It is now Women's Action

They set up a closed-circuit cable television station and a radio station, WSDP, which went on the air Feb. 14, 1972.

"It was a busy time, considering when I got the job, I just turned 21," she said. "I also had to teach. I was the debate and forensics coach as well. It prepared me beautifully for all this."

John Seidelman, a counselor at Plymouth Canton High School who has been with the district since 1971, described Dore as someone who has made a profound impact on students.

"Bonny Dore was a very dynamic young lady and she had a real vision for the radio program at Plymouth Salem High School," said Seidelman, who worked as WSDP's station adviser for 17 years. "If it wouldn't have been in part for Bonny's vision, WSDP never would have happened."

Seidelman has seen several WSDP alumni go on to college and work in the industry. Dore, he said, helped provide those opportunities.

Dore was manager of WSDP until mid-1973, when she was hired as a television production supervisor for the New York State Department of Education, Eastern Educational Network of PBS. She returned to Detroit to work for ABC-owned WXYZ-TV Channel 7 where she created and produced the children's TV show "Hot Fudge."

Larry Santos, the host of "Hot Fudge," was impressed with Dore's abilities.

"She initially was involved in getting me involved in the show; I always found her to be very professional and quite creative and very good working with the talent on the show," said Santos, whose "Hot Fudge" albums are available on the Novi-based Overture Records label.

At the time, "Hot Fudge" was innovative with its creative use of popular music and education.

"Back then, the idea of doing rock 'n' roll jingles as a way of teaching kids about their emotions was very, very, very new. Nobody had attempted it before," she explained.

The show was such a huge success that she was promoted to manager of children's programming for the ABC-TV network in Los Angeles in 1975. As an executive, she was in charge of working with musicians, writers and producers to create one of the most successful and memorable series of educational clips - "Schoolhouse Rock," short lessons on grammar, multiplication, nutrition, history and the bill of rights.

Dore said she was thrilled when, in 1997, Rhino Records released a series of "Schoolhouse Rock" CDs.

"It was a wonderful feeling. I just bought the CD for my niece and it was such a joy to watch her enjoy them," Dore said. "It's nice to see the work that I did 20 years ago still matters."

Prime time
From there she was named director of variety television for the ABC-TV network where Dore was responsible for all variety programming, including "The Captain and Tenille," "Donny and Marie" and "The Brady

Bunch" series. The next stepping stone in her career was serving as vice president of development and production for Krofft Entertainment from 1977 to 1981.

"I did a zillion shows; we did 'Kaptain Kool and the Kongs,' 'The Bay City Rollers.' We won two Emmys for that," Dore explained.

After opening the West Coast office of Centerpoint Productions, she and friend Leslie Greif established Bonny Dore Productions Inc. and The Greif-Dore Company in 1983. Now, she is devoted to her company.

"I've done practically everything - one-hour specials, half-hour variety series, half-hour sit-com comedy series, two-hour movies," she said.

Her work includes "Glory! Glory!" a four-hour mini-series for HBO starring Ellen Greene, Richard Thomas and James Whitmore, which is airing on the Arts and Entertainment cable station. It was nominated for six ACE Awards.

Dore's latest project is a mini-

series that will shoot in Japan. Despite that schedule, Dore made time 11 years ago to marry trial attorney Sandy Astor. She has three stepchildren, and they live in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Her friends and acquaintances at home are thrilled about her Founders Award.

"Bonny is an incredible talented person," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager. "It's exciting to see her recognized with this honor."

Dore visited the area for WSDP's 25th anniversary reunion in November 1997. She added that she was "very, very, very happy and surprised" that Keith created the Bonny Dore Founders Scholarship in her honor.

"It was gratifying that, after all those years, of the 40 students who founded WSDP with me, 27 of them showed up," she said. "They flew in from all over the country. When I introduced them, they all came up and stood with me. It was a wonderful moment. I'm extremely proud of every one of them."

Walton-Temple

Eric Alan Walton and Shelly Lynn Temple were married Aug. 8 at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. The Rev. Thomas Badley performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Ellie Temple of Canton. The groom is the son of Alan Walton and Carla Gardner, both of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the University of Phoenix, Michigan campus, as an enrollment counselor.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed at Botsford Kidney Center as a biomedical technician.

The bride asked Debbie Brake to serve as matron of honor with Julie Kozakowski, Kris Sangregorio and Tara Gatscher as bridesmaids. Emily Walton and Kyleigh Clark were junior bridesmaids. The flower girl was Amanda Temple.

The groom asked Sean Pardo to serve as best man with Robert Temple, Garry Lopez and Norm Budnick as groomsmen. Troy Lopez was the ringbearer.

The couple received guests at Fellows Creek Golf Club. A honeymoon in Cancun is planned. They are making their home in Canton.



Amanda Temple. The groom asked Sean Pardo to serve as best man with Robert Temple, Garry Lopez and Norm Budnick as groomsmen. Troy Lopez was the ringbearer. The couple received guests at Fellows Creek Golf Club. A honeymoon in Cancun is planned. They are making their home in Canton.

Powell-Hunter

LeRoy and Evadeen Powell of Gaines, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Lee, to John Galbraith Hunter Jr., the son of John and Colleen Hunter of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Spring Arbor College, where she is majoring in psychology.

Her fiancé will graduate in December from Spring Arbor College, where he is a business administration major.

An August wedding is planned at Bethel Park Free Methodist Church in Flint.



Culling-Obidzinski

Virgie Ann Obidzinski and Richard Edward Culling were married Oct. 17 in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia. The Revs. Dennis Bux and Marc Gawronski performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Leonard and Rhoda Obidzinski of Livonia. The groom is the son of Mildred Culling of Livonia and the late Edward Culling. The bride is a graduate of Wayne State University with her

bachelor of social work and master of social work degrees. She is employed as a therapist at the Downriver Guidance Clinic in Southgate.

The groom also is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of fine arts degree and of the University of Michigan with a master of fine arts degree in painting. He is employed as an adjunct professor of art at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The bride asked Claudia Lowe, Katie Paulik, Jaleen Scigliano, Jennifer Domagala and Samantha Domagala to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked David Culling, Michael Obidzinski, Eric Culling and Steve Schroat to serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at a reception at the American Legion Hall in Dearborn Heights before leaving on a honeymoon cruise of the South Caribbean. They are making their home in Canton.

Petito-O'Be

Antonio Thomas Petito and Theresa Ann O'Be were married Aug. 22 at St. Robert Belarmine Church in Redford. The Rev. Donald Walker performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Theresa O'Be of Livonia and the late John O'Be. The groom is the son of John and Peggy Petito of Hartland.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed by Oxbow Machine Products Inc. in Livonia as a human resource management service coordinator.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield as a horticulturist.

The bride asked Rose O'Be to serve as her maid of honor with Marg Steinheiser and Siobhan Groleau as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Scott Hicks to serve as his best man with



Terry Carlson and Craig Julien as groomsmen. The couple received guests at Barnstomer in Whitmore Lake before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Alaska. They are making their home in South Lyon.

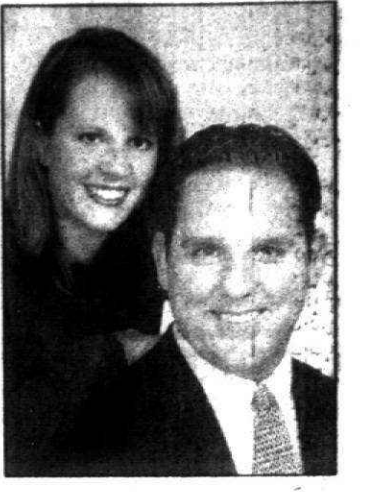
Porterfield-Marion

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Porterfield of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Jean, to Todd Andrew Marion, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Marion of Durham, N.C., formerly of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed by Kmart Corp. in Troy.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed by Reed Detective Agency in Livonia.

A March wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.



Sherman-Fontana

Andrew Robert Sherman and Cara Marie Fontana were married July 18 at the Dixboro United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Cochran performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Janice Fontana of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Harold and Mary Sherman of Ypsilanti.

The bride asked Marie Elaine Fontana to be her matron of honor with Marissa Fontana as maid of honor and Michelle Gayeski, Lisa Smith and Sandee Salzer as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Michael Sherman and Steve McGregor to serve as his best men with Daniel Kolesar, Josh Harrell and Shawn Crabtree as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Hawthorne Valley Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hilton Head Island, S.C. They are making their home in Ypsilanti Township.



Foster-Embry

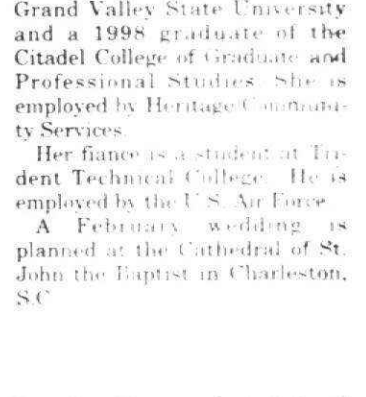
Craig P. Foster of Canton and Christine Desjardens of Manchester, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Christine, to Shawn Patrick Embry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wayne Embry of Hopkinsville, Ky.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, a 1992 graduate of

Grand Valley State University and a 1998 graduate of the Citadel College of Graduate and Professional Studies. She is employed by Heritage Community Services.

Her fiancé is a student at Trident Technical College. He is employed by the U.S. Air Force.

A February wedding is planned at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston, S.C.



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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.

BRYANT CENTER
The Bryant Center will have its second annual Christmas craft bazaar 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 2-3 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at the center, 18000 Merriman Road, Livonia. All crafts have been made by Bryant students, and money raised will benefit the student vocational workshop. For more information, call the center at (734) 425-0100.

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. There will be a bake sale, white elephant booth and raffle. For more information, call Madeline at (734) 425-3050.

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

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. Lilley, Canton. There will be more than 75 crafters, hourly raffles, bake sale and lunch. Admission will be \$1, seniors 50 cents and children younger than 12 free.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL
Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have its Treasures and Treasures, a sale of holiday cookies, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures and cutlery, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 5 at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook, Novi. For more information, call (248) 348-7757.

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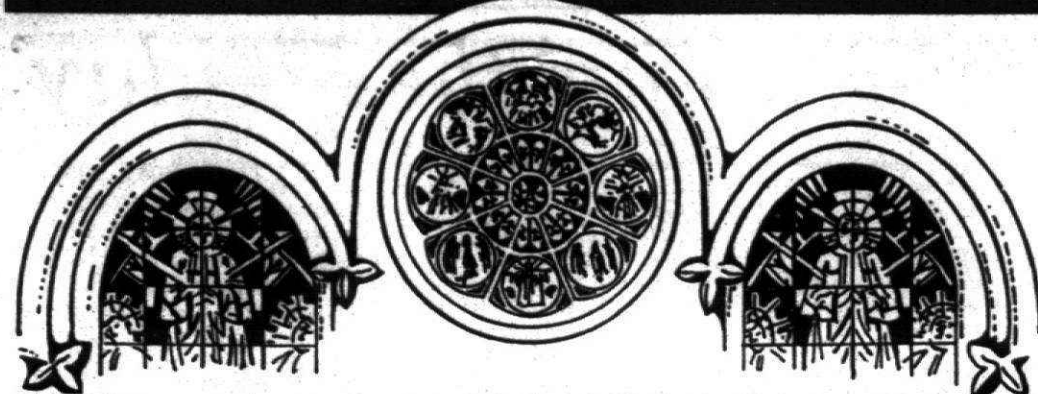
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10:00 a.m. Family Worship

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NEW BEGINNING
"Making It Through the Holidays" will be the topic when New Beginnings, a grief support group meets at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. Call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7803, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

HELPING HONDURAS
Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist Church is selling Florida fruit to raise money for victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras. Oranges and grapefruit are available by the case or half case. Oranges are \$18 per case (45 bushel), and grapefruit are \$16 per case. December orders must be placed by Dec. 3 with pick-up scheduled for 12:30-4 p.m. Dec. 13, at the school, 4295 Napier Road (between Ann Arbor and Warren roads), Plymouth. Call (734) 459-8222 or (248) 349-5683.

THRIFT SHOP
The Thrift Shop sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth has opened its new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcc@puno.com.

CHOIR CANTATA
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

GLORY OF CHRISTMAS
The children and youth of Newburg United Methodist will present "The First Christmas Present Ever" by Sherry Sanders at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the church. The children will retell the story of Jesus' birth and carols will be sung.

Family Channel to air Lutheran Hour's 'Boots'

The engaging story of a bitter shoemaker who is visited by an angel on Christmas Eve will once again charm audiences of all ages this holiday season in the classic animated television special, "Red Boots for Christmas."

Produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries, the award-winning program is set for broadcast at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, on cable's Fox Family Channel. Through the 30-minute family special, LHM hopes to deliver the "true" message of Christmas. Following the broadcast, viewers will be given the opportunity to call a toll-free number to receive a free children's storybook version of "Red Boots for Christmas."

In addition to the television special, the grumpy but lovable shoemaker named Hans and his pet cow, Aldo, also appear in full color at www.redboots.com, offering visitors an electronic storybook, broadcast information, a free book offer and information about the program.

For more information about "Red Boots for Christmas" and other programs from Lutheran Hour Ministries, visit the "Wired with the Word" at www.lhm.org or by calling (800) 442-0324.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Temple Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas program, "The Glory of Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the church, 30805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

The church also is having Advent services at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 9 and 16. The sermon topic will be "Christmas Is for Giving" on Dec. 9, while the St. Paul's Christian Day School will present "Carriers of the Light," with special music, choirs and handbells, on Dec. 16. Call (248) 474-0675.

ANNUAL AUCTION
Garden City First United Methodist Church will hold its third annual auction Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the silent auction beginning at 6:45 p.m. A live auction as well as hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages and entertainment will be a part of the evening's festivities. Tickets cost \$15 each or \$25 per couple and are available in advance by calling (734) 421-8628. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

COOKIE WALKS
St. Michael's Orthodox Church will sell cookies by the pound during its annual "cookie walk," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the church, 26355 W. Chicago Road, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Cookies will be sold by the pound, so come early for the best selection.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST
The Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council's 18th annual Advent Communion Breakfast will be 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill Road, at Telegraph Road, Dearborn. The speaker will be Yungil Cho, a resident of Raleigh, N.C., and an elder and member of the DuRaleigh Presbyterian Church. His topic, "The New Beginning," will focus on the present state of the denomination and what God is doing and wants to do to renew the spiritual vigor of the men's mission, ministry and witness.

ADVENT RETREAT
Madonna University will hold an Advent retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Founder's Room and University Chapel in the Residence Hall on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan roads, Livonia.

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BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$8 and includes refreshments. Participants should bring a hat or pair of gloves for the poor. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church is hosting "Christmas Around the World," a Christmas walk 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the church, 9601 Hubbard Ave., Livonia. Admission is free. To make reservations, call (734) 422-0494.

SILVER STRINGS CONCERT
The Silver Strings will be in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28690 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. The free concert will feature holiday music played on the lap and hammer dulcimer, guitar and other instruments. Call (734) 427-3660.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
St. John's Lutheran Church

Please see **RELIGION**, B8

CHRISTMAS MUSICALS
The congregation of Merriman Road Baptist Church will kick off the holiday season at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, with the first of three musical presentations, the Children's Department's "www.christmasonline.com."

The Youth Department takes over on Sunday, Dec. 13, with its 7 p.m. presentation of "Christmas Crossroads, while the Adult Choir has scheduled two performances of "The Father's Gift of Love" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, and Sunday, Dec. 20. The musical focuses on the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ as told by those who were present.

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Davey sparkling

Right-hander Tom Davey (Plymouth Salem) has cracked the Toronto Blue Jays' top 10 prospect list compiled by Baseball America and is on track to reach the majors in a season or two, if he continues to progress.

Davey, 25, saved 13 games last season while both starting and relieving for Double-A Knoxville in the Toronto farm system. He was 5-3 with a 3.87 ERA in 48 games, nine of them starts.

He just completed a stint in the Arizona Fall League, where teams send some of their top prospects to refine their skills.

The 6-foot-7 Davey throws a fastball in the mid-90s and is working on a split-finger to use as an offspeed pitch. He still needs command of the split-finger and greater consistency of his hard curve, but is in a position to have a breakthrough season.

Baseball America magazine said Davey has the stuff to be a dominant closer, which could happen once he completes the transition from thrower to pitcher.

Abraham honored

Amanda Abraham, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate and a freshman at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., was named Patriot League Rookie of the Week after collecting 13 points and two assists in 16 minutes of action in the Crusaders' 93-63 rout of Tulsa last week.

Abraham hit 3-of-4 floor shots and 7-of-8 free throws in the victory. Holy Cross played at No. 1-ranked Connecticut Tuesday.

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Young, but growing

New coach has high hopes for Canton program

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New coach, new beginning.

Same old results? Don't count on it.

Plymouth Canton's rookie wrestling coach, John Demsick, isn't exactly new to the program. He served as Ernie Krumm's assistant last year. And if there's one thing that can be said for Demsick, it's that he is experienced.

Perhaps his picture was spotted by some local readers in the July 28 section of Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd. Demsick was being recognized for capturing his third consecutive Masters Division title at the AAU Nationals, this one coming in the 40-and-over folk-style division. The current Canton coach also placed second in the 30-and-over folk-style division.

His knowledge of the sport, therefore, is a given. "I think (my accomplishments) 'help,' he said.

"Some of the kids don't realize how much it takes to be a national champion. It's a very difficult thing to do.

"But for a lot of them, they realize this guy has a lot to offer. Our other coaches do, too, and together we can take them a long way, if they want to come with us."

True, this isn't a team over-stocked with talent. But the Chiefs' cupboard is hardly barren, either.

In fact, Demsick needn't look any further than his own household. Last year, two of the top Canton wrestlers were Demsicks: John-Peter, who graduated after an injury-riddled senior year (he was 12-2, with 10 pins), and Rob, now a senior who led Canton with 25 wins (against 13 losses) last season. Rob is one of a handful of experienced and/or talented wrestlers his father will build this year's



Leadership roles: Two wrestlers expected to fare well for Canton this season are Rob Demsick (left) and John Pocock. Demsick led the Chiefs in match wins last season with 25; Pocock was a state regional qualifier who collected 18 victories.

team around; John-Peter is now attending University of Michigan and helping coach the current Chiefs.

Coming up the ladder is Doy, a 15-year-old freshman at Canton who will compete in the 112-119 divisions.

"We have a young team," the elder Demsick said. "There are a lot of freshmen and sophomores wrestling for us, and even the seniors only have one

year of wrestling experience."

Joining Rob Demsick, who will compete at 160 pounds, as a team cornerstone are senior Kevin Stone (145-152 pound weight classes) and junior John Pocock (135). Like John-Peter Demsick, Stone was injured early last season (he won eight matches at 140), suffering a broken ankle that required

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Druken lifts Whalers



Harold Druken offered more offense himself than the Peterborough

ough Petes could handle. Druken, the Ontario Hockey League's leading scorer, knocked in three goals and added an assist to lead the Plymouth Whalers to a 6-3 victory over the Petes at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The win kept the Whalers atop the OHL's West Division with a 20-4-2 record; Peterborough dropped to 14-11.

Druken scored his first goal on a power play just 3:21 into the game; he added two more in the second period, giving him 33 for the season. Adam Colagiacomo and Julian Smith added a goal and an assist apiece, with Jamie LaLonde also getting a goal. David Legwand and Shaun Fisher contributed two assists each.

Detroit led 2-0 after one period and, thanks to Druken's hat-trick, 4-1 after two. Two quick goals by the Petes early in the final period narrowed the Whaler lead to 4-3, but Smith and LaLonde both scored in the last six minutes to insure the win.

Robert Holsinger was in goal for the Plymouth win; he made 28 saves. Mike Pickard made 24 stops for Peterborough.

Ambassadors still No. 1

Two more wins in their weekend games assured the Compuware Ambassadors they would remain in first place overall in the North American Hockey League.

The Ambassadors improved to 18-4-1 with a 5-0 win over Team USA in Ann Arbor Friday and a 4-2 triumph over the St. Louis Sting Saturday at Compuware Arena. Five different players scored in the win in Ann Arbor

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CC claims state crown

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Put Redford Catholic Central senior quarterback Dave Lusky indoors and he reaches for his security blanket.

Strange as it seems, Lusky's most reliable receiver in the Pontiac Silverdome has become senior Derek Andersen, who

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caught one pass in nine games played outdoors.

Andersen caught a 70-yard touchdown pass from Lusky with 5:04 left to erase a 23-21 deficit and give CC its second-straight Class AA state championship Saturday afternoon, 27-

23, over Rockford.

Exactly a month earlier at the Silverdome, the two connected on a 21-yard pass on fourth down and 20 to set up the winning touchdown in a 22-15 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the Catholic League championship.

Lusky, who as a kid used trees

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Catholic Central co-captains Dave Lusky (left), Lou Willoughby (center) and Justin Cessante hoist another state championship trophy toward the Silverdome roof after Saturday's come-from-behind win over Rockford.

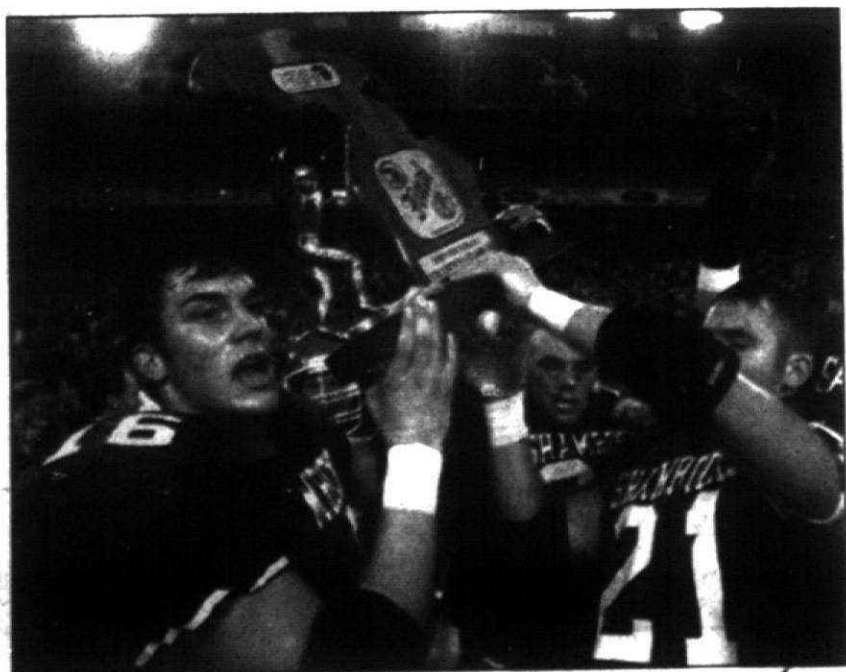


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2nd-half collapse dooms Crusaders

Good for a half, anyway. Madonna University's six-point lead at halftime of its men's basketball game at Albion College melted away quickly as the Crusaders buried the Fighting Crusaders under a 53-25 second-half point avalanche, on their way to an 85-63 triumph Tuesday.

The loss dropped Madonna to 2-5 overall; Albion is 3-1.

The Crusaders' halftime lead was largely the result of strong first-half shooting. They converted 15-of-28 shots (53.6 percent) to Albion's 14-of-32 (43.8 percent). But the Britons were not to be denied.

Led by Tim Czarnecki's 25 points on 12-of-13 floor shooting, Albion was a remarkable 22-of-27 from the field in the second half (81.5 percent). The Brits were equally dominant on the boards, outrebounding Madonna 34-21 — which included 13 offensive rebounds compared to the Crusaders' 12 defensive boards.

Michael Massey's 11 points was best for Madonna; Mike Maryanski and Narvin Russaw added nine points each and Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton) had eight. Russaw and Hurley also had three assists apiece.

Erick Shaffer and Steve Conger chipped in with 10 points each for Albion.

S'craft blasts Tyndale

Schoolcraft College coach Carlos Briggs has conducted more competitive

practices than Saturday's game against William Tyndale College.

The Ocelots got up quickly and never let down in a 153-33 bombardment of Tyndale. The win kept SC's record perfect through five games.

Six players reached double-figures for the Ocelots, who led 96-14 at halftime: Dashaun Williams with 21 points (and 14 rebounds); Quentin Mitchell with 16; Dwayne Holmes with 13; Mario Montgomery with 12; and Lamar Bigsby and Mike Murray with 11 apiece. Matt Bauman (Livonia Franklin) and David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) added nine points each.

Williams' all-around effort earned him MCCA Eastern Conference player of the week honors.

Jacob Stamm's 20 points was best for Tyndale.

"We played up to our capabilities," said Briggs. "We didn't let down. There's a tendency in games like this to let down and play to the level of the competition. We didn't do that."

There won't be any other games like this on the Ocelot schedule.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Coming up short

Poor shooting plagued both teams at Saturday's Tartar Classic women's basketball final between host Wayne State and Indiana-South Bend, but South Bend survived to post a 60-55 victory.

The Tartars, now 1-4, fell behind 32-21 at halftime and could not recover. Sarah Wanke, a junior forward from Plymouth Canton HS, was one of their few bright spots; she led them with 19 points (on 7-of-13 shooting) and 16 rebounds; Wanke also had three steals. Her efforts, combined with her 17-point, 19-rebound performance in WSU's 72-40 win over University of Michigan-Dearborn in their Classic opener, earned her a spot on the all-tournament team.

Marzolf a starter

Melissa Marzolf, a freshman at Northwood University from Plymouth Canton HS, has earned a starter's role as point guard for the rebuilding Timberwolves.

Marzolf, who started through-

Shark strike

The Plymouth-Canton Shark Attack, averaging 29 minutes a game, she leads the team in assists (4.7 per game) and is second in steals (1.9), and she ranks sixth in scoring (4.0) and fourth in rebounding (5.3).

Northwood was 2-5 through its first seven games.

Four letters

There were 15 athletes this fall season at Hope College who earned their fourth letters in their sport, and former Plymouth Canton HS standout Lance Pellow is one of them. Pellow was one of three seniors on the men's soccer team to letter four-straight seasons.

Greg Kilby, a junior defender at Hope from Plymouth Canton, picked up his third letter this fall. There were seven others who did the same, meaning the Flying Dutchmen should have an experienced group returning next season.

Used sports stuff

The annual used sports equipment sale, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will be Saturday 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. today (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

AAU hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the Oakland Lady Hawks 14-year-old girls AAU basketball team will be held 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Evans Rec Center and on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Royal Oak Township Recreation Hall.

The Evans Rec Center is on 13950 Joseph Campau, between McNichols and Davison Freeway. The Royal Oak Township Rec Hall is on 21272 Mendota.

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Call Loretta Tindle at (248) 548-8869 or Linda Tate at (313) 893-5482 for more information.

Baseball tryouts

The Michigan Yankee Rebels will hold tryouts for its 1999 Little Caesars travel team for 10 year olds and under at 3 p.m. Dec. 13 and 20 at the Sports Academy in Northville.

The team plans to play 5-6 tournaments including trips to Knoxville, Tenn., and Chicago in schedule of some 50 games.

To register or for more information call Bob Ramsey at (313) 928-5691 or (313) 562-4667.

Murray's point spree sparks Madonna to easy win over Albion

A strong first-half defensive effort and Mary Murray's superb all-around effort helped Madonna University's women's basketball team rebound from its first loss of the season to win easily at Albion College, 80-62 Tuesday.

The win pushed the Lady Crusaders' record to 5-1. Albion is 3-1.

Madonna opened up a 42-29 lead by halftime to take control. Part of the Crusaders' success was due to a defense that limited the Britons to 11-of-36 floor shooting (30.6 percent); Madonna made 17-of-39 in the opening half (43.6 percent).

Murray didn't miss much at any time. The senior forward converted 10-of-13 floor shots and 5-of-6 free throws, scoring 26 points to lead all scorers. Murray also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds, dished out three assists and had three steals.

Other major contributors to the Madonna victory were Lori Enfield and Michelle Miela with 10 points apiece; Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) with six points and 10 boards; and Carissa Cizicki

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with five points and five assists.

Kacy Davidson's 12 points and eight rebounds paced Albion; Meagan Madej contributed 10 points and seven boards.

Madonna converted 33-of-76 shots in the game (43.4 percent) to Albion's 22-of-59 (37.3 percent). The Crusaders also had a commanding edge on the boards, outrebounding the Britons 50-39.

Last Saturday at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., two unbeaten teams clashed. Rollins was the team to survive, pounding Madonna 98-59 to improve its record to 6-0.

With five minutes elapsed in the game, the Crusaders were down 16-12. That's when the roof collapsed, as Rollins put together an 18-2 run to increase its lead to 20. Madonna trimmed that deficit to 48-34 by halftime, but the Crusaders were never able to completely recover.

Murray's 13 points was best for Madonna; Enfield added 10.

Double-winner: Shamrocks blast Falcons

Redford Catholic Central's hockey team gave the school's fans more to cheer on Saturday night with a 7-0 victory over Dearborn Divine Child at Redford Ice Arena.

The win came only hours after the CC football team won its second-straight Class AA state title with a 27-23 win over Rockford at the Pontiac Silverdome.

CC goaltender Ben Dunne earned the shutout with 27 saves as the Shamrocks improved to 3-0 overall.

CC junior forward David Moss had a hat trick and sophomore linemate David Spiewak added two goals.

The Shamrocks, who led 3-0 after one period and 6-0 through two, had four power play goals.

Brad Holland and Matt VanHeest had the other CC goals.

Todd Bentley and Keith Rowe collected three assists each and Chris Morelli two. Van Heest, Ryan Yost, Nick

State champs

Lewarne, Sean McGowan and Spiewak assisted on one goal each.

"Any time you get four (power play goals) in a game, that's OK," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "They're still young, got a lot to learn, got to learn the discipline of the game."

Each team picked up 16 penalties, "which is too many," according to St. John.

St. John said he doesn't have a No. 1 line among his four but Moss, Spiewak and Bentley are sure playing like it.

"They are playing very well," St. John said. "We try to keep it as equal as possible. If you can throw out four equal lines, you wear out opponents who are only using three. We don't have a first line and if we did I'd switch it around to get equality."

A recent 6-4 win over the Red Wings Old-Timers, whose roster included Gary Bergman, Alex Delvecchio and more recent NHL players John Ogronick and Mark Hamway, helped St. John reach the 100 win mark in his sixth season as CC coach.

St. John downplayed the win because he remembers the Shamrocks' 1997 Class A state champion team getting whipped by the Red Wings Old-Timers. "I don't think (the Red Wings old-timers) had been skating that long," St. John said. "You play them in January and they'd be a whole lot stronger."

St. John, who says he's 39 but is probably a couple decades older, isn't planning on retiring any time soon.

"Now I'm working on my 200th," he said. "I'm 39 and I'm going to coach until I'm 100."

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Madonna vs. Mt. St. Joe's, 1 p.m.
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Oakland CC vs. St. Mary's JV at South Bend, Ind., 6 p.m.
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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 more 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.

ICE FISHING

Bob "Hangman" Mitchel, of Redford, will give a seminar entitled, "Everything You Want to Know About Ice Fishing," beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Steelheaders at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 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.

ACTIVITIES

GANATCHIO TRAIL

Come and explore the Ganatchio Trail, which runs from Windsor to Tecumseh parallel to the Lake St. Clair shore, during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. The event is sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Group Sierra Club. Participants should meet at the tourist information center on Route 3, south of the bridge in Windsor. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9-10 at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season runs Dec. 4-13 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11-20 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

DUCK

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules runs through 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.

GOOSE

There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE

A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

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METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permit is \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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.

SNACKS WITH SANTA

Spend some time with Santa, enjoy a snack and a hayride and sing some holiday songs during this program, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-6 and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13 at Kensington. Several sessions will be held each day and admission is by advanced ticket purchase only. Tickets are

\$5 per person. Call (800) 377-3178 to register. A similar program will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Indian Springs.

SALT DOUGH ORNAMENTS

Make your own holiday decorations with dough and a little creativity during this craft program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Kensington.

WINTER WEED WALK
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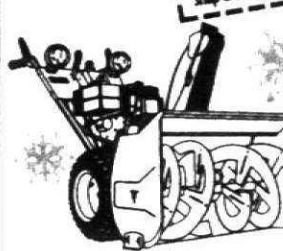
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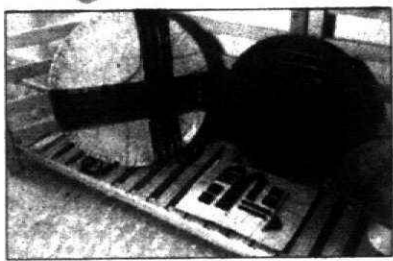
THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "A Chorus Line" 8 p.m. at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets \$12 adults, \$11 seniors and students, (313) 531-0554.

SATURDAY



You'll find a variety of gifts for everyone on your list at the third annual Village Potters Guild Holiday Show and Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 340 North Main, south of Mill St. (Lilley), behind the Plymouth Landing Restaurant, (734) 207-8807.

SUNDAY



The Michigan premiere of "Resident Alien" by Stuart Spencer opens 7:30 p.m. at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$13 to \$23, call (248) 788-2900.

HOT TICKET



Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester will delight guests of every age with "Picture Perfect Holidays" through Sunday, Dec. 6. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission for the Holiday Walk is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 13, \$6 for Oakland University affiliates with I.D., (248) 370-3140.

Noel Night

offers a wonderland of sounds and sights

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Dressed in Victorian coats and capes, Sharon Thomas and Kevin Finke take to the streets of Detroit's Cultural Center in a holiday celebration of caroling and live theater with the Festival Singers on "Noel Night" Dec. 5.

Thomas, a Waterford voice teacher, Finke of Royal Oak, and nine other members of the Festival Singers, including Thomas' husband Stephen, play 28 characters from Charles Dickens' classic tale "A Christmas Carol" with the Detroit Institute of Arts as a backdrop. They will be among the hundreds of handbell ringers and choirs joining in the event for an evening alive with singing, children's activities, a tree lighting ceremony, and horse-drawn carriage rides.

The 26-year-old tradition of "Noel Night" transforms the area into a holiday wonderland of sights and sounds, and nearly all of it is free. From puppet shows to mini dance performances of "The Nutcracker," 23 participating institutions offer an array of activities such as a Kwanzaa Card Workshop and an exhibit of dolls from around the world. The evening concludes with a community sing-along led by the Salvation Army Band.

"We love Noel Night," said Thomas, who majored in music at Oakland University in Rochester and began performing with community theaters such as the Bloomfield Players 20 years ago. "We think it's great that all of these arts and performing groups come together for this event."

Thomas, director of the 11 Festival Singers, founded the group four years ago to entertain crowds at the Dickens Old Fashioned Christmas Festival in Holly which runs weekends through December with singers, jugglers and fire eaters. In addition to playing Ebenezer Scrooze, Bob Cratchit and the Ghost of Christmas Past, members of the group sing songs from the more than 40 in their repertoire at 6:45 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. in the Detroit Institute of Arts' Kresge Court. In between belting out "Silver Bells" and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," the Singers perform Thomas' street theater rendition of "A Christmas Carol" outside on Woodward Avenue with audience participation sought for Marley's Ghost and the Ghost of Christmas Future. The Singers, age 24 to 41, hail from



Featured performers: The Festival Singers will light up Detroit's University Cultural Center with carols and street theater on Noel Night.

"NOEL NIGHT"

WHAT: The 26th annual event to ring in the holidays features carolers, choirs, street theater, dance, hands-on art, a tree lighting ceremony, and horse-drawn carriage rides. Festivities conclude with a community sing-along led by the Salvation Army Band 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Woodward Ave.

WHEN: 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

WHERE: Detroit's Cultural Center (bounded by Ferry Street on the north, Forest on the south, Brush on the east, and Cass Avenue on the west). For more information or a schedule of events, call (313) 577-5088.

■ Parking is available in the Cultural Center and Detroit Science Center lots on John R., underground garage off Woodward at Farnsworth, and Rackham parking garage on Warren east of Woodward. Free shuttles run continuously throughout the evening.

Rochester, Troy, Royal Oak, Clarkston, St. Clair Shores, and Ypsilanti.

"We do everything acapella with five and six part arrangements," said Thomas. "For the street theater, we encourage audience participation. They help us do the sounds of Jacob Marley's ghost like rattling the chains."

Finke first enjoyed street theater during his college days when he played Davey Crockett at Disney World's Frontierland in Orlando. An account executive for the Momentum Group, a division of McCann Erickson in Troy, Finke has performed with Stagecrafters and the Avon Players, to name a few.

"It's street theater and we interact with people," said Finke. "You maintain that character with the people you meet. I enjoy lighting up people's face and getting them into the holiday spirit. On Noel Night, there's a great pool of arts talent from all different cultures around Detroit. And I enjoy being part of that, making people smile and happy."

Some of the highlights of "Noel Night"

- The Boys Choir of Ann Arbor kicks off the festivities at 4:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward.
- Photos with a Toy Soldier (\$2) at the Children's Museum, 67 East Kirby
- The Mosaic Youth Theater and St. Paul Royal Oak Lutheran Bell Choir at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward

■ Horse-drawn carriage and sleigh rides depart every 10 minutes from the Park Shelton on East Kirby at Woodward, \$6 adults, \$3 children.

■ Children's Ballet Theatre presents the "Butterfly Ball" and ensembles from the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra perform throughout the evening in the Prentiss Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward

■ Pippin Puppets perform "Rudolph, Rudolph! Where's Your Nose?" at 6 p.m., and the Foreign Language Immersion Choir sing holiday songs in several languages throughout the evening in the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward

■ At the Detroit Science Center, Sesame Street's "Art from the Fuzzy and Famous" exhibit celebrates 30 years of Big Bird, Cookie Monster and the rest of The Muppets, 5020 John R

■ Kwanzaa Card Workshop, Adrinka Stamping on cloth, storytelling, 6-9 p.m. at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren

■ Pre-"Noel Night" entertainment takes place 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at a Young People's Concert, "Holiday Songfest," under conductor Ya-Hui Wang at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, and during the event there's "Go Baroque," a Classical Series concert with conductor Nicholas McGegan at 8:30 p.m. Call (313) 576-5111 for ticket information.

■ The 85th annual Gold Medal Exhibition and Holiday Sales Show at the Scarab Club, 217 East Farnsworth

■ The Wayne State University dance department present excerpts from "The Nutcracker" every half hour in the Old Main Building on Cass Avenue, also view the exhibit "Metaphors" by Yvette Smith in the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, enter at 480 West Hancock

■ Shop for the holidays at 14 different locations including Center for Creative Studies, Detroit Institute of Arts Museum Shop, Museum of African American History Gift Shop, and Detroit Historical Museum Old Detroit Shop

■ Make an evening of it by having dinner downtown at the Scarab Club, Detroit Institute of Arts' Kresge Court, or soups, sandwiches and desserts at the International Institute's "Taste of the World"

HOLIDAY MUSIC

Judy Collins brings her 'Amazing Grace' to Southfield

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If she could, Judy Collins said she would like to do holiday concerts year-round. "I like the material," said Collins in a telephone interview from New York City. "It's a very special time of year."

She'll be in Southfield on Tuesday, singing some of her favorite holiday tunes, along with "Amazing Grace," "Someday Soon," "Both Sides Now," and other songs that have made her a legend. The 8 p.m. concert is part of the City of Southfield's new Celebrity Series.

"I saw her last year and I fell in love," said Nimrod Rosenthal, director of Community Relations for the City of Southfield. "When she sang 'Amazing Grace,' I had tears in my eyes. She was

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Judy Collins Special Holiday Concert

WHEN: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8

WHERE: Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road). Concert is part of the City of Southfield's new Celebrity Series and will include traditional and new songs.

TICKETS: \$30 and \$35 per person, available weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Southfield City Hall, Main Reception Desk, 26000 Evergreen Road or the Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road, evenings 5-7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets also available at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers including Hudson's and Harmony House stores. Call (248) 354-4854 for more information. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666

HIGHLIGHT: Special pre-concert dinner, \$25 per person, offered by the Golden Mushroom Restaurant, 18100 W. 10 Mile Road (at Southfield). Call the restaurant (248) 559-4230 for reservations/information.

Mark your calendar

The Southfield Celebrity Series at Southfield Centre for the Arts will feature Nancy Wilson, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 per person, available at Southfield City Hall or the Parks & Recreation Building, and Ticketmaster Ticket Centers.



Folk legend: This photo of Judy Collins is from her new CD "Both Sides Now," released this fall by Platinum Entertainment.

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enchanting." After the concert, "A Judy Collins Christmas at the Biltmore Estate," which Rosenthal watched on TV, he went to work to see if Collins would be available to perform at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. "She's wonderful," he said.

Collins will be accompanied by the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Robert A. Martin. The concert will include traditional holiday songs and new songs for Christmas and Hanukkah.

To make it an especially memorable evening, the Golden Mushroom Restaurant is offering a special pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. before the concert. The dinner is \$25 per person and begins with chilled 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 gateaux, or bronzed Atlantic salmon on lemon risotto with artichokes and tomatoes.

Dessert will be a chocolate flourless torte with strawberry sauce and mint cream.

Southfield is just one of Collins' many concert stops this month. She'll also be performing in Sacramento, Calif., Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and Syracuse, N.Y. A self-described "road warrior," Collins said she enjoys touring - "I've got to make a living," she said. But there's more, "I love it (performing) it's a tremendous gift. I've had a successful career, it's been wonderful."

While most of us are fretting about holiday gifts, Collins is on the road bringing holiday cheer to millions of fans. Her fondest holiday memory is of standing around the piano with her brothers and sisters on Christmas Eve and singing carols. Her favorite is "The Holly and the Ivy."

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"Peer Gynt" opposite Stacy Kach. She also appeared in the Arnold Schwarzenegger film, "Junior," the CBS series "Christy," and has a cameo in the soon-to-be-released remake of a Rod Serling story, "A Town Has Turned to Dust," directed by Ron Nilsson.

This fall she released "Singing Lessons: A Memoir of Love, Loss, Hope and Healing" (A Pocket Books Hardcover, \$24). In the book, Collins looks back on her life and career, the triumphs and mistakes. Each chapter is separated by meditations she wrote in the period after her son Clark's suicide. He was 33 years old. A CD with a new song, "Singing Lessons," is included in the book.

"Singing and writing helped me heal," said Collins. "I sang my way through the pain and began to write daily prayers, which I included in this book."

"My song writing and prose writing are interconnected, one feeds the other."

A tireless performer and writer, Collins said she "feels very grateful to have had this much career."

But she's not ready to slow down. "I'm always looking for new projects."

"Both Sides Now," a new Platinum Entertainment release of new recordings of songs that have made Collins famous such as "The Times They Are A-Changin'," "Morning Has Broken" and "Blowin' in the Wind," includes a tribute to her dear friend the late John Denver.

"I never recorded any of his songs," she said. "I'm glad to have had the opportunity."

Hilberry 'Scapin' delights

Wayne State University's graduate theatre company presents *Moliere's "Scapin"* in rotating repertory through Feb. 3 at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Avenue and Forest on the Wayne State campus in Detroit. Tickets are \$10-\$17. Performances are scheduled 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. For reservations, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
STAFF WRITER

Moliere's "Scapin" is a comic romp with as many plot twists and turns as there are pratfalls and tumbles. The humor is both intellectual and physical, as clever wordplay is liberally interspersed with comically timed trips and flips.

Scapin is a street-smart servant who plays his masters like a game of chess, both for amusement and thrill. When the sons of two wealthy fathers fall in love with unapproved women when the fathers are out of town, Scapin agrees to not only help the young men gain their fathers' approval of the matches, but to bamboozle them out of the funds the young men need to finance their romantic endeavors. Scapin, who loves a challenge and survives by his wits, sets in motion a hilarious series

of escapades, and defends his own honor along the way. Fred Shahadi is captivating as the clever Scapin. He artfully handles the subterfuges his character employs to pull off his schemes, playing the humble, contrite servant one minute, and fast-talking schemer the next, while cleverly planting ideas in his dupes' minds. Shahadi's fast pace and excellent timing used Moliere's clever script to its full comic advantage. Shahadi also used multiple characters and accents in rapid succession as parts of the ruse, a challenge he pulled off without missing a beat, much to the delight of the audience.

Octave and Leandre, the love-smitten sons, played by Mike Schraeder and Erik Gratton, were fun to watch as the earnest and glib swains, easy prey for Scapin's manipulations.

The fathers, on the other hand, presented more of a challenge to Scapin. He needed them until he found their Achilles heel, then exploited it.

Garote, Leandre's father and a notorious tightwad, was played with penurious perfection by Aaron Lake. Lake captured the character's fiscal distress with laughter-provoking physical reactions as well as verbal chagrin.

Likewise, Octave's father, Argante, played by Lucas Caleb Rooney, captured the dilemma of parting with his hard-earned fortune in both physically and verbally entertaining ways. Proud and pompous, Rooney's Argante held on to his control and dignity for as long as possible before unraveling under the unrelenting ruses of the clever Scapin.

Orestes Arcuni as Silvestre, a hapless servant and Scapin's reluctant accomplice, drew his share of laughter for his many pratfalls and weebegone expressions. Hyacinthe, Octave's lady love, played by Sara Wolf, and Zerbine, the sexy Gypsy desired by Leandre, played by Tanisha Gonzalez, began as polar opposites and ended up having startling similarities. Both used exaggerated feminine wiles to garner laughs.

The set was a colorful explosion of undersized and rakishly angled doorways. The costumes also accentuated the absurd. Scapin was dressed like a well-tailored clown, with keyboard trim on his clothing alluding to his ability to play people like a piano. For Scapin is a master manipulator producing laughter not only for what he does, but for the gullibility he expresses in others.

The genius of "A Christmas Carol" is not only the layers upon layers of allegory and parable, but the sheer message of eternal hope in the face of the impulse to buy, buy, buy. Certainly, the notion of worship takes on an entirely material connotation during retailers' most blissful season.

Of course, material gain - as the plight and redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge teaches - is not a substitute for spiritual sustenance.

And who could argue that that's a lesson worth learning, again and again.

Appropriately, during the busiest shopping time of the year, Meadow Brook Theatre's annual production might be a requisite before stepping into a mall to do your duty. Or at least before the electronic strip on your plastic credit card runs thin.

Thanks to Charles Nolte's

adaptation, the production is as timeless as Dickens' tale. Under Nolte's direction, "A Christmas Carol" blends high theatrics, calculated pyrotechnics and measured doses of melodrama into a perpetual animated Christmas card.

At times, however, the mawkish spirit of the season drips like sap onto the carpet.

The sugary feeling gets a little out of hand during the Cratchit's Christmas dinner, which comes complete with a tiresome description of holiday food, prayers, song and toast.

The emotional gush, much like an overbearing uncle, is bearable given the relentless holiday cheer. And hey, if you can't get overly sentimental at the holidays then you might have the heart of a wet log.

And speaking of moribund souls, there's little doubt that for two hours the body and soul of Scrooge has been transferred to veteran actor Booth Colman, who has performed the role at Meadow Brook more than 600 times since 1981.

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But "A Christmas Carol" isn't O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh." Rather, the Dickens' classic is about rediscovering those feelings of youth that made life more of a magical mystery, than a onerous task. And clearly at Meadow Brook, the cast is up to the challenge.

Particularly, Paul Hopper in the dual roles of the earnest Bob Cratchit and the daffy Fezziwig; and, Geoffrey Beauchamp as the Ghost of Jacob Marley recall the transcendental appeal of the story to be both a high moral lesson and pleasingly entertaining.

Meanwhile, director Nolte has added enough surprises to keep audiences searching for the next appearance of the ghosts and special effects. All made possible, of course, by the intricately magical scenic design of Peter Hicks and the jewel-tone period costumes of Barbara Jenks.

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Fusion creates more than East meets West cuisine

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Perhaps you've noticed that Matt Prentice, President of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, likes bringing you new restaurants. Call him restaurant trend setter or creative genius, innovation is his specialty and Fusion in Farmington Hills is his latest.

Fusion is located in URC's former Relish. When a theme such as Relish lost its identity, Prentice said "makeover time." Diners never caught on to the Relish theme of salsas, Pacific Island sambal, Indian chutney, piccalilli, Indonesian, blattjans or atjars served with wood-smoked fish and meats. So Relish backed off, gave diners what they wanted, and a new theme found room on the drawing board.

Prentice looked at dining trends and a bowl concept evolved. What do we like to eat in bowls? Noodles, rice and mashed potatoes. Asian noodle shops are popular around the world. They serve rice there too. But this is America and we love mashed potatoes or in new lingo "mash!"

Prentice needed a name to fit his ideas. He ran a contest. Fusion won and opened Nov. 19 in the Farmington Hills location of the former Relish. Decor and architectural design by Birmingham's Marc Therrien are new, more open and red/gold bright. But only 85 percent complete until mid-to-late December.

At its simplest, fusion cuisine refers to the blending of flavors created by the ancient technique of wok cooking. URC's Fusion takes them to the next level.

"Our concept goes beyond Asian," Prentice explained. "However, it will follow a healthy Asian diet with dishes that are about 60 percent carbohydrates, 30 percent vegetables and 10 percent protein. This reverses a traditional American diet that is about 60 percent protein, 20 percent carbohydrates and 20 percent vegetables."

Also of note - menu items are

Fusion
Where: 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, between Farmington and Drake Roads (248) 489-8852
Hours: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday until midnight, Saturday 5 p.m. to midnight, Sunday 3-9 p.m.
Menu: Flavors of countries around the world are fused by stir-fry techniques creating a celebration of noodles, rice and America's comfort food, mashed potatoes.
Cost: All items under \$10.
Reservations: Accepted.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

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Prentice said "beyond Asian." True, but Asian oriented with serious dumplings and rolls such as steamed chicken and ginger shumai or vegetable and wild rice spring roll with orange duck sauce and hot mustard.

At Fusion you can have your mash, full-blooded American spuds, served up mini or mighty. Mini are appetizers, such as the creative Sweet Potato Mash with apple, chutney and candied pecans. Mighty versions are mega main dishes, all beyond Asian in concept. Comfort food at its lip-smacking best is Pepper Steak, slow-roasted brisket with onions, peppers and mushrooms over horseradish mash.

Among satays are tandoori chicken, but living in this state you have to try the Traverse City Special of apple cider marinated pork tenderloin with cherry BBQ and spicy mustard dipping sauces.

Prefer meatless? Go wild in the Fresh Vegetable Market! An all vegetable wok of choice with any of five sauces is \$7. Toppings such as stir-fried chicken or sirloin, seared shrimp, roasted salmon or great crispy duck can be added for \$3-6, depending on choice.

Included in the Oodles of Noodles department are stir-fried chicken in the Marco Polo;



Dinner in a bowl: General Manager John Muster (left) and Chef Jason Jones at the newly opened Fusion where diners can choose from a variety of dishes that are served in a bowl.

seared shrimp and green chiles in Bancock Shrimp; Tenderloin Teriyaki; Crispy BBQ Duck; or Mushroom Madness with stir-fried shitake, crimini and oyster mushrooms with leeks, garlic, fettuccine and wild mushroom sauce.

If you agree that Rice is Nice, you can choose from just about any of the above and have it your way.

Kiddie bowls at \$5-6 feature spaghetti with tomato sauce, mac 'n cheese, chicken tenders and China bowl with crispy veg-

etables, rice and sesame-soy ginger sauce. All are served with soft drink and dessert.

Adults can choose from among four Sensational Sweets. Most unique is Mango-Ginger Creme Brulee. It's less custardy than the classic, but flavors are marvelous.

Orchestrating menu offerings created by Corporate Chef Jim Barnett is executive chef Jason Jones who climbed the URC kitchen ladder and was Executive Chef at Relish. Also out of the URC management talent

pool are General Manager John Muster and Dining Room Manager Danford Egnor who inspired the beer selections, \$3.50-4.50 in the Nuclear Fusion beverage department.

Arcs and Sparks are fusion cocktails including the G-Factor and a Neutrino. The Top Quark list of 25 wines from the Global Atomic Village are all available by the glass, \$5.50-\$9.50, or by the bottle at \$20-\$45. URC's wine director Madeline Triffon likes the Von Kesselstadt Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabi-

nett best with "the broad spectrum of food offerings."

We liked both the 1997 Villa Maria Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand and 1997 KVV Steen Chenin Blanc from South Africa with appetizers. Among reds our nod goes to 1996 La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi Barbera and 1996 Folie a Deux Old Vine Zinfandel.

Guaranteed all beverages, like many menu items are "beyond Asian," but with a fusion of delectable flavors.

WHAT'S COOKING

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■ **Chefs for Humanity** - On Sunday, Dec. 6 from 4-7 p.m. at the Kingsley Hotel & Suites in Bloomfield Hills, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., (just north of Long Lake Road), over 30 of Michi-

gan's top chefs will combine their talents to create and host Chefs for Humanity to raise money to aid in the relief for Honduran families ravaged by Hurricane Mitch.

Tickets are \$150 per person, call Unique Restaurant Corporation, (248) 646-0370 Ext. 219 or Tribute (248) 848-9393. Reservations are recommended. Participants include Schoolcraft College, Duet, and Steve & Rocky's. In addition to a award-winning

cuisine and wine selected and poured by Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon, patrons will include festive live music. Six of the world's finest French Champagne Houses will also participate. Patrons can savor the champagnes of Veuve Clicquot, Gosset, Taittinger, Piper Heidsieck, Perrier Jovet, and Moet et Chandon.

■ **Cafe Bon Homme Christmas Eve Special** - In addition

to its regular menu Cafe Bon Homme, 844 Penniman, Plymouth (734) 474-4800 will be featuring a special four-course dinner for two, \$100, exclusive of tax, tip and beverages. Dinner includes Foie Gras and pear appetizer; Raspberry Vinaigrette salad with toasted almonds and dried cranberries; Crown Rack of Lamb persillade; and Creme Brulee as a sweet ending.

■ **Archie's** - Check out the

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