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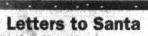
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Attention, girls and boys! Christmas is almost here and you know what that means. Santa Claus is up at the North Pole waiting for letters and double checking his list to find who's been naughty or nice. The Plymouth Observer is asking

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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Wanted: Police seek suspects in gas station holdup./**A3**

COMMUNITY LIFE

Rising star: As founder of WSDP-FM radio, Bonny Dore began her career humbly as a teacher for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Now, the California resident ranks as one of the top women in film./B1

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

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-

Please see CHEER CLUB, A2





■ Canton Republican Melissa McLaughlin is asking for a recount in the 11th District Wayne County Commission race. McLaughlin lost her bid for the open commission seat to Democrat John Sullivan on Nov. 3 by 47 votes.

BY SCOTT DANIEL

Melissa McLaughlin is asking for a recount in the 11th District Wayne County Commission race.

The Canton Republican lost the seat to Wayne Democrat John Sullivan in an Election Day upset by 47 votes. The Wayne County clerk's office will begin the recount Monday and conclude Wednesday

McLaughlin will need 25 votes to swing the election her way. With today's sophisticated voting methods, she acknowledges it's a long shot.

"Twenty-five votes won't be an easy thing to find," said McLaughlin. "I don't anticipate a slam dunk."

Her recount request didn't come as a surprise to Sullivan.

"It wasn't unexpected," he said. "It was a close vote. We were looking for this all along. Sullivan isn't worried about the recount's outcome.

"I can't see it changing by that much," he said. Either Sullivan or McLaughlin will take office on Jan. 1. The commission's first meeting of 1999 is slated for Jan. 5

McLaughlin wrestled with the idea of a recount after the Nov. 3 election. She filed for the recount on the deadline of Nov. 23.

Before making the decision, the current Canton trustee and planning commission member sought advice from a pair of Republican allies - state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and state Rep. Bruce Pat-

They encouraged her to go for the recount. Considering the time and hard work she and her staff put in on the election, McLaughlin felt asking for the recount had "merit.

"The worst thing it could cost me is some money." she added

The 11th District seat encompasses Wayne, Belleville, Romulus and the townships of Canton, Sumpter, Huron and Van Buren.

McLaughlin asked that the vote be recounted in every community except for Canton, where she beat Sullivan handily. It's a total of 57 precincts.

The county charges \$10 per precinct for a recount McLaughlin wrote the clerk's office a check for \$580

Store gives seniors their day goers" and store employees offered extra assistance and acted as quasi-personal shoppers ments, and then enjoyed 10 per-Ford Road held its annual

Musical Interlude: Katy Conroy holds daughter Natalie, 15 months, at far left, as

has an older daughter who was performing with the choir.

the Plymouth Christian Academy Choir performs in the middle of the store. Conroy

Holiday Shopping Party Wednesday for area senior citi-

Dog's day: Trainer Debbie

McPhee of the Paws With

with Grant Kraft of Can-

ton. McPhee says the pro-

gram trains dogs to help

disabled persons with daily tasks. "Eclipse," a 2-

Labrador Retriever who

serves with the program

year old English

relaxes in the aisle.

a Cause program chats

zens and people with disabilities. Doors were opened from 8 to 10 a.m. exclusively for "party-

for those who had difficulty navigating the aisles.

Shopping spree

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

cent off all merchandise. Free gift wrapping was then available in two locations for the special

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

Teacher buyout creates district vacancies

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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

"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-

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Goldman told the Board of Education his office will know by Jan. 15 exactly how many teachers will accept the sev erance 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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Moving on

Retiring detectives relish life after police beat

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

Times were different when Bill Lenaghan and Bill Keppen began their careers as Canton police officers

In 1978, the entire department consisted of Lenaghan, three other sergeants, the chief and a few reserve officers. Patrol cars weren't as well equipped as they are today

There was a time when we started when we didn't have radios," said Lenaghan, 55, who retires from the force officially on Dec. 15. "Dispatch didn't have a way of contacting us

There was no two-story police sta

"We worked out of a trailer," said Keppen, who is retiring after nearly 20

Things have changed for the depart ment and Lenaghan over the years.

More than 80 officers keep Canton safe now. Patrol cars not only have radios, but computers and other sophisticated equipment.

Having begun as a patrol sergeant.

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

We had made 14 moves before that.

So instead he left the department

and took a job with Canton With

seven children at various ages, he said.

Lenaghan found that in the town

Please see RETIRING, A12

we were looking for some stability

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

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

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

sports equipment sale

By SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

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

From 10 a m to 1 p m ased golf clubs, tennis rackets, bowling balls and more will be available at bar gain 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 Bab Dates "We won't take junk

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

vice (for township residents)

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

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 clubbouse tonight between 6 and 14 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 exer cise equipment such as a treadmill

Skiing equipment, golf clubs and softball bats are three common items at the event

Most things are units \$100 Dates said "A lot of thangs go for \$5

expect for the sale 'It's a neat event," Dates added "We see a lot of the same people

He isn't sure how many people to

each year

Canton couple helps keep memories alive

Woman kills self |Salvation Army seeks bell ringers at train tracks

A 39-year-old Canton woman ommitted suicide early Sunday morning by throwing herself in front of a train on Warren Road. The woman was identified as

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

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 lidn't believe it really happened. I thought I was dreaming."

The train dragged the woman

about 30 yards but didn't stop,

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

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.

The 21-year-old Plymouth Martha Schultz, the Red Kettle campaign coordinator, said man ran to a nearby home and called 911. A Canton Fire she has only 100 people volunteering time to ring bells and col-Department rescue squad responded and pronounced the lect money in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. That's down from woman dead at the scene. the 800 volunteers she had last The train was stopped and

examined for evidence at 12 "We could use volunteers in Mile and Taft roads in Novi he worst way," said Schultz. police reports indicated. The toughest time slots to fill Motive for the suicide is unknown. The incident is under

are during the day when many people are working." Schultz has hired six bellingers at \$7 an hour because A second unrelated suicide she can't find volunteers to fill

The Plymouth corps of the Sal-

vation Army is being forced to pay bell ringers for its Red Ket-

tle campaign because there

aren't enough volunteers donat-

all the time slots between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. through Christmas 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

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

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Martha Schultz, Red Kettle coordinator

the money raised will go toward people in the community who

"There's a genuine need in the three communities for support, so it's important the donations go to them," said Schultz, "The noney goes towards food, shelter, medicine, ren**t, 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 loor 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.



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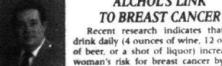
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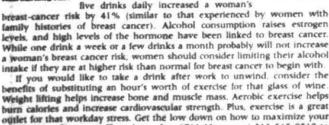
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Vicki Chilcoff's new Canton business, Memory Lane Scrapbook & Stamp store, began from a broken heart.

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 sweet-

heart 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

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

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.

Customers first

Chilcoff refers to the store as

'customer-friendly" due to a 13theme organizational feature she envisioned when designing the

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

books, stencils, 688 die-cuts and plain or theme related papers have been gathered together in each section to eliminate the hassle of searching for similar

In addition to the scrapbooking



Hollday time: The store is filled with holiday displays.

NEW BUSINESS

concept and layout of the store.

"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."

Products like stickers, scrap-

Residents of Canton for the past six years, Chilcoff and her husband, a general manager for an industrial firm, began searching for a location, in April of this year, to bring Vicki's dream to ife. Doors to the store front retail outlet opened the second week of November and the pair are already please with the traffic they've seen in the past few

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.

A customer-friendly philosophy also led the Chilcoffs to ini-

and other features including: ■ Memory makers - Chilcoff takes the work off your hands by doing your scrapbooking pages for you. She charges by the page and for materials.

tiate weekly classes, contests

■ Christmas Wish List - Fill out a card in the store of your wants and needs and your parents, spouse or family can come in without you, ask for your card and get just what you really

■ Mom's Time Out - For just \$4 an hour, you can take advantage of Chilcoff's selection of tools including heat guns, cutters and scissors in the class room space at the back of the store. There's a small area dedicated to children if you bring your tots along. Supplies such as papers, stickers and rubber stamps are not included in the hourly rental fee but can be pur-

chased by you to use while you

■ Contests: Don't be surprised if you find a host of products being given away during weekly drawings by Chilcoff. Several customers were the recent winners of canvas tote bags called Cropper Hoppers. Valued at \$39.95 the organizers are suitable for storing up to 12-by-12 papers and scrapbook pages, pencils and more if you take your work with you.

"We've really listened to what our customers have said and what they'd like to see in a store," said Chilcoff. "That's why we're here ... to make the customers happy."

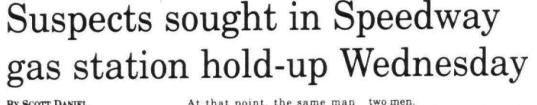
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ber stamps that can be used to personalize items.

Memory makers: Vicki Chilcoff (center), husband Jim and Memory Lane employee Ann Smith show ways to preserve holiday cards. Pictured below are dozens of rub-





Two men, one armed, stole an unknown amount of money and cigarettes from a Speedway gas station at Ford and Lilley roads

according to Canton Police 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

at the door handle. The round bounced off of the or in which direction they left. door, according to police reports.

Once inside, the men took cash

early Wednesday morning, the men took the items. There were no injuries.

people may have been involved

silver semi-automatic handgun Police have a description of the

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began kicking the door until it

clerk, a 29-year-old Westland man, was on the ground while Police believe as many as four

two men speaking to other peo- seen wearing baggy jeans.

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

The second suspect described as 18-to-22-year-old, in the robbery. While lying on Mideastern decent, 6-foot-1 and the ground, the clerk heard the about 180 pounds. He was last

Police are asking that anyone The Westland man remained in the Ford and Lilley Road area on the ground while the two men between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. got away. It's unknown what Wednesday with possible inforkind of vehicle they were driving mation about the robbery, call



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Recount from page A1

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 s 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

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.



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Teachers from page A1

We'll have to be aggressive districts.' 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

teachers who are retiring or I 'We'll have to be aggressive because of the leave for other reasons is generally five to 10," said Goldman.

> Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent

from May 1 to June 14.

Education Association.

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

The district will have two recruiting periods. The first will be held from Feb. 1 to March 29. it turned into chaos," said Chuck Portelli, PCEA president. "And the substitutes aren't pleased because they don't get any prior-

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 The second period will range teachers would lose an advantage," said Portelli. "Now, teach-Goldman noted the hiring proers who are currently employed and want to transfer to a differcess is time-consuming, taking up to 25 hours to make a decient school will get the first sion on one teacher. That decichance at interviews for any sion is made by a selection comopenings. If a current district mittee, which includes administeacher isn't selected by the comtrators, building principals, mittee, then the administration can review applications from The aggressive search by the outside the district."

district gets a wait-and-see atti-Portelli tried unsuccessfully to tude from the Plymouth-Canton negotiate a change in the hiring practice which would have auto-"We've been through this matically given an opening to a before in a previous buyout, and teacher wanting a transfer.

Foundation plans holiday event

teachers, parents and students.

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 who created their own holiday

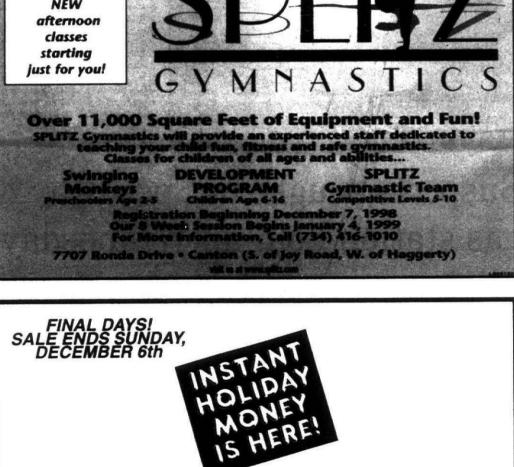
Area residents and the busi- served. Admission is donation of cards for the foundation's annual ness community are invited to an unwrapped toy for children to card mailing. Children from the attend the Westland Community be helped by The Salvation following elementaries helped Army. Canned or boxed food 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

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In turn, the foundation will donate its holiday card budget to charities designated by the chil-





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Center in Westland. Families can expect a visit from Santa Claus, seasonal

emony. The craft and game

per person and pre-registration is required.

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4:30 p.m. to visit with Santa Claus and to view the tree lighting ceremony, there is no Hines Drive just east of Ann games and stories, old-fash- need to pre-register and no Arbor Trail in Westland. For

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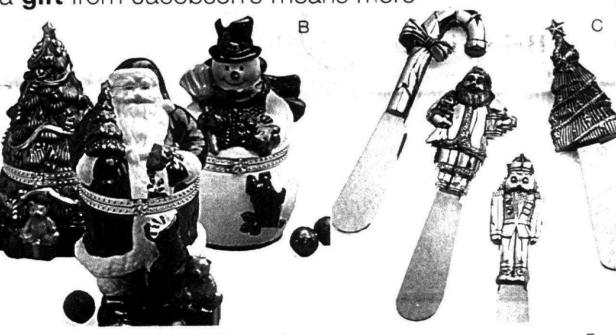
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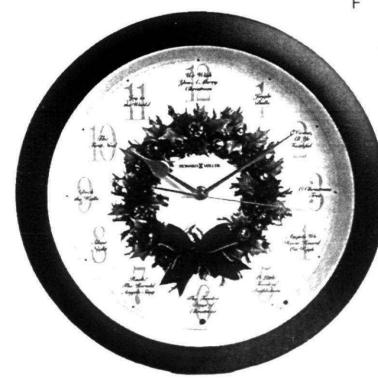
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Experts warn area officials of Y2K problems

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problem.
That's on the advice of attorneys. They don't want mayors, city managers and public safety directors to make promises they may be unable to keep on Jan. 1. 2000 - the date their computers might, perhaps, crash.

"Attorneys advise us to be wary of the statements we make. The city is exempt from suits (under an ancient legal doctrine), but personal suits can be filed against you for misleading statements," James Amin advised a roomful of municipal and university officials

Arbor. He was among a panel of speakers at the University of Michigan's Nov. 30 outreach program with the Michigan Municipal League. "Even the director of the

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department says to keep a water supply on hand," Amin added.

No one predicted western civilization will grind to a halt. But many computers are programmed to read a two-digit number for the year and can't tell the difference between 1900 and 2000. So even where changes are being made, everyone needs to be prepared.

U-M is urging municipalities to make all employees aware of

Amin is director of administra- the situation, list all possible neck is stretched to the other tive services for the city of Ann tions. A consulting firm said that as of Nov. 17, some 35 percent of all institutions and 29 percent of governments hadn't started director of information technolopreparations. A mere 7-10 percent had tested their equipment.

Wayne County, for example, reported it has "an aggressive schedule" but is a year behind that schedule. Likely to be affected: traffic lights, pension

Those preparations involve asking vendors and repair companies tough questions - which they will evade answering about whether the equipment they're selling and repairing is Y2K compatible

"There are days when I feel my

problems, design and test solu- end of campus. I will not be celebrating 2000," confessed Jose-Marie Griffiths, U-M's chief information officer and executive

> Griffiths' special problem will be the \$1 billion medical center Oakland University, Pontiac, on U-M's North Campus - power supplies, insurance records, laboratory specimens, payrolls,

We have lots of biomedical specimens stored in controlled environments," she said. "We're looking at survival systems.

"It takes three months to get people to do the assessment, she added, advising officials that they already should have started preparations

problem last September when assurance of Y2K compliance. the Northwest Airlines strike Many will tell you to buy prevented many faculty and students from returning to campus.

Officials from the Conference of Western Wayne, Livonia, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Detroit, Western Michigan Unipercent of chips will go bad. versity and several outstate cities fired questions and war

"In Washington, D.C., there were claims that over half their fire engines wouldn't Make "Now we have to ask our

stories at the speakers.

vendors who repair our radios, 'is your repair service Y2K com-"Many vendors absolutely

\$600,000 or \$700,000 of new

equipment."

How do you test embedded chips? A lot of utilities have embedded chips in heating and cooling equipment, elevators and escalators. Answer: About 5

■ After a power failure, stores in Australia were out of food in

"I never thought of the possibility that my car wouldn't start because of an embedded chip in the car key." Reply: Any car built since 1997 by the Big Three is supposed to be Y2K

Practical tips for homeowners getting ready for year 2000

camping trip on Jan. 1, 2000. Don't plan an airline flight But that might involve changing plies of key consumer items that day. And if you happen to programs written in computer be in eastern Europe, Latin America or a Third World coun- any more.

try, your campout may last

widespread expectation that should - and shouldn't - do as ly cautious. The old propane gas computers will malfunction the year 2000 approaches. because they record the year by Excerpts from its report "Year the last two digits and can't tell 200 Risk Assessment and Planthe difference between 1900 and ning for Individuals":

he is -44 years old, not 56. Cred- or liquidate investments. it card bills could be shown as not having been paid for 100

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record all years with four digits. "languages" that are rarely used

The GartnerGroup, which specializes in research, suggests Women-Infant-Children federal The reason is Y2K - the what the average homeowner

"A 'bomb shelter' mentality For example, a person born in is not called for." Don't with-1944 may be told by a computer draw all your money from banks

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■ Prepare for localized failures for a limited time - think in terms of a snowstorm of several days. Have two weeks' salary in

■ Have up to five days supmedications, non-perishable food, household supplies, batteries for lights and radios. If you depend on food stamps or the program, you should be especial-

Don't count on your grocery store being open more than a couple of days if there's a crash. The food industry is among the worst prepared for

stove may come in handy.

■ Fuel your vehicle. Have an adequate supply of home-heat-

day, Dec. 12 - 5736 Middle-Eight Mile, Livonia.

day, Dec. 19 - 15181 Telegraph, Redford Rite Aid operates about 4,000 stores in 30 states with annual

revenue of \$12 billion. In Michigan the chain operates

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ing fuel delivered in late 1999 Retrieve all your e-mail

Send your mail and pack ages early.

■ Obtain hard (paper) copies of your Social Security records, pension and savings plans.

1, 2000. If air traffic control systems fail, an airport's ability to handle flights could be reduced

Y2K

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compliant But the Big Three

advice from the federal General possible malfunctions

date dependent could break

■ Criminal records may be adversely affected for example, prisoner release or parole eligibility dates

mony before Congress

Safety experts stress precaution this shopping season packages in plain view," said Bill Avoid parking near Dumpsters them in the trunk and out of Liddane, director of Help Elimi- or large vans or trucks. (These sight. year, but it's also a prime season nate Auto Thefts, a program obstacles decrease your ability to

"Unfortunately, this careless- hiding.) ness is precisely what criminals Officials from a statewide auto are counting on during the holitheft prevention program say day season. These HEAT holiday safety tips are offered to remind people to stay alert and not forget about safety concerns, so minds during the holidays and that everyone has a happy and often do things for the sake of safe holiday."

HEAT offers the following tips wise do, like leaving their car for shoppers: running or open to make a quick Park in well-lighted areas, your car. If you leave purchases

cle, where carjackers could be around and inside car before get-

Consider using the valet serignition key with the valet. proof of insurance in your wal-

vice if you are shopping alone at jacker with a gun or other night at a mall. Leave only the weapon, give up your car. Don't (Keep your registration and than any car.

leave room between you and the If shopping late at night, ask car in front, so that if you sense the store clerk if it is possible to trouble, you can maneuver get store security to escort you to quickly and get away easily.

Try to keep one hand free with for criminals to prey on shoppers which operates a toll-free tip see the space around your vehithe ignition key in hand. Look

> If you are threatened by a carargue. A life is more important When driving in traffic, always

If you are carjacked or witness

sex, height, build, race, age, hair arrest and binding over for trial and eye color and special fea-

Once you are in a safe location, report the crime by calling 9-1-1 or the police. Also report your information to HEAT's toll free tip reward line at (800) 242-HEAT whether you are a carjacking victim or witness a carjacking. Your confidential information could be worth up to

HEAT is funded by Michigan auto insurance companies and stop for some item or leaving near sidewalks or walkways. or wrapped gifts in the car, place a carjacking, try to remember rewards tip line callers up to

of a suspected car thief; up to \$10,000 if the tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial and/or chop shop operators, HEAT also rewards \$2,000 for ssuance of a warrant for a car

jacking suspect. Since its inception in 1985 HEAT has awarded \$1.7 million to tip callers and recovered 2,375 vehicles valued at \$26.8 million The HEAT tip line has received 5,246 calls leading to the arrests

Santa's coming to Rite Aid

Santa Claus is coming to town and to Rite Aid stores in western Wayne County.

busiest shopping time of the

too preoccupied to take parking

safety should top holiday shop-

"People have a lot on their

expediency they might not other-

lot safety precautions

pers' list this season.

burdened by packages and often reward line.

Santa will be on hand to visit with children and hear their wish lists at Rite Aid stores in Canton, Garden City, Livonia

Rite Aid will provide children with a complimentary photograph of their visit with Santa. Children can meet with Santa from 5-8 p.m. on Fridays and 1-

5 p.m. Saturdays. Here is the schedule of Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday,

Dec. 5 - Rite Aid stores at 180 S. Lilley, Canton; 37355 Eight Mile, Livonia, and 25790 Joy Road, Redford. Friday, Dec. 11 and Satur-

belt, Garden City, and 31245 Friday, Dec. 18 and Satur-

Tips

Avoid air travel around Jan.

■ Have your medical and dental checkups in advance.

Ask your local city, township or village if it has made preparations. You may have to hound them. For example, do they have cellular phones and mobile radio backups for emergency services?

GartnerGroup has surveyed thousands of enterprises and generally finds that large companies are preparing, but smaller companies and many governments are not. In general, the U.S., Canada, Australia and the northern European countries will be in better shape than Mexico, Central America, South America, eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East

Web sites are pretty much ignoring Y2K problems City officials have further

Accounting Office about other ■ Traffic signals that are

■ The Social Security Admin istration exchanges data files with states to determine the eligibility of disabled persons for benefits - "a monumental issue," according to GA() testi-



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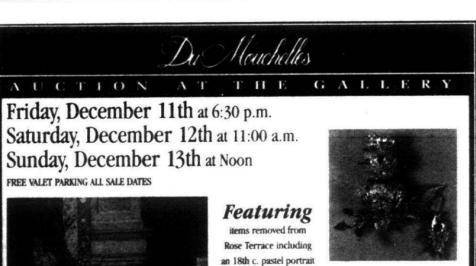
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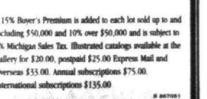
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SEMCOG: State economy is 'envy of nation'

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER trichard@oe.homecomm.net

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?

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.

"Today, after cutting taxes 24 times, stopping wasteful government spending and reducing both welfare caseloads and unemployment to record-low levels, Michigan drives America's renaissance.

"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 ... 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. SEM-COG 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-

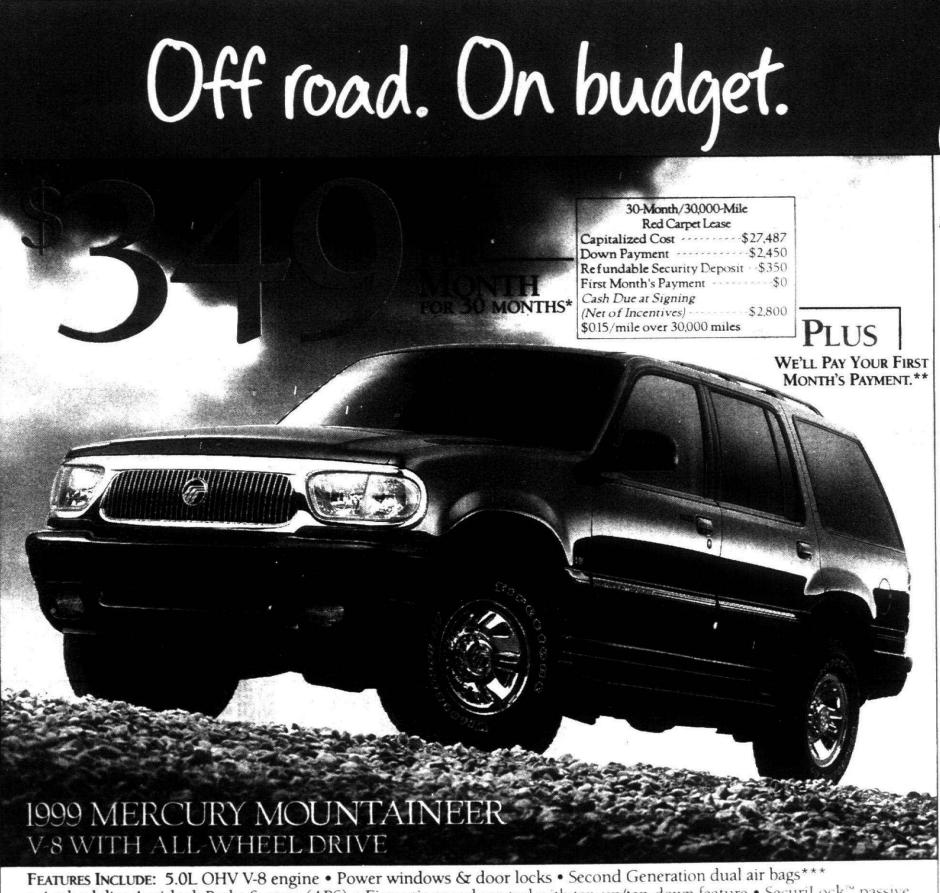
cal formula to produce a "volatility index." A high number is bad; a low number is good. The region reduced its 1990 index for executives and managers from 3.1 to 1.7; for precision production craft and repair, from 8.7 to 3.5.

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

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."

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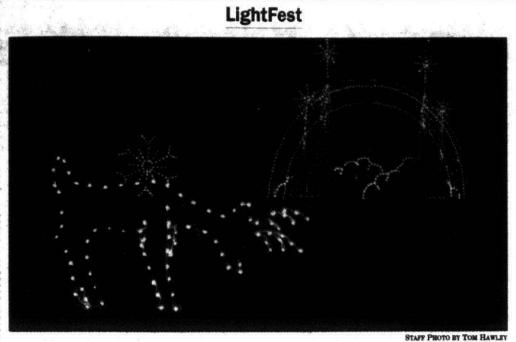
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IN ANTHORY



Aglow: Wayne County LightFest is now open with what county officials call "the Midwest's largest holiday show," featuring 39 giant displays and nearly a million lights. Four new displays are featured along the 4.5 miles of Hines Drive. LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m., through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day. At the end of the drive, visitors can stop by Santa's Shelter at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refreshments and gift shopping, and they can get a picture taken with Santa Claus. A \$5-per-car donation helps keep LightFest operating. Hines Drive is closed to traffic at 5:45 p.m. Traffic enters the LightFest at Hines Drive and Merriman. For more information call (734) 261-1990.

Madonna evaluation nets NCA re-accreditation through 2008

Madonna University has received formal notification from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) that it has approved continued accreditation at the undergraduate and master's levels through 2007-2008.

Madonna College was first accredited by NCA in 1959.

Last January, a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools visited the University and conducted a comprehensive evaluation.

In its official report, the eightmember team unanimously rec-

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ommended continuing the institutional accreditation of Madonna University.

Among the strengths of the University, as reported by the team, is "the rare spirit of collegiality approximating an extended family shared by students, faculty, staff, administration and the board."

Other strengths highlighted were: the talent and enthusiasm of the students and their appreciation of the programs, faculty and staff; the support of the faculty and staff for the institution's efforts to respond to new challenges in creative ways such as evidenced by distance learning and serving new student populations; the effectiveness of the University in forging mutually beneficial relationships with

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other educational institutions, business and governmental agencies to serve community and student needs; the "attractive and well-maintained" physical plant; positive operating budgets coupled with fiscal responsibility and effective fund-raising strategies.

The team commented on the continued implementation of approved assessment plans for student outcomes and provided consultation in the area of international education.

"Our university is most grateful for the thoroughness in which the team members evaluated Madonna and appreciate NCA's recognition of our institutional commitment to academic excellence," said Sister Mary Francilene, president.

Livonia officials join suit to open primary election

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Two elected officials in Livonia support a legal challenge to "open" primary elections in Wayne County and allow voters to select candidates from Democratic and Republican parties without spoiling ballots.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and City Council President Jack Engebretson filed a brief about a week ago with the Michigan Court of Appeals supporting four Wayne County residents who want to open primaries.

Currently voters are not permitted to cross over between parties in primary elections. For example, voters marking ballots in support of County Executive Edward McNamara — a Democrat — in this year's August primary election could not vote in any Republican race — whether it was the contested state Senate race with Thaddeus McCotter, James Ryan and Debbie Whyman, or the gubernatorial race, won handily by John Engler.

John Hand, a Dearborn attorney and a former Wayne County charter commissioner, originally challenged the state law in March, asking the Wayne County Circuit Court to declare that the state's Ballot-Voiding Rule, which prevents split-ticket voting in primary elections, does not apply in Wayne County's "home rule" elections.

The plaintiffs include Patrick O'Hara of Detroit, Joseph Turinsky of Lincoln Park and Anthony and Jane Ruggiero of Plymouth. The suit names Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter, the Wayne County Election Commission and the Board of Canvassers as defendants.

About three months ago Hand appealed a circuit court ruling that went against the plaintiffs.

Mary Nasser, attorney with Wayne County's corporation counsel, could not be reached for comment on the appeal.

Closing the primary

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In their brief, Kirksey and Engebretson cite statistics from the August primary showing that 15,935 Livonia residents LAWSUIT
TO 'OPEN' PRIMARY ELECTIONS

voted for governor, including Democrat and Republican candidates, while 7,377 voted for either McNamara or challenger Sharon McPhail, the Democratic candidates for Wayne County executive on the same ballot.

The brief states 8,558 Livonia voters or 53.6 percent "were disenfranchised, right in the polling place, as only 7,377 voted in the primary which is tantamount to election for the Office of County Executive." (Wayne County's electorate is largely Democrat.) The state and county primary elections are "two primaries, not one," the brief states.

"The state's (ballot) voiding penalty, if it applies to more than the state primary itself, must be applied individually to the ballot for each primary, not collectively to the ballots for both primaries," the brief states.

Charter lacking

Since the Wayne County charter lacks the ballot-voiding provision, each Wayne County primary voter should be permitted vote to nominate one candidate for each office to be filled, regardless of party affiliation, the brief concludes.

Kirksey said he has heard complaints from residents about the closed primary while in office as mayor and in previous years as a state representative.

"We just felt it was a situation where the Livonia voters were being disenfranchised," said Kirksey. When Kirksey heard about the lawsuit, he thought "it was important to add input to that concept," he said.

"It is important to look out for the best interests of Livonia. By and large, it's been an ongoing concern."

Engebretson wants an open primary to "broaden people's

"Voters in an open primary could have the opportunity to vote for candidates when they want to support people of both

D O W N . . .

parties. Not that they have to, but it at least gives them the

opportunity," Engebretson said.

Hand said the problem stems from a 1954 state statute that does not name the Wayne County executive or county commissioners, and applied only to nominations for offices listed at that time in the Primary Election Law.

The county executive's position was created in the Wayne County charter, which was approved by county voters in 1981, nearly 30 years after the state statute was passed.

Wayne County is the only chartered county out of Michigan's 83 counties and the 1954 statute shouldn't apply to Wayne County, Hand said.

Kirksey and Engebretson's motion of support is important to the case, Hand said. "I think it brings across to the Court of Appeals that (the case) isn't just a couple of "good government" types arguing this case," Hand said. "It shows that communities and voters see that the ballot voiding rule disenfranchises vot-

"It's not just a question of good government. I think the franchise isn't worth much if your vote isn't counted."

Commissioners opposed

Hand asked Wayne County commissioners last year to place a proposal before voters asking whether they wanted open primaries, but it was resoundingly rejected by commissioners.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland; Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; and former commissioner Edward Plawecki Sr., D-Dearborn Heights, opposed it.

At that time, Beard called the request an "exercise in futility,"

"Wayne County cannot make a 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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OCC academy trains dogs for police work

Livenia is adding a new cop who may turn out to be a real

His name is Haro, and he's a German shepherd dog being trained at the Oakland Police Academy by Officer John Walk-

"We've had a K-9 unit for eight years," said Walker, "but one of the dogs is retiring. This is the

A five-year veteran of the artment, Walker qualified for the K-9 unit through an interview process. He hasn't handled a police dog previously, though ne owns a 7-year-old shepherd-

Over five weeks in November and December, they'll train for 200 hours, sometimes putting in 12-hour days. More precisely, the academy will teach Walker to train Haro.

Tuition is steep, but one police department made its money back 24 hours after the dog

"That dog found a car with

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Oakland Police Academy.

laws, these dogs pay for them-selves. That dog (in Bloomfield Hills) made \$20,000 in six months. Most departments that send officers here pay for it by forfeiture money," Godlewski

The police academy is headquartered on the Auburn Hills Campus of Oakland Community College. It's a rarity in Michigan - the only academy that trains dogs for police work. OCC has completed two classes and currently is running third, said Dr. Joseph Macri, dean of public services at the campus.

"We have a waiting list for next spring," Godlewski said. "The response from the public has been overwhelming. And the students on campus (OCC and nearby Oakland University) love

Two kinds

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drugs and \$4,000 cash," said weeks at 40 hours per week. to do training when they became dissatisfied with private training Township police officer who dou- used. "Labs have a good nose, bles as K-9 coordinator for the they don't bite, they can track, and they're natural hunters," he "Because of the drug forfeiture said. Price is \$3,500, and next class starts in January.

■ Patrol dog academy - five ing. It covers narcotics detection, tracking, building searches, article searches and aggression control. The \$7,400 price includes an imported, \$3,000 German shepherd dog that has been pre-

American-bred dogs show a lot of hip dysplasia, Godlewski said, and the imports from Germany, the former Czechoslovakia and Belgium have "an all-around better temperament."

Dogs are matched to handlers boards the dog with his family. Iams donates food.

"The last week of class, we'll do drug raids with the Detroit Police Department," Godlewski said. "We try to expose them to stuff they'll face down the

Police departments asked OCC

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schools, Godlewski said. Oakland's course is certified by the Commission on Law Enforce-

Detroit and Michigan State Police offer costlier 14-week weeks at 40 hours per week in both classroom and field train-trained from scratch. Oakland finds it's cheaper to give dogs some pretraining to tie up less of

Chief of instruction is John Skalski, an officer with 27 years experience in the K-9 unit in Detroit and head trainer there since 1976. "He's the best in the state," Godlewski declared.

Five assistants work with Skalski, one to each of the five students. They teach the student to train the dog. The current class includes officers from the and their homes. The handler Livonia and Sterling Heights police departments and the Ingham (two deputies) and Lenawee counties sheriff's departments.

In the first week, handler and dog follow a trail made by dragging tripe from the stomach of a cow. To make the work more rewarding, bits of hot dogs are added as bait. At the end of the trail is the dog's ball.

Speaking English

"It's a big game for them, Godlewski said, referring to the dogs. "We look for a dog with a strong ball drive and strong retrieve drive." In the past, some handlers gave commands in German, but today the handlers stick to American English.

"My first dog was from Belgium and was trained in Dutch. Then I trained him in German and later used English - a trilingual dog." That dog was retired

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One difficult kind of training is building search. "When we do a

nose, not a light, and is faster One dog will be a replacement than a couple of officers. All the for a retiree, and the second will people I've caught over the years will surrender when you announce you have a dog that

Fleid training: An unidentified officer and dog wrap up

a busy day of training at the OCC Auburn Hills Cam-

pus dog training academy. It's a rarity in Michigan -

the only academy that trains dogs for police work.

will bite," Godlewski said. Use of K-9 units tapered off about 10 years ago when the federal government ruled that handlers had to be compensated for the time caring for the dog at home. But new forfeiture drug laws enable the dogs to pay for

their keep, and then some. Sgt. Jim Morrall of the Ingsearch, it's safer and quicker to ham sheriff's department has send a dog in. The dog uses its two deputies in the academy.

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At the bottom of Godlewski's business card is this line: "Storm

CLARIFICATION

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In an article in the Nov. 29 Wayne County senior citizens to The correct number is (800)









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RECOUNT SOUGHT

Melissa McLaughlin is asking for a recount in the 11th District

Wayne County Commission race Wilmot told the school board The Canton Republican lost Monday night of the aims and the seat to Wayne Democrat progress of the Tri-County John Sullivan in an Election Day Alliance, formed last spring by upset by 47 votes. The Wayne school officials in Wayne, Oak-County clerk's office will begin land and Macomb counties. the recount Monday and conclude Wednesday. move to affect school legislation

McLaughlin will need 25 votes to swing the election her way. With today's sophisticated voting methods, she acknowledges it's a long shot.

"Twenty-five votes won't be an easy thing to find," said McLaughlin. "I don't anticipate a slam dunk."

Her recount request didn't Wayne County school districts. come as a surprise to Sullivan. "It wasn't unexpected," he said. "It was a close vote. We were looking for this all along." Sullivan isn't worried about the recount's outcome

"I can't see it changing by that much," he said. Either Sullivan or McLaughlin will take office on Jan. 1. The commission's first meeting of

1999 is slated for Jan. 5. McLaughlin wrestled with the idea of a recount after the Nov. 3 election. She filed for the recount on the deadline of Nov. 23

The 11th District seat encompasses Wayne, Belleville, Romuus and the townships of Canton. Sumpter, Huron and Van Buren.

LIVONIA

Tom Schwarze, a Northville moved to Northville in grade attorney who handled Livonia Public Schools' legal concerns for more than 20 years, died Nov. 29

while returning from a hunting

SCHOOLS JOIN LOBBY GROUP

Garden City schools are getting

lobbying push on a more united,

Superintendent Michael

The group was organized in a

on all areas - financing, local

control and other issues, Wilmot

The alliance expands Garden

City's lobbying involvement from

its longtime membership in the

Michigan Association for

Improved School Legislation

(MAISL), made up of 10 western

In a progress report on the

new Tri-County Alliance, Wilmot

told the school board last week

that he is personally involved in

studying the impact of Proposal

Other areas of study by the

alliance are the general school

powers laws, local control, use of

public funds for private schools

and special education costs and

A on local schools

involved in a new legislative

regional approach.

trip in southwest Michigan. school. He graduated from

As the legal adviser for numer-Northville High in 1961. ous school districts in southeast He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State Uni-Michigan, Schwarze will be remembered by many school versity d a juris doctorate from administrators at his funeral at Wayne State University

> He was active in the labor law section of the Michigan Bar Association, formerly serving as its chairman. He is survived by sons

partner in the Detroit firm Keller, Thoma, Schwarze and Thomas and Eric; daughter. chief legal counsel to the Livonia Cara Brott; parents, Fred and Marian Schwarze; and sister, Board of Education, was driving a Ford Expedition when it was Bonney Hendrick. struck on the driver's side by a

Schwarze's vehicle rolled over PLYMOUTH from the impact around noon CAROLER RETURNED

Sunday in Wheatland Township, Plymouth city officials are a rural community in Hillsdale happy that whoever took a County between Jackson and the Fiberglas caroler from Kellogg Park returned a piece of holiday Passengers in his car included

> "I drove past the park Monday morning on the way to work and nearly drove off the road," said Paul Sincock, municipal services director. "I was glad to see it back in place."

Someone had stolen the boy and girl carolers nearly two clowns: knitted tissue holders: weeks ago from the planter box at Main and Penniman. The next day the boy caroler was put back in place. However, a note found on Frosty the Snowman said the girl had been carol-

was a prank, police weren't to 3 p.m. weekdays.

amused with the holiday stunt. Conviction on charges of vandalism and theft could have result ed in a four year prison sen-

REDFORD

SENIOR SHOP OPEN The Senior Center Gift Shop, a longtime goal of many Redford Community Center seniors, got off to a flying start Tuesday. "We did \$250 by noon," said

committee chairwoman The gift shop offers a wide variety of items handcrafted by seniors, who must be at least 55

Helen Zimmerman, gift shop

to qualify as suppliers. Items are sold by consignment. with all proceeds going toward senior services. The shop takes a 10 percent cut from the sale of items created by seniors who have volunteered 40 hours or

percent for those volunteering less than 40 hours. Offerings include hand-sewn stuffed frogs, bears, kittens and beaded necklaces; clip-on pins; kitchen hand towels: woodcarved tulips, shamrocks and

recipe holders Located in the Community Center at Hemingway and Capitol, adjacent to Capitol Park, the While the thief may have shop is a year-round project thought taking the \$800 statue operated by seniors from 10 a.m.

WESTLAND

BELL-RINGERS NEEDED Facing a possible shortfall in holiday fund raising, The Salva-

tion Army in Westland is seeking bell-ringers to collect donations in its familiar red kettles. "I really need some people," Lt. Charles Yockey of The Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Commu-

nity Center said Monday. The local organization launched its holiday fund-raising effort Friday with only 10 bell-ringers a day, little more, than half the 18 people it needs, he said.

The Salvation Army will pay \$6.50 an hour, Yockey said. Bellringers must be at least 18 years old and have a photo identification and a Social Security card,

The bell-ringer shortage is fueling concerns as the Westmore to center projects and 20 land-based center struggles to meet its 1998 goal of \$110,000. The money pays for programs to help the community's less fortunate, including one Westland family that didn't even have 8clothes following a house fire earlier this year

> Bell-ringers hired to work need to arrive by 9:15 a.m. at The Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy Road south of Palmer.

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Man, 67, arrested Retiring from page A1 in assault on wife

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

Township police responded to a call on Lothrup at about 11 a.m. According to reports, the man hit his 61-year-old wife Nov. 27. 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-rear-old for assault and battery. also had a warrant against n from Michigan State Police for operating a vehicle under the

Embezzlement

stolen from the Chuck E. Cheese Restaurant on Ford Road

The money was believed to be stolen by an employee from a bank bag in the restaurant's office between those dates. Restaurant officials reported the incident to Canton police on

The incident is currently under investigation.

About \$300 worth of equipment was stolen from a 51-yearold Canton man's car Sunday. A compact disc player, binoculars and a knife were all removed from the passenger compartment between 12:30 and 1:30 a.m., reports said. The vehicle, a 1994 Ford van, was parked Nearly \$200 was allegedly and unlocked in the driveway of the man's Briarcliff home.

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

December 10, 1998

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

Kevin Iddings, 44064 Gordon, Canton, MI 48187 is representing K 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 LI-2 District. Parcel #71-135-01-0001-302 (Planning)

Luigi Cervi, 46141 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 is representing Lurna Building Co. for property located at 41504 Singh Drive, Canton MI 48188. They are appealing Article 26.02M Variance from the required 30 ft. Side to side ordinance. Parcel #71-101-03-0079-000

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 1998. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

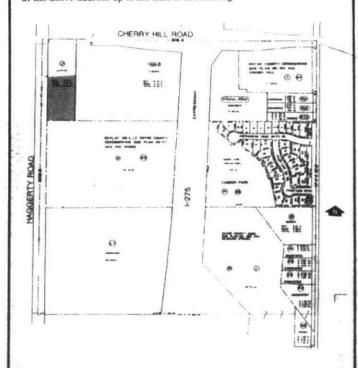
CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 Comprehensiv

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.



Publish: December 8 and 24, 1998

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

ship. He spent about a dozen years as a sergeant then moved up to lieutenant. Running patrol shifts, firearm training and other lministrative duties characterized his work as a lieu-

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

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

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," Kep-

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.

Like 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

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



Lenaghan,

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 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

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

Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Santomauro, Rorabacher, Staff Present: Kerr, Lenaghan, Zevalkink ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

143 was deleted from the agenda. General Calendar Item 23, Establish Date for Special Meeting/Study Session was added to the agenda. Motion by Sennett, supported by LaJov, to adopt the agenda as amended. All ayes. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of November 10, 1998 as presented.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, La-Joy, Shefferly, Yack Abstain: McLaughlin

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS otion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes

Beck Road Paying Const. Fund

N Haggerty (Elliot) Storm

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Beck Road Paving

General Fund 12,809.73 38,179.41 Police Fund 27.576.11 Community Center Fund Golf Course Fund 6,027.20 Cable TV Fund 26,624.16 E-911 Emergency Funds Special Investigative Fund 7.968.66 Federal Grants Funds Retire Benefits Bld. Authority Debt Fund Water & Sewer Fund 635,610.66 Tonguish Creek Storm Drain 158.858.33

Recreation Checking Acct Total - All Funds RECOGNITION OF LT. WILLIAM LENAGHAN

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution recognizing Lt William Lenaghan All ayes PUBLIC HEARING: NEW CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST OF LASHISH INC.

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Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:15 P.M. Hearing no 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 Center 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

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 aves

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

Increase the 1998 Community Center Conferences and Seminars Account #208-757-951-0000 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 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 from 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 of ownership of 1998 Tavern licensed business located at 44938 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County from Fay Louise Palazzole and Paolo Palazzole 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:

Increase Revenues: Appropriations from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$6,000 #101-223-977-0000 \$6,000 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. Al

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adopt the resolution t 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 Residentia

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution approve the site plan for the proposed Arden Courts. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution t ap, rove the site plan for the proposed GE Capital. Motion carried Ayes: Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, 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 b LaJoy, to table the consideration of special land use for a concrete recycling

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 Burdziak, to award the bid for compute room shelving workbench, and printer stand to Wright Line in an amount no to exceed \$9,805.77 from the 1998 MIS Budget Capital Budget Item #9 110 258-977-0000). All ayes.

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

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

position in the Grounds Maintenance Division to be budgeted from 1999 Salaries acct.#101-270-705-0000. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for the purchase

of a display board from Lacraft, Inc. 3445 Winifred, Wayne, MI for a total cost of \$6,900.50, from 1998 Police Capital acct.#207-301-977-0000. All aves. 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 acct #207-301-977-0000. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the bid for four 14 in

Fanny Rd., Boonton, New Jersey, 07004 at a cost not to exceed \$15,180 0 rom 1998 Police Capital acct. #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 49130, for a cost not to exceed \$82,932 00 from 1998 Fire Capital Outlay acct. #206-336-977-0000. All aves. 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 \$21.128.24 - to be paid from the 1998 Police Capital Outlay acct. #207-301-

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 \$16,328.00 to Wayne County, budgeted from 1998 Wayne County Road Maintenance Account #101-441-950-0000. All ayes Motion by Bennett, supported by , 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 aves

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 xecute 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 Nationa Wet Weather Demonstration Project (from 1998 GIS Utility Coverage Project

account #101-860-818-1200). All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for environment cleaning of registers and duct work for the Administration Building with Cherry Hill Heating and Cooling for \$18,700.00 with a 10 percent contingence of \$1,870 for a total amount of \$20,570.00 and further that funds be transferred from 101-265-975-000, Capital Outlay, to 101-265-931-0000 Maintenance and Repair of Building, FY1998 in order to cover the cost of th contract. All ayes. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approv the Special Incentive Award in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Debbie Zevalkink

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to establish the date of a Special Board Meeting for December 3, 1998, for the purpose of a Second Reading the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143 and any other business that ma-

ome before the Board of Trustees tion 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 or 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 TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: December 3, 1998

Former Livonia educator will head Madonna international study program

The former director of global education at Livonia Stevenson na University to have a man of High School has been named as such extensive experience on 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

other countries. a singer and television personality, and is an author of several articles and reviews.

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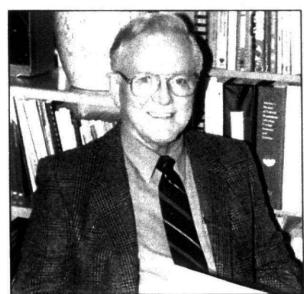
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Hilton Suites

"It is a great honor for Madonboard," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic affairs at Madonna University. "His many travels abroad will continue to expand our international studies program.

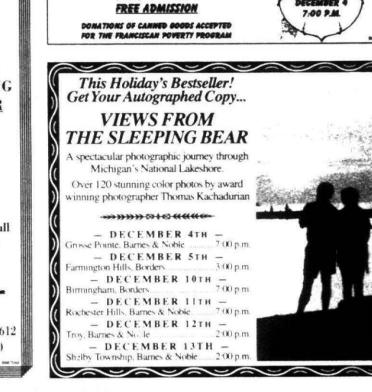
Swift hopes to create a brochure describing international programs and activities, work with Madonna's international students to recruit more individuals from their home countries, and design a faculty newsletter. Swift would like to see more faculty, staff and students visit

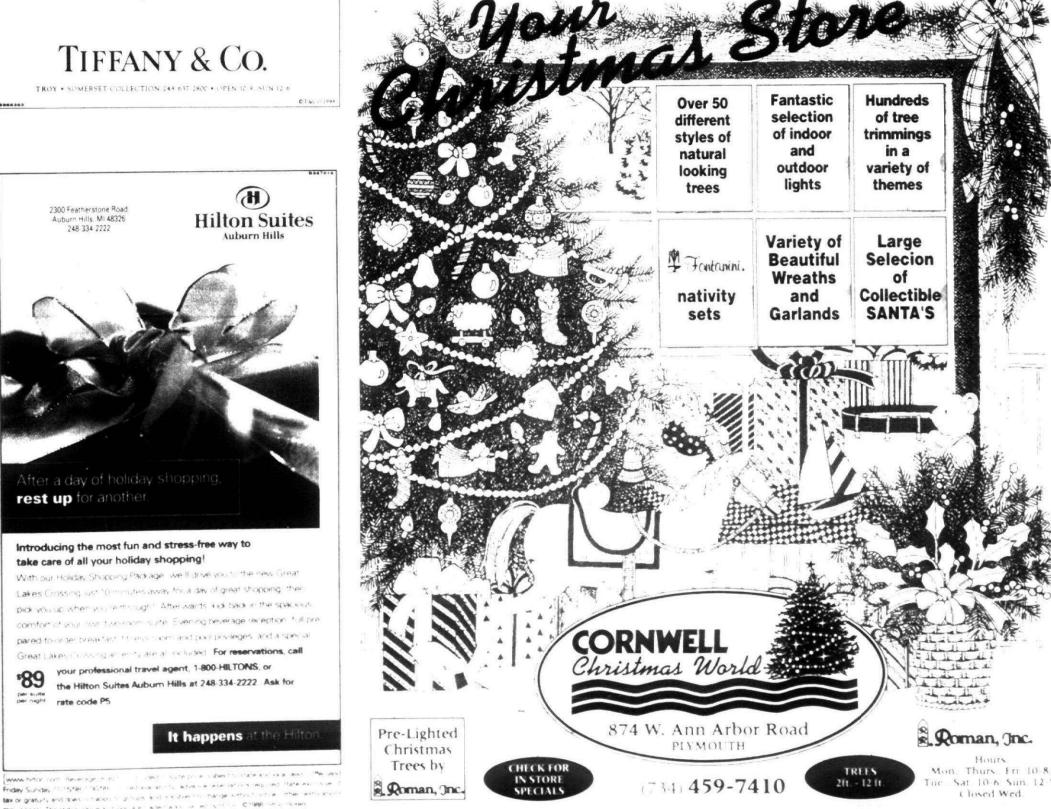
"Our ideal would be to have everyone on campus have an overseas experience," Swift said.











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A good belt

Law designed to protect kids

police agencies in cracking down on vioations of the state's child restraint

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

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

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:

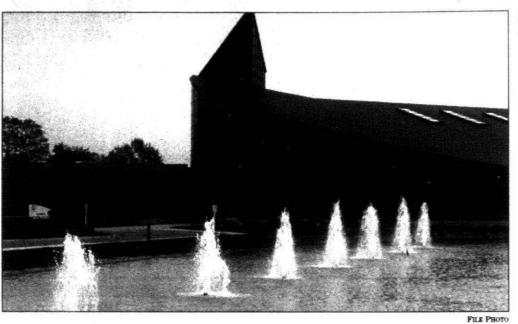
■ Children age 1 or younger must be restrained in a child safety seat facing backward, regardless of where they are riding.

■ 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

Changes planned at the Summit



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 in opened in 1995.

LETTERS

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

Instead, only 16 percent of Farmington students, 24 percent of Clarenceville 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 multistep 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-

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.n 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

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 satis-

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

Kudos for Cregar

Wour 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 dis-

cussed 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 Sum-

mit's banquet and event service. Canton's administration was pleased with the service provided by Cregar Enterprises and would strongly recommend their ser-

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

Thomas Yack Canton supervisor

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1998

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.

Tim and Barb Kilgore

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 We provide a nationwide resource list and accurate information on stuttering compiled

speech pathology. For more information, offered free of charge, your readers may write us at P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN. 38111-0749, e-mail: stuttersfa@aol.com, visit us at www.stutterS-FA.org, or call our toll-free Hotline on Stut-

by the leading authorities in the field of

tering at (800) 992-9392.

Jane Fraser president, Stuttering Foundation of America

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The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not publish letters that discuss new issues, since last-minute attacks don't allow a chance for rebuttal. Responses to already published issues will be accepted.

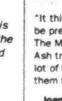
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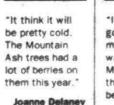
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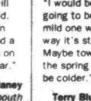
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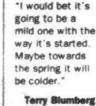


We asked this question at the Plymouth and Canton post offices.







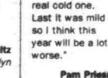












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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Area woman makes girl's Red Wing dream come true

GUEST COLUMNIST

GWEN DIETRICH

Wings training 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.

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others' lives.

Recently, I

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when I won

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Detroit Red

to the

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

: 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 fortu-

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 lifethreatening 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

Days later, Kevin called with good

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.

he said, "but we just received a fax

"You're not going to believe this,"

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

Not only would Courtney meet the Wings, but mom Dawn and dad Don would be along to experience Court-

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 Court-

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

come true to meet her Red Winged Vaughn had succeeded in creating magic for this little girl who couldn't Shortly after returning home, stop smiling as she looked down at Dawn sent me photographs of our the three hockey sticks placed across

cherish forever. It read "A hundred years from now, it will

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

not matter what my bank account evening watching the Wings, but the 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

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

about the players."

October to lengthen the muscles in her hips. Her right hip is almost dislo I am grateful to have been given the chance to brighten the life of this

Courtney underwent surgery in

Gwen Dietrich lives in Canton

Public service really meant something to Don Thurber

on Thurber's funeral last Saturday was at old Christ Church, on East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, close by the Renais-

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, pro vides the emotional content that separates everyday events from significant acts.

Funerals, certainly, are significant acts, bittersweet 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.

Descendent of a family that lived in America since the 17th century and in Michigan since 1825, Don Thurber was truly a blueblood from a | erating them to devote their talents to benefit 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

Joe Kocur.

the arms of her wheelchair.

We all enjoyed the rest of the

game could not compare to being a

part of making this child's dream

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, lib-

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 vainglory 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

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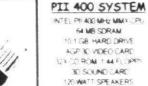


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RUTH EMMA CAMERON

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-grandchil-

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 Korp during World War II. In 1953, he married Kathryn Loesell in Munich, West Germany. He immigrated to Ypsilanti in 1953. He was a leader in the travel industry. He opened the Travel Center in Ply-

OBITUARIES

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn Loesell 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, Travus and Victoria.

MARY MAGDELENE RIDDLE

Private Services were held for Mary Magdelene "Charlie" Rid-dle, 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-

American Heart Association.

grandson.

Memorials may be made to

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

WINTER TAXES

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CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas holidays from Thursday, December 24° through Friday, January 1°. 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

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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 consider a request from Tower Automotive, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a consideration of the constant o 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 oard of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 453-3840 X 224

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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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 chil dren don't riiss 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.

tion 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.'

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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JACK GLADDEN

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

t'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

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 wellintentioned (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

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Please see GLADDEN, B2

Film production is a Dore-ing job

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

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

"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 want-

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

Dore was awarded the Women in Film Founders Award at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Califor-

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

"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



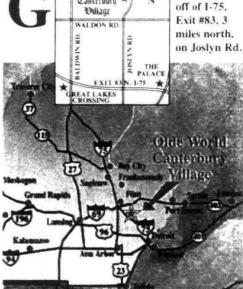
successful children's show "Hot Fudge." (above). Her work paid off in September when GRAND OPENIN

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Peter gave me the award was ecause he started his life as my ssistant with ABC. It was very,

the ceremony, Dore preared a videotape retrospective fher career.

"I showed a piece of 'Scooby Doo' in the clip and I showed piece of 'Schoolhouse Rock.' There were so many executives who were below 35, they went rupted," she said.

lumble beginnings

Dore was hired as a teacher Plymouth-Canton Communi Schools in 1969 after earning 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 gradu-

Gladden from page B1

for New Directions. That's broad A spokeswoman for those WAND protesters in Southfield enough to cover just about any told a reporter: "There is only cause that comes along. Like one way to play with these toys that we don't approve of (emphasis added) and that's violently WAND members, of course, are not the only ones concerned and aggressively. I just hope parabout toy soldiers and toy guns.

ents will start thinking about the Toys for Tots drive have the type of toys they are buying asked donors to bring only "non-And the inventory-control violent" toys to the drop-off centers - no BB guns, plastic manager for the Toys 'R' Us revolvers or toy machine guns store said: "It's our job to provide Nothing wrong with that, but it's interesting since the Toys for looking for. It's really up to the parent to pick and choose what Tots program is sponsored by the 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

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

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

Dore was manager of WSDP 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; 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,"

The show was such a huge sucuntil mid-1973, when she was cess 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, multiplica-

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

tion, nutrition, history and the

"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."

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

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, halfhour variety series, half-hour situation comedy series, two-hour novies," she said. Her work includes "Glory!

Glory!" a four-hour mini-series for HBO starring Ellen Greene, Richard Thomas and James said. "They flew in from all over Whitmore, which is airing on the the country. When I introduced Arts and Entertainment cable them, they all came up and stood station. It was nominated for six ACE Awards.

Dore's latest project is a mini-

executive director of Prevent

In Hartford, Conn., the Rev

Christopher L. Rose has issued

his annual list of the Top 10

"Warped Toys." One wonders

where some of these toys come

from, such as Gywnn Exotic

Dancer (a quite anatomically

correct doll, according to the rev-

erend), Typhoid Mary (who

comes with shackles and a

straitjacket) or Crush Me Phil

(who foams at the mouth and

Maybe these people don't have

ers and toy manufacturers are

worried that kids are outgrowing

begs to be kicked).

Blindness Oklahoma.

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

or more "sophisticated" items

like clothes and makeup. Toys

'R' Us is renovating stores to

make more room for electronics

And sales of Barbie dolls, that

perennial Christmas favorite,

are expected to be down this

year for the first time since 1976.

Instead of worrying about the

toys kids play with, perhaps we

should be concerned that they

are growing up too fast and not

playing with toys at all. I'd

rather see a fifth-grader playing

with GI Joe or Barbie than hang-

ing around a chat room on the

Internet or worrying that her

eveliner doesn't match her lip-

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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

The bride asked Debbie Brake "It was gratifying that, after to serve as matron of honor with all those years, of the 40 stu-Julie Kozakowski, Kris Sangredents who founded WSDP with me, 27 of them showed up," she gorio and Tara Gatscher as bridesmaids. Emily Walton and Kyleigh Clark were junior bridesmaids. The flower girl was with me. It was a wonderful moment. I'm extremely proud of

Powell-Hunter

Walton-Temple

of Plymouth.

Eric Alan Walton and Shelly

Lynn Temple were married Aug.

8 at Newburg United Methodist

Church in Livonia. The Rev.

Thomas Badley performed the

The bride is the daughter of

Robert and Ellie Temple of Can-

ton. The groom is the son of Alan

Walton and Carla Gardner, both

The bride is a graduate of Ply-

mouth Salem High School and

Eastern Michigan University.

She is employed by the Universi-

ty of Phoenix, Michigan campus,

The groom is a graduate of

Plymouth Canton High School.

He is employed at Botsford Kid-

ney Center as a biomedical tech-

as an enrollment counselor

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 fiance 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 Holv Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia. The Revs. Dennis Bux and Marc Gawronski performed the cere-

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

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

Troy Lopez was the ringbearer.

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 ask Claudia Lowe, Wayne State University with her 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

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Petito-O'Bev

Antonio Thomas Petito and Theresa Ann O'Bev were married Aug. 22 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford. The Rev. Donald Walker performed The bride is the daughter of

Theresa O'Bey of Livonia and the late John O'Bey. 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 manager/field service coordinator.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Michigan State University. The groom asked Sean Pardo He is employed by Bay Pointe to serve as best man with Golf Club in West Bloomfield as Robert Temple, Garry Lopez and a horticulturist. Norm Budnick as groomsmen.

The bride asked Rose O'Bey to serve as her maid of honor with The couple received guests at Marg Steinheiser and Siobhan Groleau as bridesmaids.

Fellows Creek Golf Club. A hon-The groom asked Scott Hicks eymoon in Cancun is planned They are making their home in to serve as his best man with

Payton-O'Brien

Bethany L. Payton of Redford and Edward B. O'Brien III of Chelmsford, Mass., announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Redford Union High School, a 1989 graduate of Wayne State University with a School with a juris doctor degree bachelor of arts degree in political science and a 1994 graduate of DePaul College of Law with her juris doctor degree. A lieu- aboard the USS Enterprise tenant in the U.S. Navv. she has (CVN 65) on a six-month deploy been on active duty in the Judge ment in the Arabian Gulf. Advocate General's Corps since 1994. She is stationed in Nor- planned

graduate of Boston College Law with honors. A lieutenant in the

of the University of Mas-

sachusetts-Amherst with a bach-

U.S. Navy in Judge Advocate General's Corps, he is stationed A fall 1999 wedding is

assault crimes.

Porterfield-Marion 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 Canof Plymouth-Salem High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed by Kmart Corp. Plymouth-Salem High School and the University of Michigan.

Terry Carlson and Craig Julien as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Andrew Robert Sherman and Barnstormer in Whitmore Lake Cara Marie Fontana were marbefore leaving on a honeymoon ried July 18 at the Dixboro Unittrip to Alaska. They are making ed Methodist Church. The Rev. their home in South Lyon. James Cochran performed the

The bride is the daughter of folk, Va., where she is a prosecu Lawrence and Janice Fontana of tor, specializing in sexual Plymouth. The groom is the son of Harold and Mary Sherman of Her fiance is a 1989 graduate

Ypsilanti. The bride asked Marie Elaina Fontana to be her matron of elor of arts degree in history and nonor with Marisa Fontana as political science and a 1994 maid of honor and Michelle Gaveski, Lisa Smith and Sandee Salver as bridesmaids

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M

The bride-to-be is a graduate

He is employed by Reed Detec-

Sherman-Fontana

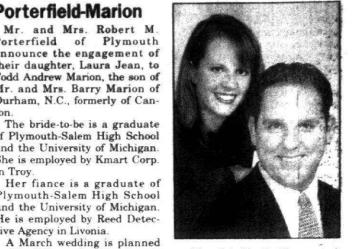
tive Agency in Livonia.

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

The couple received guests at Hawthorne Valley Country Club

Foster-Embry

Craig P. Foster of Canton and Christine Desjardens of Manch-Hopkinsville, Ky.



at Ward Evangelical Presbyteri- an Church in Northville



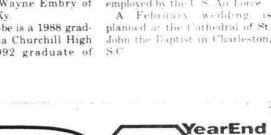
trip to Hilton Head Island, S.C. They are making their home in Ypsilanti Township

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

ty Services. Her fiance is a student at Tredent Technical College He is employed by the U.S. Air Force A February wedding is planned at the Cathedral of St.



ester Mich announce the engagement of their daughter. Julie Christine, to Shawn Patrick Embry, the son Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wayne Embry of The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, a 1992 graduate of



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Research Group (which started



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advocate organization) has sumer program director of PIRG. released its annual list of "dangerous toys." PIRG has, by esign, focused on toys containing small parts that can cause

choking, if swallowed by a child. Their report lists 24 "danger-In Massachusetts, sponsors of ous" toys discovered during a survey of stores across the country, from Babe the Pig and Friends Bedtime Babe ("small child could choke on a clock accessory") to a Battery Operated Transport Truck, containing "small plastic fruit and vegetables that children could choke

U.S. Marine Corps and the drop-But, in a press release accomoff centers are located at State panying the report, PIRG reports Police posts around Masthat the "leading choking killer" But if WAND and the Marine of children is still - are you Corps are concerned about the ready? - balloons. That's right. psychological effects of guns and BALLOONS.

"It is totally inappropriate to market balloons for toddlers," out as basically a consumers said Edmund Mierzwinski, con-

"We urge parents to avoid bal- that fly. Playthings are a leading loons altogether for children cause of eye injuries to children, under 8, and even then to use according to Martha Pat Upp. extreme caution.

The other 'targets'

If PIRG's "special interest" is toys that choke, other groups have their own particular targets. Greenpeace worries about toys that contain "toxic chemicals known as phthalates that are added to polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic toys as a softener," and the Speech and Hearing Department at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York focuses on toys that are too loud (such as toy sirens and squeaky rubber toys [that] can that much to fret about. Retailemit sounds of 90 decibels" and

can damage a child's hearing.

An Oklahoma group has toys at a much younger age than issued warnings about toys that they did in the past and are movshoot objects, such as BB guns or ing on to high-tech stuff involv-

> CRAFTS CALENDAR land. For more information, call

slingshots, or that include parts ing computers and video games

and clothes.

mouth Road, Livonia. There will booth and raffle. For more infor-

For more information, call the

SENIOR HOUSE

be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

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

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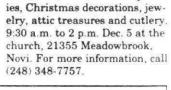
center at (734) 425-0100.

Listings for the Crafts Calendar have its 10th annual holiday should be submitted in writing craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 no later than noon Friday for the at the retirement home, 11525 next Thursday's issue. They can Farmington Road, south of Ply-Livonia 48150, or by fax at be a bake sale, white elephant

mation, 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.

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, West-Senior House of Livonia will



(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, Can-

ton. There will be more than 75

crafters, hourly raffles, bake sale

and lunch Admission will be \$1

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WEEKEND

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT Whistle Stop Players will present "The Velveteen Rabbit" Dec. 4-6 in the Ply-Council, JoAnne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Ply nouth. Show times are p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m Sunday. Admission is \$5. For more information, call

734) 416-4278. HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

■ Detroit Lasestadian Lutheran Church Congregation will hold their annual holiday bake sale from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. Dec. 5 at 290 Fairground, Plymouth. The bake sale will feature nissua (a finished sweet bread), pasties, poinsettias, wreaths, handmade gift items, and many more fresh baked goods. MUSIC FOR THE HOLIDAYS The Women's Club of

Plymouth presents "Music

for the Holidays" at 12:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4 at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201

North Territorial. The ■ The Plymouth Poets will event is free of charge and ADVENT RETREAT ■ Madonna University will hold an advent retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday Dec. 5, in the Founder's Room and the University Chapel in the Residence Hall. This year's theme will be "Embody Christ." The Rev. Dave Cornett, a missionary of the Divine Word, will lead the actividay verse.

ties, which include prayer quiet reflection, conferences, lunch, a reconcilia tion service and a liturgy. The public is invited. The cost is \$12 for the day. The cost includes lunch and efreshments. For more information, or for reserva

tions, call Deacon Gene

Desjarlais in the campus

432-5419. RSVP by Dec. 3. LUMINARY KITS

■ The Plymouth Symphony League and the Trailwood Garden Club will hold their nnual fund-raising sale of uminary kits 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 12 don and Ann Arbor Road and in Plymouth Market place at Lilley and Ann Arbor Road and Westchester Mall. The cost of a set

of 10 candles with white bags is \$4. ANNUAL COOKIE WALK ■ Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church is having their annual special Christmas cookie walk from 9 a.m. until sold out Saturday, Dec. 12, in the church. 36075 W. Seven Mile Road between Newburgh and Farmington roads, Livonia There will be fancy ethnic cookies, an assortment of Greek . Ukrainian, Russian, Italian, and many more. There will also be an ssortment of homemade pierogi, stuffed cabbage. sweet bread, and nut, apr

cot and poppy seed rolls. For more information, call (248) 476-3432. HOLIDAY SHOPPING The Village Potters Guild will host a holiday sale Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5, at 340 N. Main,

Plymouth. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There will be 25 ceramic artists exhibiting both functional and decorative work in porcelain, neware, raku, and pit-

The Women's National Farm & Garden Associa-tion of Plymouth will spon-sor a holiday greens mart 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. There will be a bake by Marc-Antoine Charpen-tier, the Magnificat by Giosale. Items featured will be vanni Battista Pergolesi

vreaths, bows, swags, and different arrangement Proceeds go to benefit olarships and civic proects. For more informaion, call Karen Horton at (734) 207-0563 or Pat Robinson at (734) 453-

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

TREE DECORATING

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ■ The 125-voice Plymouth

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

OPEN HOUSE ■ The Canton Historical Society will host a holiday open house and bake sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Dec. 5, in the museum. The bake sale will feature a politicians' table with nomemade treats donated by township officials and local politicians. Refreshments will be served. The museum is at the corner of Canton Center and Heritage Drive (Proctor).

455-4080

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

■ Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville rossing Restaurant, 8900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150

N. Center, Northville.

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS A Christmas Choral Concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel. The Madonna Chorale, which is made up of students, faculty, and local community members is conducted by David Wagner, associate professor of music at Madonna University. The public is welcome to attend and admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. The con-cert will feature the Midnight Mass for Christmas

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE Scouts turn out: Members of Canton Girl Scout Troop 1066 (from left) Jessia Lang, Dawn Sundquist, Asha Tankersely, Laura Kilgore and Megan Crum, along with troop leader Donice Armstrong,

> and many other Christmas favorites. The choral will be accompanied by a small string orchestra. This vear's Christmas concert will be dedicated to the Felician Sisters who are celebrating the 125th anniversary of their American foundation. For more information, call David

cancer programs.

Wagner at (734) 432-5708. SING-ALONG WITH SANTA Ring in the holiday sea-

side with the red suited one himself at the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's annual sing along with Santa. The benefit will be held at 3:30 n m Sunday, Dec. 13, at Bethle hem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth in downtown Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 for children \$10 for adults, \$25 for families, and \$50 for patrons. Patron tickets include priority seating and a listing in the program (if order received by Dec. 3). For more information, or to order tickets, call (734) 994-4801. Tickets are also available at 527 E. Liberty. Suite 208, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or

event. WINTER CONCERT

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

BOYCHOIR CONCERT ■ The Boychoir of Ann Arbor is pleased to present its 12th annual Christmas Concert, entitled "A Boychoir Christmas," at 3 p.m.,

Event:

Date and Time:

and at 7:30 p.m., Saturday,

Dec. 19 in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Division at Catherine) in Ann Arbor. The program will include traditional Christmas carols as well as John Rutter's "What sweeter music" and Benjamin Britten's, "There is no rose." Tickets are \$12 per adult and \$6 per student or senior. A family ticket is \$30. Tickets may be

joined 2,200 walkers on Belle Isle recently for the American Can-

walk raised \$200,000 for breast cancer research and local breast

cer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event. The

AROUND TOWN

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LIBRARY PROGRAM ■ The Plymouth District Library will host an informational meeting for those wanting to know "How To Buy a Computer" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the library. Richard Truxall, who works as the continuing education coordinator for the Library Network. will answer questions and discuss basic computer buying information. Truxall helped develop the Internet Public Library and is the collection librarian for the Michigan section of the Michigan Electronic at the church beginning at Library. The program is 2:30 p.m. the day of the free. Registration is required at the Reader's

■ The Ann Arbor Youth CRAFTERS NEEDED

variety of hand-made arts and crafts including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking. Booth space is available for \$50. Booths with electrici-

receive a \$5 discount if their form is received before Feb. 1. For an application or information, call (734) 432-5603.

TOY & HOBBY EXPO ■ The Toy & Hobby Expo returns from 3-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 26 and from 9-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 27 at the Novi Expo Center, located at I-96 and Novi Road (exit 162). The show will feature fantastic operating displays including the world's largest mobile model railroad display. Vendors and collectors will be selling new, used, antique and collectible toys and hobby supplies. Admission is \$6 for adults.

and \$3 for children 4-12 years of page. Parking is \$4. For more information, call (734) 455-2110. WORKSHOPS ■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council will offer a Christmas Craft Workshop/Visit with Santa from 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15. Cost is \$7 per child, this includes a assistance in making a holiday craft project. Photos are also available for a charge of \$2. For more nformation, call (734) 416-4ART.

Plymouth Community Advisory Desk or by tele-Arts Council will offer a phone at (734) 453-0750. Pottery: Make A Christmas Ornament (ages 6-12) from ■ Madonna University is 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, accepting applications from Dec. 10. Cookie cutters crafters for its 14th Annual and rolling pins are just Spring Arts & Crafts Showsome of the tools used to case, to be held from 10 produce a lasting holiday a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturnomento or a great gift. day, March 20 in the Activ Pick up of ornaments are to ities Center on campus. be announced. Cost is \$11. The show will feature a For more information, call

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additional \$5. Exhibitors

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MI. 48170, or by fax to 734 459 4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the

following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

spaces. Crafters will

(734) 416-4278.

ART MARKET ■ The Lucille B. Conger Group of the University of Michigan is hosting the fifth annual art market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10 at Barton Hills Country Club,

■ The Lucille B. Conger Alumnae Group of the University of Michigan elegantly presents Home for the Holidays home tour from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10. This vear's tour features four fabulously decorated homes

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day decorations and art

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sical and classic jewelry,

scarves, stationary, and

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tas, snow people and angels, painted glassware,

dried floral arrangements,

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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that will inspire you for the holidays. These four impressive homes are located in Stonebridge, the Delhi Park area, and off of Newport Road in Ann Arbor. Cost is \$15 per per son and includes admission to all four homes and the Conger Art Market held at Barton Hills country Club on the same date.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

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

■ The Plymouth community is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades

three-eight; girls' instructional basketball league for grades three-six; introductory to dance, ages 5-8; creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5; active older adult water exercise, youth travel floor hockey for ages 9-12, and step aerobics fitness class and aquatics. For more information, call the Ply mouth YMCA at (734) 453-

Schoolcraft College EdgeRunner Ski Club is sponsoring a Blue Mountain. Ontario skiing trip on Feb. 5-7. The trip includes two-night condo accommodation, two day/night lift passes, two breakfasts, one dinner, hot tubs, saunas, and more. The club offers this trip at a special price of only \$159 for members, and \$189 for non-members. Trip participants must be 18 years or older to attend. For more information, call EdgeRunners at (734) 462-

KIWANIS

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

KOEZE NUT SALE

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

MEDILODGE GROUP ■ The Medilodge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to

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Ladies Auxiliary of Plymouth is looking for a vol unteer age 12-15 who has done exceptional volunteer work. Two \$1,000 savings bond are awarded nationally. For more information, notify Ann Smith at 453-

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Nursing Center at (734)

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

■ The VFW No. 6695

administrator or admission

■ Oakwood Healthcare System presents a certified sitter class 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, and 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 16, in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. The program is for people 11-15 to develop skills to

become knowledgeable, safe and responsible baby sitters. Includes infant, child CPR and choking intervention, information on age-appropriate activities, basic first-aid, bathing, feeding, growth and development. Cost is \$30. For more information, or to register, call (734)

416-2937. LOW FAT COOKING CLASS

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

ADULT DAY CARE

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

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women under the age of 45 Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. For more information, call (734) 662-

PARKINSON EDUCATION ■ The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets

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

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice sponsors variety of grief support pro grams open to the public you would like more information or would like to sign up, call (734) 662-

NEW VOICES

Scott Rogers of Franklin. Ind., and Jodi Henry-Rogers of cis, all of Garden City, and Tom Garden City announce the birth and Debbie Tanoshunas of of India Salome Henry- Belleville. Rogers Aug. 1 at the Birthing Mark and Cheryl Buckley of Center of Garden City Hospital. Westland announce the birth of Grandparents are Tim and Jessica Rose-Lee Oct. 14 at

Kathy Tillotsow of New Whiteland, Ind. Gary and Beth Creekmore of Plymouth announce the birth of Dylan Louis June 20 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He has two brothers, Jordan, 8, and Judith Milot of Westland. Alex, 3. Grandparents are Robert and MaryLou Weaver of Hilton Head Island, S.C., formerly of Livonia, and Harvil and Ann Creekmore of Lexington,

Ala., formerly of Northville. Simon John and Kimberly Ann Pienton of Westland announce the birth of Zachary John Aug. 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital Grandparents are Nancy Pienton of Westland and the late Simon Pienton and Ed and Connie Lutsic of Wyandotte. Greatgrandmother is Helen Tomala of Wyandotte.

Matt and Robin Hallam of Garden City announce the birth of Alyssa Brooke Oct. 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has two brothers, Chad and Randy. Grandparents are Jim and Dell Hallam and Dennis and Brenda Nordstrom, all of Dearborn

Scott and Kimberly Sparks of Garden City announce the Shyann Lashae Aug. 17 at birth of Kailynn Mae Aug. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins four sib- Ashley. Grandparents are lings, Jessica, 8, Chelsie, 6, Allis- Nadene Conley of Wayland, Ky., sa, 4, and Scott II, 2. Grandpar- and Helen Schumaker of Mount ents are Mark and Donna Clemens.

Diane Henry of Garden City and Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a brother, Mark Jr., and three sisters. Sarah, Jennifer and Samantha. Grandparents are John and Kathy Nepsey of Wayne, Albert and Sheila Meyers of Wayne and

> Tracey Beverley of Garden City announces the birth of Caitlyn Nicole July 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Troy and Carol Beverley of Garden

Jennifer Rexford of Westland announces the birth of Dakota Paul Rexford Oct. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Tim and Rae Blome of Pigeon and Tim Rexford of olumbus, Ga.

Bernard Brewer III and April Gearhart of Westland announce the birth of Drew Weston Aug. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Stephen Gearhart, 7. Grandparents are Tom and Donna Perry of Plymouth and Bernard and Joyce Brewer of Westland.

Sean and Mary Conley of Westland announce the birth of Center-Wayne. She has a sister.

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arrive from school.

from last year, but we have a

good number," Bergendahl said.

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and a sweater or two "They get out there on the floor to wrap some of them," said Diane Bergendahl, who with Sue Roy and Kathy Swan are overseeing the booth. "CD towers are the awkward ones to wrap.'

refrigerators, microwave ovens

Bergendahl and Roy have been a part of the gift wrapping booth for seven years, while Swan has five years on her tape dispenser. The 52 girls in the seventh

12th grades are members of 12 Cadette and Senior Girl Scout troops in Livonia. Redford. Westland, Novi, Farmington Hills, Detroit and Inkster, Helping them are 44 mothers working at



year, it's out in the mall across

"There's no storefront which is

better because people don't see

us in a storefront," said Bergen-

from the food court and kitty-cor-

ner to Jeepers.

ended and also participate in the booth and the fifth year it has been at Wonderland Mall. In the cookie sale - they start taking past, the booth has been located orders Dec. 14. in a vacant store front, but this

But the booth provides money for troop end-of-year activities In the past, the troops have used to money for trips to Toronto Chicago, Boston and Savannah as well as the Mall of America in Minnesota and Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Girl Scout

Rachel

Feathers

(left) and

Erin Mul-

of Livonia,

together in

wrapping a

present for a

the Scouts'

ping booth

land Center.

gift wrap-

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downey, both

Troop 1805,

dahl "But it's been slow to start "We do get around; that's what because we're away from most of the money is for," said Bergendahl, whose troop at Timothy The gift wrapping booth is one of several fund-raising activities Lutheran Church in Livonia This is the seventh year the for the girls. They work on the plans to use the money for a trip Scouts have had a gift wrapping calendar and nut sale which just



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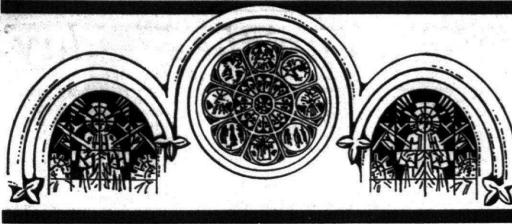
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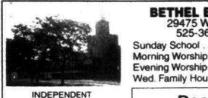
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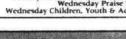


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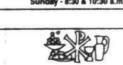
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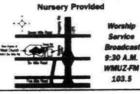
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Is for Giving" on Dec. 9, while

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Advent services at 7 p.m

Listings for the Religious News will present a choir cantata,

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shoemaker who is visited by an a free children's storybook verangel on Christmas Eve will sion of "Red Boots for Christonce again charm audiences of mas." all ages this holiday season in In addition to the television

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This year's theme will be Cho is a professor and associ-"Embody Christ." The Rev. Dave ate dean at North Carolina Central University, past president of Cornett, a missionary of the the National Council of Presby-Divine Word, will lead the activi terian Men, a member and past ties, which include prayer, quiet moderator of the Presbyterian reflection, conferences, lunch, a General Assembly Council. reconciliation service and litur gy. The cost of the retreat is \$12 Tickets cost \$6 each and are available through the Detroit for the entire day. Reservations Presbytery Office at (313) 345can be made through Dec. 3 by 6550 or George Irwin at (734) calling Deacon Gene Desjarlais at (734) 432-5419.

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will have its holiday boutique following the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 6, at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road and south of the I-96 freeway. Holiday baked goods and craft items will be sold. The church also will have its annual Little Christmas ethnic festival at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8. The evening will include a worship service with hymns and music from several ethnic heritages and a dessert buffet with ethnic specialties. Call (313) 538-2660.

CRAFT-STORY HOUR

Newburg United Methodist turch will have a Christmas aft and story hour for eschoolers ages 2 1/2 to 5 and eir parents 10-11:30 a.m. ednesday, Dec. 9, in the west d of Gutherie Hall. There will child care available in the crib om for younger siblings. Call 34) 422-0149. Newburg United ethodist is at 36500 Ann Arbor rail, Livonia.

BIFT OF CHRISTMAS'

Plymouth Baptist Church will present the concert "The Gift of Christmas," at 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 11-13, at the hurch, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, 12 mile west of Haggerty Road, Plymouth. The concert features traditional and contemporary Christmas music in a "smallfown" setting.

There is no admission charge,

however, a Salvation Army kettle will be available for donations. Children younger than age 5 will not be admitted into the auditorium. Full nursery and preschool care will be provided. Call (734) 453-5534.

ASP BENEFIT

A spaghetti dinner and basket auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will benefit the Appalachia Service Project, which sponsors youth and young adult work trips to Appalachia. Tickets - \$6.50 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-12, and \$20 for a family of two adults and two children – for the auction will be on sale through Sunday, Dec. 6. or games for a rainy day. Call the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey at (734) 422-0149 or visit http://www.gbgm-umc.org/newburgumc. **MUSICAL DRAMA**

Covenant Community Church will present the musical drama, "The King: The Long Awaited Promise," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 25800 Student St., at Beech Daly Road, Redford. The musical drama unfolds the life of Benjamin, a fictitious first century rabbi who considers the claims of Christ, Call (313) 535-3100.

School as a church.

Alpha Baptist Church in Livonia is expecting, so to speak, in the spring. That's the tentative completion date of its new 6,000square-foot Family Life Center.

We've looked forward to this day for a long time," said the Rev. Benson Kern, senior pastor at Alpha Baptist. "As our congregation grows, so does our need for a place where we can all gather in fellowship.

Ground was broken for the new center in october. The facility will include a gymnasium, changing rooms, kitchen and several classrooms.

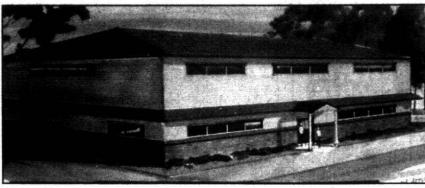
According to Kern, the center will be used for indoor athletic events, concerts, drama presentations, dinners and Sunday

"Our championship softball," basketball and volleyball teams have been begging for a place to practice during the winter months," Kern added. "This new Family Life Center promises to meet these needs and much Alpha Baptist was founded in

1939 when Coronado Baptist Church was asked to sponsor a Sunday School in the neighborhood of the Dutcher home on Sherwood Lane in Livonia. By January 1940, a formal

meeting was called to organized the members of the Sunday

By August 1941, lots were pur-



Alpha Baptist to build family center

chased at the corner of Grantland and Arcola and the basement church was built. It was dedicated in October 1942.

The sanctuary was erected on the basement church in 1950, but by July 1952, the growth of the church made it necessary to sell the old church and once again meet in a school.

In September 1953, ground was broken for a new church at its present location, 28501 W. Chicago, west of Inkster Road, Livonia, and in November 1953 the name was changed to Alpha

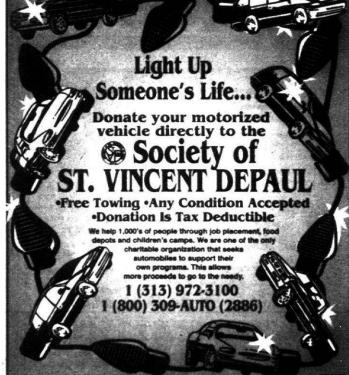
The new sanctuary was completed in July 1954, with a new educational facility and expanded sanctuary started in 1963. Further remodeling was undertaken in 1972 to make better use of the church facilities.



el: The Rev. Carl Young, pastor of Alpha Baptist Church from 1952 to 1987, assists the Rev. Benson Kern, pastor since 1995, with groundbreaking for the new 6,000square-foot Family Life Center that's expected to be completed in the spring.

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SPORTS SCENE

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

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

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.

this 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

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

"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
m ore
offense
himself
than the
Peterbor-

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

Detroit led 2-0 after one period and, thanks to Druken's hattrick, 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

By STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

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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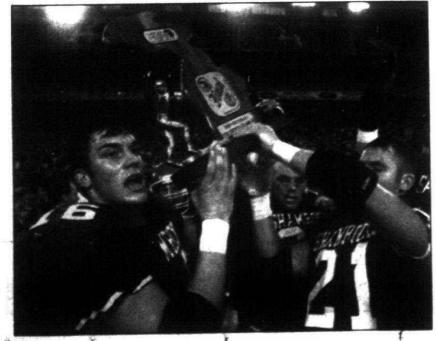
caught one pass in nine games played outdoors.

Andersen caught a 70-yard touchdown pass from Lusky with 5:04 left to erase a 23-21 deficit and give CC its secondstraight Class AA state championship Saturday afternoon, 2723 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 comefrom-behind win over Rockford.

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assisted on one goal each.

discipline of the game."

Double-winner: Shamrocks blast Falcons

Lewarne, Sean McGowan and Spiewak

"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

Each team picked up 16 penalties,

"which is too many", according to St.

St. John said he doesn't have a No. 1

line among his four but Moss, Spiewak

"They are playing very well," St. John

and Bentley are sure playing like it.

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 Britons buried the Fighting Cru-saders under a 53-25 second-half point he, on their way to an 85-63 tri-

umph 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 ting: They converted 15-of-28 shots (53.6 percent) to Albion's 14-of-32 (43.8

Coming up short

Poor shooting plagued both

teams at Saturday's Tartar Clas-

sic women's basketball final

between host Wayne State and

Indiana-South Bend, but South

Bend survived to post a 60-55

The Tartars, now 1-4, fell

behind 32-21 at halftime and

could not recover. Sarah

Warnke, 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:

Warnke also had three steals.

Her efforts, combined with her

17-point, 19-rebound perfor-

mance in WSU's 72-40 win over

University of Michigan-Dearborn

in their Classic opener, earned

her a spot on the all-tournament

Melissa Marzolf, a freshman

at Northwood University from

Plymouth Canton HS, has

earned a starter's role as point

guard for the rebuilding Timber-

My question is:

Marzolf a starter

IEN'S BASKETBALL

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 unding Madonna 34-21 — which included 13 offensive rebounds compared to the Crusaders 12 defensive

SPORTS ROUNDUP

percent). But the Britons were not to be

out her four-year career at Can-

ton, is 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

Northwood was 2-5 through its

There were 15 athletes this

fall season at Hope College who

earned their fourth letters in

their sport, and former Ply

mouth Canton HS standout

Lance Pellow is one of them. Pel-

low was one of three seniors on

the men's soccer team to letter

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

The Plymouth-Canton Shark

Attack, avenging an earlier tour-

nament loss, defeated Garden

four-straight seasons

Shark strike

in rebounding (5.3).

first seven games.

Four letters

Led by Tim Czarnecki's 25 points on Erick Shaffer and Steve Conger

giving Tournament's Mite B

Division last weekend.

Used sports stuff

The annual used sports equip-

ment sale, sponsored by the Can-

ton Parks and Recreation Ser-

vices, will be Saturday at Pleas-

ant Run Golf Club's clubhouse,

located at 46500 Summit Park-

way in Canton.

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.

hipped in with 10 points each for

S'craft blasts Tyndale

Schoolcraft College coach Carlos Briggs has conducted more competitive William Tyndale College.

The Ocelots got up quickly and neyer relented in a 153-33 bombardment of him MCCAA Eastern Conference player Tyndale. The win kept SC's record per- of the week honors. fect through five games.

Six players reached double-figures for the Ocelots, who led 96-14 at halftime: Dashawn 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 Jar- this on the Ocelot schedule.

points each. Williams' all-around effort earned

Jacob Stamm's 20 points was best for

football team won its second-straight Class AA state title with a 27-23 win over Rockford at the Pontiac Silver-"We played up to our capabilities." said Briggs. "We didn't let down. CC goaltender Ben Dunne earned the

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

Murray's point spree

department at (734) 397-5110. Leading the Shark Attack were tournament most valuable

the Parks and Recreation

player Kyle Powell, Jayson **AAU** hoop tryouts Payne, Lauren Maxell, Brad Plieman, Pat Killian, Pat Tryouts for the Oakland Lady Theisen, Kody Laho, Justin Hawks 14-year-old girls AAU Bewer, Zach Haar, John Eckley, basketball team will be held 5 to Dave Knuth, John Maurer, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Justin Ownen, Drinnin Sante, Evans Rec Center and on Satur-Riley Groenewoud and Zack day, 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. There is a \$10 fee each day. Call Loretta Tindle at (248) 548-8869 or Linda Tate at (313) 893-5482 for more information.

The public is invited to both Baseball tryouts

sell and buy. Those wishing to sell may drop off their items The Michigan Yankee Rebels between 6-9 p.m. today (Dec. 3) will hold tryouts for its 1999 Litat the Pleasant Run clubhouse. tle Caesars travel team for 10 Sellers set their own prices; volyear olds and under at 3 p.m. unteers will handle all sales, Dec. 13 and 20 at the Sports with those dropping off items to Academy in Northville. be sold collecting the profits (minus 15 percent for the Parks

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

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

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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

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-35 floor shooting (31.4 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

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

EWOMEN'S HOOP

with five points and five Kacy Davidson's 12 points

Rockford cornerback, who was and eight rebounds paced step for step with Andersen. The Albion; Meagan Madej concatch was made around the 30 and Andersen raced the rest of the way to the end zone.

shots in the game (43.4 per-cent) 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 sur vive, 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. Madon-na trimmed that deficit to 48-34 by halftime, but the Cru saders were never able to com pletely recover. Murray's 13 points was best for Madonna; Enfield added 10

as targets when there was no after a nine-yard run by Rock- him, with 6:55 left in the second if you have tough guys inside run to cut Rockford's lead to 16- ford lead to 23-21 with 11:56 left. one around to play catch with, ford's Keith Wurn with 1:38 left in the third quarter.

couldn't find his Red Wood - 6foot-5, 255-pound tight end Nick Rockford, a heavy underdog, Brzezinski - or fullback Casey finished 11-2 overall record, its only losses coming to Detroit Andersen was the next option. Catholic League opponents. "It was actually supposed to go Birmingham Brother Rice beat to Casey and they had it covered Rockford, 41-14, in the regular

State champs from page C1

Redford Catholic Central's hockey

team gave the school's fans more to

cheer on Saturday night with a 7-0 vic-

tory over Dearborn Divine Child at Red-

The win came only hours after the CC

shutout with 27 saves as the Shamrocks

CC junior forward David Moss had a

and Derek was the secondary

receiver," Lusky said. "He told

me in the huddle they weren't

covering him. He did all the

The ball appeared to have

"I just know we had it covered

pretty darn well." Rockford

roach Ralph Munger said.

work, I just laid it in for him."

ford Ice Arena.

improved to 3-0 overall.

season finale, but this was a far different Rams' team. The Shamrocks, 12-0 overall, are the first back-to-back champions in AA. This was their sixth state title in school history, fifth gone through the hands of the

in the 1990s. Rockford used some flea-flickplays that you'd find in a backyard touch football game to confuse a CC defense that had surrendered an average of 10

Rockford opened the scoring when quarterback Dan Richard The play stunned the crowd of (13 for 21 for 109 yards) complet-17,150 and capped another play- ed a 35-yard touchdown pass to off rally by the Shamrocks, who Courtney Yon, who didn't have a had my druthers I'd pound on found themselves down 23-14 CC player within 20 yards of you (with the running game) but

Richard started the play with

HOCKE

hat trick and sophomore linemate David

The Shamrocks, who led 3-0 after one

Brad Holland and Matt Van Heest had

Todd Bentley and Keith Rowe collect-

ed three assists each and Chris Morelli

two. Van Heest, Ryan Yost, Nick

period and 6-0 through two, had four

Spiewak added two goals.

power play goals.

the other CC goals.

a hand-off to the halfback, who pitched the ball to a receiver. The ball then was lateralled back to Richard, whose pass to Yon gave the Rams a 6-0 lead. "I wasn't surprised, I think

said the Rockford quarterback. "That play usually works. I was first worried about catching it. I throw it all the time." Rockford raised the lead to 9-0 when Luke Greenland kicked a

anxious was the better word,

19-yard field goal with 3:47 left in the half following a fumble recovery by the Rams at CC's 8.

Three running plays resulted in seven yards but Rockford chose to try the field goal attempt by a straight on kicker from the left-hash mark on fourth down

"I'm a midwest coach and if I

you too. Lusky completed six of 11 touchdowns, which ties a Class AA finals game record.

Brzezinski's 12-yard touchdown catch and the first of Mike Sgroi's three extra points with :45 left in the first half cut Rockford's lead to 9-7. But Rockford took a 16-7 lead

after a 52-yard return on the ensuing kickoff. CC junior fullback John Kava, who had 83 yards in 22 carries,

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the second half with a one-yard

you have to find another way," 14. Jeff Potts' 30-yard catch to Munger said. "It can backfire on the Rockford 3 keyed the drive.

said. "We try to keep it as equal as pos-

sible. 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

Old-Timers, whose roster included Gary

recent NHL players John Ogrodnick

and Mark Hamway, helped St. John

reach the 100 win mark in his sixth sea-

St. John downplayed the win because

son as CC coach.

Bergman, Alex Delvecchio and more

A recent 6-4 win over the Red Wings

with a run off a lateral from in the world." Richard that seemed to be designed as another flea flicker pass. Wurn faked a throw inside the 10, causing the CC defender

to jump, and ran around the end into the locker room, scoring on a Rockford's favor but the Sham- les. one-yard run by Tony Savickas rocks answered again with a

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"We were down the whole" game and fighting back." Lusky The Rams seemed to regain said. "It was an exhausting the momentum after Wurn game, a great football team we

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 prob-

ably a couple decades older, isn't plan-

ning 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."

passes for 162 yards and two capped a 10-play 80 yard drive beat and this is the best feeling The Shamrocks had 17 first downs to Rockford's 13 and outgained the Rams 313-237. Nick

Kato and Jeremiah Hicks had one sack each and Mike Wilk and Lou Willoughby shared a The score made it 23-14 in sack. Rogowski led with 10 tacks.

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nine-yard run by Rogowski to school football game and both end a 79-yard drive. Lusky's 35- teams deserve a great deal of yard pass to Brzezinski gave the credit," CC coach Tom Mach; Shamrocks a first down at Rock- said. "We knew coming in they capped an 80-yard drive to start ford's 29 and Rogowski scored presented problems the way they three plays later to cut the Rock-spread you out."

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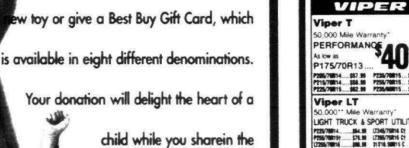
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Borgess stops Sandusky in quarters

Hampton and another freshman, 6-

"Raechelle really gave us a lift and

when she scores it's a bonus." Mann

said. "I didn't play her last week, not

because she's not playing well or

because I don't have confidence in her,

foot-1 center Joei Clyburn, should form

a formidable frontline in the future.

CC could be strong enough to challenge for state title

Redford Catholic Central may want to keep the celebration

going.
After repeating as the state's Class AA football champions last match the football team's feat? weekend, the Shamrocks may Not necessarily, according to CC have another state title to boast.

Backed by a strong returning cast, CC has a good chance this season of winning the state title "I think the tenacity they get in wrestling.

The Shamrocks, a perennial won the state title since 1988.

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Brocc Naysmith and Mitch Han-

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coach Mike Rodriguez. "I think the two programs complement each other," he said. from wrestling helps them in

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power which has won the attitude and competition from Catholic League wrestling title football helps them in the past seven seasons, haven't wrestling. That 10-year drought may end about some of his star wrestlers as CC returns three first-team starting late.

football. And the good winning Rodriguez isn't too concerned

Rogowski, the outstanding football team has gone this far and we've had wrestlers start

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"This is not the first time the

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late," he added. "The football the season is simple. season was long and will certainy drain them physically at the beginning of the wrestling season. Luckily we have a long sea-Is it a coincidence that the son and they should all be ready wrestling squad may be able to come time for March (the state

> tournament)." Some came to practice for the first time Monday as a result of Casey Rogowski, who won the sport to another." state title last season at heavy-

Rogowski, now in his second year at heavyweight, went undefeated in 45 matches last season despite not being ranked in a League title this season. statewide poll throughout the

"To repeat as state champ," Rodriguez said. "That's the only direction Casey knows."

Also walking in to practice for the first time was senior Brocc Naysmith. The 215-pounder walked right back out of the room, according to Rodriguez.

"He was smart," Rodriguez the football team's title run. One said, "It's a different atmosphere of those to walk in was senior to change uniforms from one

Naysmith, Rodriguez's grandson, posted a 40-4 record last season and has a 99-12 career mark. He will attempt to win his fourth consecutive Catholic

Another returning grappler is junior Mitch Hancock, a two-Rogowski is 100 percent after time first-team All Area suffering a broken leg early in wrestler. He finished 44-6 last will compete for time: Brian we've had here in 10 years.

football season and his goal for season and fourth in the state Jackett and Blake Naysmith.

after losing to the eventual 135- room during football season." pound champion by a mere point in the semifinals.

wrestle at 152 and try to improve his career mark of 92-8. this season and a state title is Sarata and Jeff Wheeler, sophonot out of his reach," Rodriguez more Andy Lenarum and fresh-

Senior John Abshire, another for time. state qualifier and a third-team

wrestler, junior Jess Norman, Norman is also a member of CC's Quiz Bowl team.

> All-Area wrestler last season, will wrestle at 145.

Sophomore Mike Werner, who won the district title as a fresh-This season, Hancock will man, will compete at 140.

Rodriguez has a problem at the 135 class - too much talent "Mitch is bigger and stronger The foursome of seniors Ron man Jay Abshire will compete

Other wrestlers for CC All-Area wrestler, returns at 189 include: junior Peter Mazzarese pounds. Waiting in Abshire's at 130, and sophomores Chris wings will be junior Andrew Petersen at 125, Josh Crawford at 119. Tom Buddenborg at 112 Arguably CC's smartest and Chris O'Hara at 103.

"This is the year we've been will compete at 171 pounds. waiting for here," Rodriguez said. "There will be very tough competition as usual, but this is At 160 pounds, two freshmen by far one of the best teams We've been waiting for this type Junior Sean Bell, a third team of talent to stay around for four years and compete as seniors."

If Rodriguez has a concern, it "Sean lost in the districts last will be at the lower weights, but season, and has been ready to the coach has had fewer things get back out there and atone for to worry about thanks to coachthat loss," Rodriguez said. "He ing additions Sam Amine and even snuck into the wrestling his two sons, Dave and Chris.

Canton preview from C1

the insertion of a pin; as a sopho- bers; Demsick plans to keep 30. more, he was a state regional at a minimum.

and qualifying for the state ence.

Dan and Jim Shelton (145-152), "Last year, our goal was to get whole lot more serious about naments, and we did that. This their wrestling," according to year, we want to get to the mid-Demsick; senior Jared Chapman, dle of the pack." a second-year competitor at 215/heavyweight who has the Demsick is attempting to build ability to do extremely well "if he the program from the bottom up. applies himself"; and sophomore and he realizes it may take time Kyle Pitt, a 103-pounder who "We're trying to be a team that has grown into his weight class. has a lot more conditioning than As a freshman, Pitt competed at in the past," the Canton coach 103, but weighed only 87 said. "And we're going to stress

What Demsick has been able agement and strength building. to do is create an interest in his The current roster has 34 mem- a national championship.

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He also has a coaching staff of Pocock showed "tremendous six (including John-Peter) to improvement" last season while help with the training, several posting an 18-15 match record with varsity coaching experi-

"We're not going to be a big Others to watch are brothers dual-meet team," said Demsick. seniors who have both "gotten a out of the bottom three at tour-

Modest goals, perhaps, but drilling, too, and strength man-

It's a tough trail, but it's no sport. He estimated that perhaps more difficult than that traveled 60 kids came out for the team. by Demsick himself in pursuit of



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"Hampton, inn," is what Mann would say when he'd need a spark off the bench from freshman forward Raechelle Hampton in the Class C quarterfinal against Sandusky.

Hampton, who didn't play in regional victories over Detroit Communication and Media Arts and Riverview Gabriel Richard, provided five points, a handful of rebounds and solid defense in a 52-33

BY STEVE KOWALSKI

Whalers from C1

Friday, and goalie Craig Kowalski had 25 saves in earning his second shutout of the

In Saturday's win over St. Louis, Troy Milam and J.J. Swistak each got their second goals of the weekend. The Sting's Aaron Smith scored in the first period to end hi team's string of 167 consecutive scoreless minutes against Compuware.

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victory at Troy Athens.

Sandusky, 20-4 overall, has lost to Borgess in three of the last six quarterfinals, including last year's.

The win means the Spartans could make reservations (at the Hampton Inn, just for good luck?) again for Mount Pleasant, the site of the Final Four. Borgess, the defending Class C state champion with a 16-10 record and 10game winning steak, meets Freeland in a semifinal at 2:50 p.m. Thursday at Central Michigan University's Rose

Freeland, a 52-44 winner over Grand Rapids Baptist in another quarterfinal, is 23-2 overall. The final is at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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at East Middle School.

Hampton doesn't care if she sits r plays, but was glad to con-

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but because the kids I had on the floor I was comfortable with." Mann couldn't get comfortable

against Sandusky until late in the third quarter when consecutive baskets by senior guard Tiffany Simon gave the Spartans a 35-26 lead heading into the final eight minutes. Borgess started the fourth quarter on

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off steals by sophomore guard Michelle Catchings, for a commanding 47-28

delay in the half-court offense by Simon and two buckets in the paint by sopho-

"They're so aggressive and physical, we just couldn't handle it," Sandusky coach Al DeMott said. "I still had a good feeling (down 31-26) but a couple quick turnovers turned into layups. That's what concerned us, their scoring off do. They frustrate you and hold the ball

"We hit our peak at the end of the year and I'd like to go one more step (in the state playoffs) but I'm extremely proud of them."

Sandusky's best players are juniors, a 12-2 run, highlighted by three layups 11 after halftime. Guttowski had all

Guttowski didn't play in last year's The run also included a basket after a quarterfinal because of an injury.

"I said (to his players) "Their guards

The teams were tied at 8 after one quarter before Borgess had scoring runs of seven and six points in the second quarter to enjoy a 21-14 halftime lead.

Marcy Bissett and Julie Guttowsky. Bissett led the Redskins with 13 points, eight of the Redskins' first-quarter points and 12 overall.

can all shoot and 32 (Guttowski) is back in full force," Mann said. "Al is

such a great coach, one of the best in the state, and there are certain coaches that no matter how athletic we are, they

Simon had 16 to lead Borgess and Catchings added 14, 10 in the second half. Hoskins added eight and Amber Taylor six.

Sophomore forward Stacy Cobbs had a handful of rebounds and one point, totals that are shy of her averages. She also had an excuse

"I got my immunization shots today and my arm is a little lazy," she said, "I got three in this arm today and it's still aching."

Cobbs wore a Band-Aid over the shots, which must have been another distraction for opponents. Remember, she's already wearing an ear plug in one of her ears to keep it from popping. - -

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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 walkthrough 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 infor-

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

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

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

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

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

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.

SOUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), 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 informa-

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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 perm its are \$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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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-



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.

offers a wonderland

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

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

ssed 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.

of sounds and sights

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-a-long 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 Crachit 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

"NOEL NIGHT"

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

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 infor mation 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 continu ously 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 peo-ple," 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 ent 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 Youtheater 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 chil-
- Children's Ballet Theatre presents the "Butterfly Ball" and ensembles from the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra perform throughout the evening in the Prentis Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward
- Pippen 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 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

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

Please see COLLINS, E2

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. Satur day. 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/informa

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.

Collins from page E1

After the concert, "A Judy Collins Christmas at the Bilt-more Estate," which Rosenthal watched on TV, he went to work to see if Collins would be available to perform at the Southwonderful," 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 avo-

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

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."

mas Eve and singing carols

Collins has released 30 While most of us are fretting albums, many of them certified about holiday gifts, Collins is on platinum and gold, over her the road bringing holiday cheer career which spans 3-1/2 to millions of fans. Her fondest holiday memory is of standing Trained as a classical pianist, around the piano with her brothers and sisters on Christlessons at age 4. Her repertoire

includes folk, rock, spiritual and Her favorite is "The Holly and Broadway show tunes. the Ivv." In 1969 Collins made her After singing carols, led by stage debut as an actress at the her father, Chuck Collins, a New York Shakespeare Festival singer, composer and radio broadcaster, the family would

"I've got to make a living. I love it (performing). It's a tremendous gift. I've had a successful career: it's been wonderful."

> Judy Collins at Southfield Art Center

"Peer Gynt" opposite Stacy

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

"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 mediations 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 If you're not able to attend me heal," said Collins. "I sang the concert in Southfield on my way through the pain and Dec. 8, you can tune into to the began to write daily prayers, which I included in this book. A&E Network 9 a.m. Sunday,

> writing are interconnected, one feeds the other." A tireless performer and writer, Collins said she "feels very grateful to have had this much

"My song writing and prose

the Biltmore Estate concerts on career' But she's not ready to slow down. "I'm always looking for

"Both Sides Now," a new Platinum Entertainment release of new recordings of songs that have made Collins famous such Collins began taking piano 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 where she played Solveig in have had the opportunity."

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Hilberry 'Scapin' delights

for Scapin's manipulations.

probably miss- the rest next time.

good reason, the of Kansas in 1982 with under-

annual winter graduate degrees from Art Histo-

ry and Textile Design. She was

executive director at the Detroit

Artists Market from 1990 to

1995 and previously worked for

the Detroit Institute of Arts and

Cranbrook Art Museum. Gerry's

art has been exhibited through-

out the United States, Japan,

England, Australia, Mexico and

been published in many art pub-

Lex Kuhne is a lawyer by

stage Pass as pop culture provo-

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left me with a dilemma, what to

write for this week. Then it came

to me, of course, I should have

thought of this before. I am going

to introduce and give some back-

ground on the hosts I mention in

are more hosts than there is

the columns every week. There

everyone is going to pick a few then focus on Radio Free Earth, a nightly.

off the air tem- Cranbrook Academy of Art with favorite, writing. His music

porarily for a an MFA and from the University reviews and poetry have been

Gerry Craig is a visual artist that ran on Detroit Public Radio.

and writer. She graduated from Kim also finds time for another

Canada. Her writings have also the London School of Economics

training, but has a role on Back- sha has been an instructor at

cateur. Lex was a Metro Times the Cranbrook Academy of Art

columnist for more than eight and at the Center for Creative

years, with the popular "Word of Studies. Marsha is currently the

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pop culture commentator both working on both the book and

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uate theatre company present 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.

Molier'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,

Argante, played by Lucas Caleb parting with his hard-earned for the clever Scapin. He artfully tune in both physically and verhandles the subterfuges his character employs to pull off his scams, playing the humble, conbally entertaining ways. Proud trite servant one minute, and a held on to his control and dignity fast-talking schemer the next, for as long as possible before

Orestes Arcuni as Silvestre, a pace and excellent timing used Moliere's clever script to its full hapless servant and Scapin's reluctant accomplice, drew his comic advantage. Shahadi also share of laughter for his many used multiple characters and accents in rapid succession as pratfalls and woebegone expres sions. Hyacinthe, Octave's lady part of the ruse, a challenge he pulled off without missing a love, played by Sara Wolf, and Zerbinettte, the sexy Gypsy eat, much to the delight of the Octave and Leandre, the lovesmitten sons, played by Mike Schraeder and Erik Gratton, Both used exaggerated feminine were fun to watch as the earnest wiles to garner laughs. and gullible swains, easy pray

The fathers, on the other hand, presented more of a challenge to Scapin. He needed them until he found their Achilles heel, then Garonte, Leandre's father and a notorious tightwad, was played with penurious perfection by his ability to play people like a Aaron Lake. Lake captured the piano. For Scapin is a master character's fiscal distress with laughter-provoking physical not only for what he does, but for reactions as well as verbal cha- the gullibility he expresses in

Talented cast steps up to challenge of 'A Chorus Line'

while cleverly planting ideas in unraveling under the unrelenting dupes' minds. Shahadi's fast ing ruses of the clever Scapin.

desired by Leandre, played by Tanisha Gonzalez, began as polar opposites and ended up having startling similarities.

The set was a colorful explosion of undersized and rakishly angled doorways. The costumes also accentuated the absurd. Scapin was dressed like a welltailored clown, with keyboard trim on his clothing alluding to manipulator producing laughter

multi-cultural music program

published locally and nationally.

He is currently the music

reviewer for Against the Current

Marsha Miro has long been a

recognized and respected voice in

Detroit art scene. She attended

the University of Michigan as an

undergraduate, concentrating in

political science with an art his-

tory minor. She then attended

before focusing on art, returning

to Detroit to earn an MA in art

history from Wayne State. Mar-

Oakland Community College at

has published articles in Ameri-

Reading the long list of creden-

possess I realized we are a very

Show boasts knowledgeable hosts

most blissful season.

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

adaptation, the production is as like a person whose insecurities timeless as Dickens' tale. Under and emotional vacuousness Nolte's direction, "A Christmas sowed the seeds of his desola-Carol" blends high theatrics, calculated pyrotechnics and

a lump of coal and more like a person whose

insecurities and emotional vacuousness sowed

Christmas card.

the seeds of his desolation.

and top hats for the finale).

about yourself, why do you want

itant, others embarrassed.

The director barks out, "Tell me ber of the chorus.

There is no plot per se.

Redford's spirited production of to be in this show." Some are hes-

like sap onto the carpet. The sugary feeling gets a little out of hand during the Ebeneezer Scrooge teaches - is Cratchit's Christmas dinner. which comes complete with a tiresome description of holiday

> The emotional gush, much like an overbearing uncle, is can't get overly sentimental at and pleasingly entertaining. 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 Indeed, attending Meadow of Scrooge has been transferred Meadow Brook more than 600

Colman not only looks the

The director has to be tough,

because Broadway is a tough

O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh." measured doses of melodrama Rather, the Dickens' classic is into a perpetual animated about rediscovering those feel-At times, however, the mawk- ings of youth that made life ish spirit of the season drips 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 tranbearable given the relentless scendental appeal of the story holiday cheer. And hey, if you to be both a high moral lesson

> 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

Ironically, Meadow Brook's "A Christmas Carol" has become as that makes Scrooge look less much of an annual tradition as Thanks to Charles Nolte's than a lump of coal, and more those last-minute shopping trips to the mall.

The Theatre Guild of Livonia- cure life of theatrical performers. al stuff (and adult language and stories, we are as happy for those to be Doris Day, but cannot sing James Cargill, Alicia, Christoff, Redford presents "A Chorus The show features an uninhibit- subject material) which in con- succeed as we are sad for those a note. Line," 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, ed, free-form that was new to text of the show is not offensive. who don't make it.

Dec. 4-5 at the playhouse 15138 musical theatre when "Chorus Mark Hammell, as the direc-Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets \$12 Line" premiered on Broadway in tor, gives a convincing perfor- but all end the same - dancers career. adults, \$11 seniors and students, 1975. There are no lavish sets or mance as a hard taskmaster. desperately needing the In a riveting whispered solilocostumes (except white tuxedos Yet, we see his soft side, when we applause, the approval of an quy, Alonzo Luzod, recounts his learn of a personal relationship audience. They will pay any search for dignity and the with one of the dancers. Chrisprice, make any sacrifice to embarrassment of having his Rather, there is a bare stage tine Maurer, a former star, cre- dance. That's the context of the parents learn he is dancing in a via computer and digital piano upon which dancers in rehearsal ates a high-voltage moment as show's hit song, "What I Did For gay bar. On the lighter side. outfits warm- up an audition. she begs for a job as just a mem- Love" sung beautifully by Jenny John Luther, all decked out in mission Florkowski.

Mathew Leland is most

appealing as a young man folbusiness. Only eight of 16 lowing his sister's footsteps in an not to steal anything, but to No matter how much they dancers will be cast; the others acrobatic "I Can Do That." Rubrearrange the furniture." lisch, this Tony Award winning reveal, the director badgers them rejected. That's the nature of ber-faced, Marci Mitchell, is a show tells of the chaotic, inse- for more. Which leads to person- show business. As we hear their comic delight as one who wanted

Valerie Mangrum scores as a Each story begins differently, sassy babe near the end of her

> puce, is a scream telling us he was always "a strange one" -"breaking into people's houses.

Other cast members include:

Nicolle Gauvin, D.J. Oliver, duction number. "One (Singular sively provides full orchestration

Stephanie Stephan makes good in staging complex pieces such as "At the Ballet" and "Hello Twelve, Hello Thirteen, Hello

Meadow Brook Theatre creates animated Christmas card

Charles Dickens, adapted by Charles Nolte. Through Sunday, Dec. 27. Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. Performance times vary, call for information. Tickets: \$25-\$30.50; (248) 377 3300, or (248) 370-3316.

BY BOB WEIBEL

"A Chorus Line."

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are the talented singer/dancers

in the Theatre Guild of Livonia-

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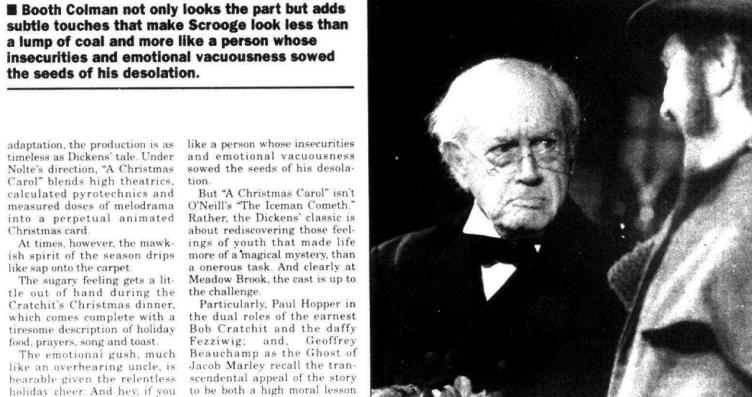
By Frank Provenzano fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

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

And who could argue that food, prayers, song and toast. that's a lesson worth learning. again and again.

Appropriately, during the busest shopping time of the year. Meadow Brook Theatre's annual homage to Charles Dickens and the true spirit of Christmas is a priceless counterbalance to the nausea caused by conspicuous consumption.

Brook Theatre's 16th annual to veteran actor Booth Colman. production might be a who has performed the role at perquisite before stepping into a mall to do your duty. Or at times since 1981. least before the electronic strip on your plastic credit card runs part, but adds subtle touches



Booth Colman (left) and Richard A Schrot in a scene from Meadow Brook Theatre's pro-

duction of "A

Christmas

Carol."

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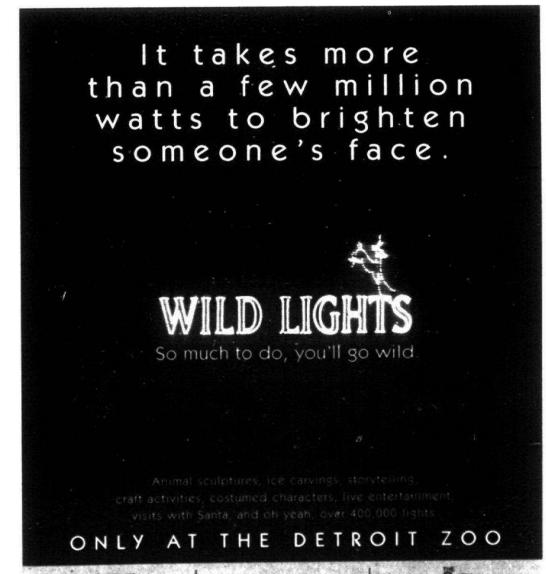
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Cass Ave. Detroit \$5, 18 and older

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older, (734) 996-8555 (rock)

hursday, Dec. 10, Blind Pig. 206-208

Middlebelt Road), Westland, Cover

Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount

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Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth

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THEATER

ETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE Ad Altare Dei (Unto the Altar of God), through Dec. 31, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursday aturday, 3 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com GEM THEATRE

I Love You, You're Perfect, Nov Change," through Jan. 3, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. ays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays \$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-

"Resident Alien," an intergalactic comedy of love and acceptance by Stuart encer, through Sunday, Jan. 3, at the theater, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"A Christmas Carol," continues to Sunday, Dec. 27, Wilson Hall, Oakland \$36. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE "Ghost of the River House," an 11-yearold and her grandfather search for dventure in this play by Max Bush of Michigan, for ages 7 and up. 2:30 n.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5, Quirk Theatre, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilant \$7 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday matinees. (734) 487-1221 ORCHARD RIDGE PLAYERS

"Shorts: A Theatrical Potpourri," featur ing works by Edward Albee, Neil Simon. 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11, in Smith Theater on the Oakland Community College campus, Orchard Lake Road and I-696, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$5 students. (248) 471-7667 U-D MERCY THEATRE COMPANY An evening of "Chekhov," through Dec. 6. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sundays, Earl D.A. Smith Studio heatre, McNichols Campus, Detroit \$10, \$8 students/seniors/UD Mercy ovees, alumni, (313) 993-1130 U-M THEATRE AND DRAMA

Dec. 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Power Center, Ann Arbor, \$18, \$14, \$ student with ID. (734) 764-0450 WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE "Little Women" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday

loipone," 8 p.m. Thursday-saturda

The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturday

Dec. 12 and 19, Millennium Center,

Eight and Nine Mile roads, Southfield

"The Nutcracker." a play with dancing

Children's Annex Company, 7:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 3 p.m.

Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

hrough Dec. 20. Historic Players Club

iott and McDougal, Detroit, Saturday

programs start with lunch at noon and

performances at 1 p.m., Sundays with

lunch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2

Close the Window...or, a Chelm Story

a folk tale inspired by Issac Bashevis

heater, 26 E. Grand River, (between

Woodward Avenue and Farmer Street

Detroit, \$6.50, \$5 children, (313) 961

Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale

iday, Dec. 10-11, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Snow Queen," 7 p.m. Thursday

Saturday, Dec. 12, and 1 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 13, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415

seats reserved. Patrons are also asked

bring a new, unwrapped toy to bene

The Velveteen Rabbit," 7 p.m. Friday-

Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, (734)

763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-

HOLIDAY EVENTS

resented by the Nebraska Theatre

fit the Salvation Army's Toy Drive for

needy children. (248) 541-6430

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

South Lafavette, Royal Oak, \$5, all

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE

Singer from old Russia, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5, Detroit Puppet

p.m. \$7.50, \$6.50 groups of 20 or

nore. (810) 662-8118

7777/(248) 557-8599

PUPPETART

Sunday, Dec. 6, Novi Civic Center

\$8, \$7 advance. (248) 347-0400

Cinderella, "Saturdays-Sundays

3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

by June Walker Rogers, adapted by

Mary Kay Davis, performed by

15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, between

(248) 552-7000/(248) 552-1225

NOVI THEATRES

ages 5-12, \$6, (313) 577-2960. WSU HILBERRY THEATRE Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb 3, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17

Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12, 2 p.m. Sunday

3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8-\$10

Dec. 6 and 13, Saturday, Dec. 12,

COMMUNITY

THEATER VONIA-REDFORD THEATRE GUILD A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, Dec. 4-5, 15138 Beech Daly Redford,\$12 adults, \$11 seniors, stunts, (313) 531-0554 ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF

"The Sleeping Beauty," a production for children and their families, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of the Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$6 each, 50 percent of net profits from all six performances benefits Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. Call (248) 644-0527 for tickets.

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE "Tony n' Tina's Wedding, "40 W. Pike St. Pontiac, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666 GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 6. Live interactive children's theater pro-Plymouth Community Arts Council gram, "Santa's Workshop," Saturday-Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the junday, Dec. 5-6, Friday, Dec. 11, an Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Saturday-Wednesday, Dec. 12-23, 108 \$5. (734) 416-4278 E. Main St., Northville, \$9.65 for chil-WILD SWAN THEATER dren, \$11.65 adults, includes lunch, The Cricket in Times Square," through show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522 Saturday, Jan. 2, Anderson Theatre at

YOUTH

MERICAN FAMILY THEATER Cinderella," 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.n Friday, Dec. 4. Southfield Centre for the Arts. 24350 Southfield Road. \$6, reservations. (248) 424-9022

Caravan, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday 'Ghost of the River House," an 11-year Dec. 5, at Macomb Center for the old and her grandfather search for Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall adventure in this play by Max Bush of Michigan, for ages 7 and older, 2:30 (M-59), Clinton Township, \$22, \$20 students/seniors. (810) 286-Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5, at the Quirk Theatre, on the Eastern Michigan University campus in Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10

2222/(800) 585-3737 BERKLEY HOLIDAY FEST nmediately following parade, 1-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the downtown shopping district, 12 Mile between Sunday matinees. (734) 487-1221 Coolidge Highway and Greenfield Road MARQUIS THEATRE "Cinderella," through Jan. 3, 135 E. "BLACK NATIVITY"

Main St., Northville. 2:30 p.m. Langston Hughes' musical drama pre-Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26, and sented by Cass Technical High School Jan. 2; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, and Jan. 3; and 2:30 p.m. Monday Thursday, Dec. 28-31, \$6.50, (248) 349-8110

Drama Department, 10 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 8-10, and 7 p.m. Vednesday, Dec. 9, at the Southfield NEW MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE Center for the Arts, \$3 matinees, \$8 evening. (313) 596-3900, ext. 211 Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale

"CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DINNER"

With Johnny Trudell Orchestra, Sunday,

Dec. 6. Italian American Club Banquet

Center, 39200 Hix Road, Livonia. \$36

includes full course dinner, capuccino

and espresso, and music. (248) 349-

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horse-drawn sleigh rides, carolers and

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A festive Mexican Christmas celebra-

Arrieros" Mariachi band, 8 p.m. Sunday

Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall

(M-59), Clinton Township, \$24, \$22

Wassail Party, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec

with performance of 16th century

court dances by Renaissance Dance

Company of Detroit, at the Belle Isle

Casino, Detroit. \$15. (313) 331-7760

Will Millar's Celtic Christmas, Millar is

formerly of the Irish Rovers, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10, at Macomb Center

for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road

and Hall (M-59), Clinton Township. \$24

RISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

tion with dancers and the "Los

students/seniors. (810) 286-

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FRIENDS OF BELLE ISLE

Dec. 6, at Macomb Center for the

5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and Saturday

Dec. 12, in the village, northwest of

Ann Arbor, (734) 426-5514.

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FIESTA NAVIDAD

Avenue, \$135 Thursdays, \$150 Fridays

the Kresge Court at the Detroit

legendary Winter Court of England's

Queen Elizabeth I, vegetarian menu

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DIA WASSAIL FEAST

in Livonia, \$7 advance, \$8 on day of

exit). Free. (800) 265-9045 or

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CHRISTMAS WALK

and carols, Friday Sunday, Dec. 4-6.

CHELSEA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Featuring Santa's workshop, kids'

Jillian Roettenberg er, 9 and her brother, Alex, 3 of Troy look through a Dodge family album at Meadow Brook Hall where "Picture Perfect Holidays" continues through Sunday, Dec. 6.

Original Dodge and Wilson family photographs are part of the elegant holiday decorations at the magnificent 100room mansion on the campus of Oak-

land University, Rochester. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Knole Cottage is open during daytime hours only. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 13, \$6 for Oakland University affiliates with I.D. Knole Cottage admission is \$1 for all ages. Call (248)

370-3140 for infor-

mation

\$22 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737 "LIGHT ONE CANDLE" Chanukah program especially for chi dren ages 5-10, educational program and craft (each family creates their own Chanukah menorah), 7 p.m. Vednesday, Dec. 9 (West Bloomfield) and Thursday, Dec. 10 (Oak Park), at

6:30 p.m. Kosher pizza dinner (\$3). Reservations by Friday, Dec. 4, (248) 661-7649 (Dec. 9 program), (248) 967 4030 (Dec. 10 program) "NOEL NIGHT The 26th annual event to ring in the holidays features carolers, choirs, street theater, dance, hands-on art, a by pianist Anton Nel, performs selecrides, 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, fee ions by Debussy, Ravel and Franck

the Jewish Community Center. Optiona

tree lighting ceremony, and carriage tivities conclude with a community sing-a-long led by the Salvation Army Band 8:30-9:30 p.m on Woodward Avenue, in Detroit's Cultural Cente bounded by Ferry Street on the north Forest on the south, Brush on the east and Cass Avenue on the west. Free.

"THE NUTCRACKER" Russia's St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet. 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall (M-59), Clinton Township, \$28, \$24, \$22 students/seniors. (810) 286-

2222/(800) 585-3737 SANDI PATTY CHRISTMAS Concert, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, a Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall (M-59). Clinton Township, \$29, \$27, \$24 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800)

CHORAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH With the UMS Choral Union and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday Dec. 6, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State ., Ann Arbor. \$10-\$18. (734) 764 2538/(800) 221-1229 or

http://www.ums.org MADISON CHORALE Present two Holiday Cabaret Concert 30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 and Tuesday. Dec. 8. at Wilkinson Middle School. 26524 John R. Madison Heights. \$10

donation, \$8 seniors/students advanced sales). (248) 330-3589 THE MADONNA CHORALE Christmas Chorale Concert." 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Felician Sisters Motherhouse Chapel, Madonna niversity, 36600 Schoolcraft Road. ivonia. Admission by donation to the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-

MADRIGAL CHORALE OF SOUTHFIELD Holiday Concert," 8 p.m. Saturday. Dec. 5, Old St. Mary's Church, St. Antoine and Monroe streets, Detroit's Greektown. \$15, \$12 students and eniors. (810) 445-6199

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY the Department of Music. Theatre and Dance presents its popular show choir. The Meadow Brook Estate Ensemble. an International Holiday Spectacular 10 .m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, Dec. 4-5; 2 p.m. and 7:30

p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Varner Recital Hall on the campus in Rochester. \$12. \$10 seniors, \$6 students, (248) 370-3013/(248) 645-6666

NOVI THEATRES

347-0400

Auditions for ages 7-97 for "The Wizard

Thursday, Dec. 8 and 10, at the Novi

Mile, Novi. All ac ors must pay a partic

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Saturday, Dec. 12, in Varner Hall, Roo

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8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 10

Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham

Free 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

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645-2150 (vocals/piano/bass)

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 and Friday

Dec. 11, at Duet at Orchestra Hall,

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BUDDY GRECA AND ANNA MARIA

1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11.

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8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Dec. 4-5

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5241; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 8, 15, 22

Detroit. Reservations (313) 831-3838

N. Saginaw St., at Lawrence Street

Pontiac, Free, All ages, (248) 334

and 29, at Duet at Orchestra Hall,

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SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE

9:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec

Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and

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Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10

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DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO

(trumpet/piano/bass)

GARY BLUMER TRIO

(piano/bass/drums)

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO

ALBERGHETTI

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS Joy," a Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$9 tonation. (734) 455-4080 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Holiday concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec 6, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St., at Main Street, Plymouth. \$4. (734) 462-4435

HOLIDAY MUSIC **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND** "Holiday Collage" concert opens the band's season with holiday and classic

band music 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Harrison High School on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Farmington Hills. \$3 adults, \$2 students, \$8 family. (734) 261-2202 **GALLIARD BRASS ENSEMBLE** Annual Holiday Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Pease Auditorium

CLASSICAL BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE CHORALE

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

Free. (734) 487-1221

ENSEMBLE

Under the direction of Judith Premin perform Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with guest harpist Allegra Lilly 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10. at the Central Woodward Christian Church on the southeast corner of Adams and Big Beaver roads, Free, A festive tea follows the concert. (248) 475-5978 CHAMBER MUSIC AT SCARAB CLUB

6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi, (248) 348-5555; 7 The series begins with music by Villa-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Lobos and Piazzola featuring soloist Encore in the Quality Inn. 1801 S. Peter Soave (South American music) Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248 and string quartet comprised of 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra, 3 Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the club, 217 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit (vocal/piano/bass) Institute of Arts. \$15, \$10 JUBILATION RUN students/seniors. (313) 831-1250 The Dixieland jazz band in cooperation LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA with the New Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club presents jazz/ragtime, 3-6 p.m.

Rings in the "Sounds of the Season" when they perform with flutists Ervin Monroe, principal with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Alexander Zonjic and his jazz ensemble, also on the guest list is the Churchill High School Choir singing songs from the movie "Home Alone" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas," 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia \$15, \$12 children. (734) 421-1111 LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Perform opera choruses that have a sacred theme 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 scenes will be introduced by Dr. Wallace Peace, a frequent lecturer for the Michigan Opera Theatre, at Christ Church Detroit. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 357-1111 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

College, 18600 Haggerty Road.

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ORGAN

Presents a Lowrey Organ Concert, 7

in the Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and

Middlebelt. Free, but donations of

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Franciscan Poverty Program.

p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. Evola Music Store

POPS/SWING

Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers, 8

p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, Southfield Centre

for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road,

Southfield, \$30 and \$35, available at

Recreation office, or Ticketmaster out

lets. (248) 645-6666/(248) 354-4854:

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Karl's, 9779

Gotfredson Road, Plymouth, Free. 21

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, at D.L.

AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE

Open auditions for sixth to 12th

graders for "The Wizard of Oz."

Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks

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AUDITIONS

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Auditions for Jacksonn Productions and

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Dec. 8-9 Trenton Theatre, 2447 W.

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east of Rochester Road, Rochester

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part of production. (248) 542-8447

the Southfield City Hall, 26000

Evergreen Road, the Parks and

Pre-concert dinner at the Golder

\$25 (248) 559-4230

SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

(swing/rockabilly)

852-0550

and older. (734) 455-8450

Mushroom, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8

Violinist Stephen Shipps, accompanied Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022 BEN LEMPERT TRIO 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Espress noon Wednesday. Dec. 9 in the Forum Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft Arbor, Free, All ages. (734) 668-1838 azz standards between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Paul Vornhagen, sax, 8-11:30 p m hursday, Dec. 3; with Louis Smit trumpet 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec 10, at the Botsford Inn. Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9 p.r Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbo \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8410 HIDEKO MILLS With Surrogate Earth, 9 p.m. Friday Dec. 4, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S

First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 21 and older 734) 213-6000 MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 3-4. Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 9-10. at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711

Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroi Reservations (313) 831-3838 ROBERT PIPHO 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. Reservations (313) 831-3838 GARY SCHUNK TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birminghan Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums) URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 am

Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and olde (248) 594-7300 SUNNY WILKINSON 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11 12

Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St. Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older (734) 66. ALEXANDER ZONJIC 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and Dec and Friday, Dec. 11, Baci. 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac, Free, All ages 1248

253-1300: With Ervin Monroe DSO principal flutist, Margaret Kapasi, codents (248) 370-3013 cert planist, Barb Ogar and her Stude Flute Choir, The Whitfield Company Heart and Soul, and CKLW personalities More than 150 musicians for Cam Gardiner and Lisa Williams, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, as part of The Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Windsor and Essex County Pipers' Holiday concert at Chrysler Theatre at Cleary International Centre 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor \$40

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Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$17, \$10 students K-12th grade, \$5 Sugar Plum Tea. (734) 451-2112 RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

eaturing the Rockettes, through Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 \$52.50. (248) 645-6666 "SPIRIT OF THE DANCE"

Produced by Dublin Worldwide Dance Productions in the tradition of Martins, Candy Christmas, Jake Hess. Riverdance, features Russian Amy Lambert, Mark Lowry, Ben Spee ossacks, Flamenco Fiesta and Irish routines, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and others, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. Dec. 12, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hal (M-59), Clinton Township, \$29, \$26 Road), Auburn Hills, \$17.50 reserved students/seniors. (810) 286 Superfan seating is available. Seniors 2222/(800) 585-3737 reserved seating and children ages 12

seating. Group rates are also available.

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with reception, \$12-\$20 for general

seating (Canadian prices). (519) 252-

GOSPEL/CHRISTIAN

GAITHER CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING

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Home Fries' isn't a

as big as Grand Canyon, had no was married, until it was too (Catherine O'Hara) knows

about the other woman, and "can feel her." Sometimes Mrs. Lever even dreams about her, and in her dreams "she looks like a big black ant." "Home Fries" is definitely

junk food for the mind, except unlike McDonald's, you don't know exactly what you're getting. This movie has more twists and turns than a roller coaster at Cedar Point. It's totally unpredictable, until near the end Henry pulls into Burger

Matic to see his girl, and order Main Art Theatre III his favorite - a vanilla milkshake - "very cold, very tall." Sally's not happy, and won't (248) 542 0180 agree to see him after her shift. \$3.00 (TWI-LITE) SHOWS On the way home, Henry, the rascal, takes his wedding ring out of the car ashtray, and puts ELIZABETH (R) AMERICAN HISTORY X it back on. VELVET COLDMIN He's in for a surprise of his

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life. Mrs. Lever's two sons by a previous marriage, Dorian (Luke Wilson) and Angus (Jake Busey) are both Army National Guardsmen and Cobra helicopter pilots. Mom wants them to scare a little sense into

Things get a little out of hand, as Henry runs for his life 248-855-9090 with the helicopter hovering overhead. Sally's working the LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG13) night shift, and starts to pick up the helicopter's frequency on THE CRUISE (PG13) her headset. She doesn't pay attention, because she's too CALL FOR COMPETE LISTINGS AND TIME busy arguing with her co-worker over who will clean out the milk shake machine

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O'Hara's hilarious as the RUGRATS (G) woman done wrong. Her sons. A BUG'S LIFE (G) who are in their 20s, act a PLEASANTVILLE (PG13 MEET JOE BLACK (PG 13) whole lot younger. They sleep in bunk beds, bicker like little CALL THEATER FOR FEATURS AND TIMES kids, and vie for mom's attention. Angus is crushed when AMC Livonia 20

my favorite." As the older brothe Sally just in case she heard memories of youth that fade in the CALL THEATRE FOR FEATURES AND TIMES something on her headset. Dori- rearview mirror. an didn't count on falling in love with her.

Set in a small town that could be anywhere U.S.A. there's a lot Bernardo Bertolucci's director's cut of to like about this movie. Dorian the Academy Award-winning drama goes to work at Burger-Matic, on based on the life of Pu Yr, the child a mission to find out more about who was the last emperor of China Sally. He becomes a hero when her drunken father shows up with a shot gun at Burger-Matic during a birthday party for Sally's younger brother. "When he gets drunk he gets stupid," says Sally in defense of her dad. Angus isn't happy, "we don't

need the publicity," he says. Shelly Duvall is perfect as Sally's mom Ms Jackson who bails her husband out of jail time and time again, and loves

her children unconditionally. Sweet Sally wants Mrs. Lever to know the truth about her husband. "I didn't know he was married until after I conceived," she explains to Dorian. "He lied to me, and he's been lying to her

too. She needs to know." Wilson and Busey are believable as the squabbling brothers choking on mom's long apron strings who will do anything to make her happy.

Mrs. Lever's family's breaking apart, and Sally's is just starting - "I know how I look to everyone," she says. "I was raised right, I can't help the rest, but I'm going to be a really good mother.

"Home Fries" isn't a gourmet even a little romance, you'll be

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MOVIE MEMORIES

Another fun holiday movie i

"Planes, Trains and Automobiles" the 1987 come-

dy in which uptight business-man Steve Martin and shower

curtain ring salesman John

Candy encounter all sorts of obstacles, calamities and

back home for Thanksgiving. The version shown on televi-

sion is very funny but the uncut video version is even

While probably not a film that immediately comes to mind around the holidays,

there is always "Meet Me in

St. Louis," the 1944 musica

that manages to hit most of the major holidays during the year

leading up to the opening of the 1903 World's Fair. Among

the terrific songs is Judy Garland singing "Have Your a Merry Little Christmas."

An important rule in life is

especially true if you are going to show a movie to a collection

of friends and relatives of vary

spending a holiday with friends

when one of the siblings pulled out a copy of "Angel Heart," a

terrific but quite violent film.

"Absolutely not for the

family gathering.

squeamish or children." A

shockingly bad choice for a

As one synopsis summed it up

ing ages and tastes. I recall

annoyances in an effort to get

ping, parties and the holidays can be a very hec

etimes it's nice to take a breather - to put your feet up and relax with a video. Movies, easonal or not, are part of our collective memories. There are some obvious tra-

ditional films people enjoy watching around the holidays. Like "It's a Wonderful Life" or "Miracle on 34th Street" the latter a particular favorite of mine since childhood. There are the myriad of "A Christmas Carol" adapta-tions - my personal favorite is the one with George C. Scott

although my seven-year old

niece was quite amused by the Looney Tunes version. Some of the other choices may not be so obvious. Another Christmas season favorite in our family was "The Shop Around the Corner." The 1939 romantic comedy starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan tells the story of bick ering co-workers who don't realize they're lovelorn pen pals. (The e-mail version "You've Got Mail" is due in

We'd like you to share your memories and thoughts about your favorite holiday movie viewing over the years. E-mail your comments

theaters shortly.) Everything

gets resolved on Christmas

or fax at 734-591-7279 no later than Dec. 17. We'll run a sampling of your responses in our Dec. 24 edition. with your name, age and

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 4 "PSYCHO"

Alfred Hitchcock classic. Stars Vince Scheduled to open Friday, Cec. 11

"JACK FROST" Fantasy adventure about a man who becomes a real father after returning t

life as a cooler guy than he ever imagined possible - below freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton, Kelly

A comedy fable about the true meaning of fortune. Someone in a small Irish town wins a lottery and the towns peo-

Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre. The story of four characters Mrs. Lever tells Dorian, "you're who struggle to reconcile their mythic punk rock past with the hangover decides it's best to eliminate dreams, the lure of the open road and

> Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18 "THE LAST EMPEROR"

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A romantic comedy about two book

store owners, rivals who accidentally A scene-by-scene remake of the 1960 fall in love in cyberspace with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

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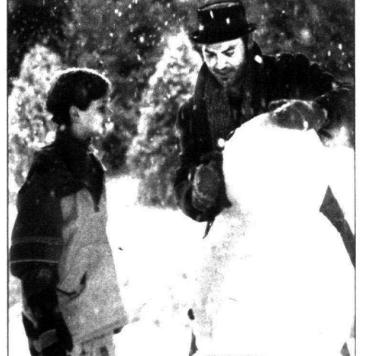
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meal, but if you're looking for a Family feature: Joseph Cross and Michael Keaton in a night of laughs, and maybe scene from "Jack Frost," opening Dec. 11 at metro

F-111 sees big things for Control Freq.



Detroit-based "Freq. Show"

like it's a mainstream (release) or can be a mainstream pop record. At the same time, we're going to attempt to cultivate first thing we signed. They some interest on the under- weren't officially signed until relground," said Goldstone, co-director of the Warner Bros.-affiliated label F-111.

"It's not a Spice Girls Record. It's got a lot more musicality to

Control Freq. is the latest project from singer/leader Dennis White, keyboardist Ken Roberts and guitarist Steve Zuccaro, all of whom are former members of Charm Farm. The band, whose album is due out in March, officially inked the deal recently.

Control Freq. signed to F-111 after former CIMX-FM DJ and Hits Magazine writer Caeri Bertrand referred the band to

"She told me about Dennis, and I used to run Astralwerks The band was dropped shortly and afterward critique them. (Records). Dennis was doing

After hitting megastar status

with the albums "Smash" and

"Ixnay on the Hombre," the Off-

spring is finding time to be a

"We're practicing this week for

the live show. It's been fun. We

didn't practice yesterday. We just

did interviews and photos. It was

one of the funnest days I remem-

ber having in a long time," said

guitarist Noodles, via telephone

"We were cracking each other

up, and playing and having fun.

Everything is coming together

The Offspring's "Americana"

(Columbia) is poised to be just as

successful thanks to the first sin-

gle, the instantly memorable

"Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)"

and its catchy line "Give it to me

from his Orange County, Calif.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

STAFF WRITER

Andrew more techno stuff on the side and we met up at the Winter 111 Records has Music Conference two years tious - about working with F-111 and Warner Bros. his way, the ago," Goldstone explained.

"When he sent me a tape of band Control five songs, it was mostly just to Freq. and its say, 'Hey, this is what I'm up to.' I'm kind of just like ho-hum The song hit No. 1 on two of the debut album He didn't know I was about to about it because of what hapmake a move to go to Warner pened last time." Rubbing elbows

As soon as Goldstone heard the demo, he knew he had to have them. "We're very happy to have son of Farmington rubbed elbows

them. It was pretty much the with some of their genre's top singer/songwriters at the threeday prestigious songwriter retreat in Nashville. atively recently. But it was a done deal shortly after we came James said. "If you're a songwritaboard at Warner Bros. in Control Freq. just returned We also had three days of workfrom New York where it did a

photo shoot at a "serious prop house," according to guitarist Zuccaro. For the shoot, the band used props from "Back to the writing ability by interacting with fellow songwriters and "We were inside a spaceship and in a cockpit. We got all these

use for promo photos and the record," he said. Charm Farm released an album, "Pervert," on Mercury ago," he explained. Records and had a hint of success with the song "Superstar."

The key to the song, he said,

the girls say I'm pretty fly for a

"It's in the same vein as the

funk 'Low Rider' kind of thing. I

just added the rough Offspring

"Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)"

pokes fun at white gangster

wannabes, who frequent talk

shows wearing tilted baseball

hats, baggy pants, flavor-saver

song about wannabes and this

middle class kid, who thinks he's

down with the urban hip-hop

kids and not cutting it," Noodles

"We've all tried to fit in. Every-

be something other than what

nier than There's

Something About Mary

body kind of relates to trying to so average."

white guy, this white suburban

"He thought we'd write this

edge to it."

goatees, and tattoos.

said with a laugh.

"We had a lot of fun doing that, we are. But it's also funny know-

actually. It all came together ing people like that. You can be

once we were laying all the dif- horrified but at the same time

different voices," Noodles Characters on talk shows

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white guy." It's his fat guitar

Offspring finding time to be a band

fresh shots that we'll probably

ing on even better songs." During the three-day retreat. James and other songwriters. worked on improving their song-

Country singers Joseph James

"It was a great experience,"

er, you're sort of in your element.

of Rochester Hills and Carl Lar-

breaking into small groups. We were whisked off from downtown Nashville at 8 in the morning on Greyhound buses. We were taken to an inn, an old Victorian home built 70-80 years

The leaders of the group would perform the participants' songs

isn't the sample of Def Leppard's singer Dexter Holland, who attacked it from the beginning,

"Rock of Ages," or the line "all earned a Ph.D. in microbiology with a heavy metal guitar solo

"She's Got Issues" shares Hol

land's thoughts on emotional

baggage-carrying women: "Now I

know she'll feel abandoned/If I

don't stay over late/And I know

she's afraid to commit/but it's

on people who take advantage

"Lately, I've been into this

warped sense of Americana. The

whole daytime talk show culture

fascinates me. It seems like the

stuff that used to be the fringe is

more and more the everyday

cars and life in the suburbs in

the '50s, it's now totally a freak

show. I want to show that ordi

nary, average American life isn't

surprising cover of the 1970s

one of the

most inventive

movies in years."

we thought it could come out a Calif., 92846.

ballad "Feelings."

"If America was barbecues, big

reality," Holland explained.

"Why Don't You Get a Job" rips

only our second date."

financially of their lovers.

"I'm not really as excited as before. I know what can happen.

required to send.

debut CD "Back in Love," which something on our resume, as visit Sensitive Clown's Web site featured the song "Car Country." independent charts. Earlier this

year, he performed a showcase at

the Opryland Hotel during the

of his new disc, visit http://www.

Country Radio Seminar. James, who also hosts "The Money Show" at 3 p.m. Saturdays on WCM-AM 990, is due to release his sophomore effort early next year. To hear samples

joseph-james.com Big winners

played a big part in the writing little more metal sounding. That

of "Americana," according to was how we even kind of

The hard pop band Sensitive Clown has reason to celebrate. It was named one of the four firstprize winners of Sony Music's DEMOlisten Derby battle of the

Each member of the band

guitarist/singer Todd Wicks, drummer Joel Wicks, guitarist Rock McClain, and bassist Lawyer Ned Friendship

received a Sony mini-disc player. Todd Wicks, a Rochester Hills resident, entered the contest after stumbling across informa tion about it on the Web.

"There's probably a dozen or so of these things that bands enter

and everything," Noodles said.

"But it didn't sound right so

we were backing off and it fell

into that Offspring groove. Plus,

everybody knows the melody

everyone can sing-along. It's

"Americana," recorded in

February with producer Dave

Jerden at his El Dorado Studios

in Burbank, Calif., closes with

the eight-minute, mostly instru-

mental, Middle Eastern-tinged

The Offspring and Unwritten

Law perform a sold-out, all-ages

show at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at

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mation, call (313) 961-MELT or

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Andrew's Hall, 431 E.

going to be fun to do live."

"Pay The Man."

In the midst of all that is a for more information. To learn

"It gets the point across in the write to them via snail-mail at

"this bug's for you!"

very Offspring matter. At first P.O. Box 5956, Garden Grove,

can't say that anything has Ferndale. For more information In 1996, James released his directly come from it yet, but it's call the bar at (248) 541-9870 or they say," Wicks said.

Although Sensitive Clown didn't get the grand prize of studio time, Wicks said it's still a nice

"It's a tiny little bit of validation that encourages you and makes you think I'm not insane to think that this is something good. If a huge faceless corporation like Sony likes it, maybe Observer & Eccentric Newspathere's a future for us after all."

Guitarist Zuccaro said that participate based on a tape of lucked out this time. It's hopeful-p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the New already he's pleased - but cau- two songs that they were ly a little more recognition. I Way Bar, 23130 Woodward Ave.,

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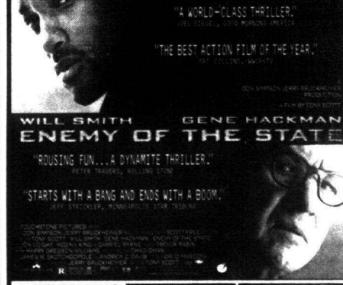
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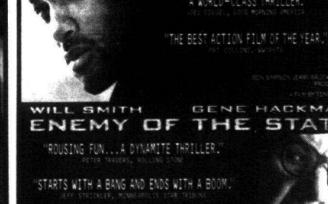
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Fusion creates more than East meets West cuisine

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, piccalillis, Indonesian, blatjangs 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

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

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.

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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.

Credit cards: All majors

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

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

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 stirfried shitake, crimini and oyster mushrooms with leeks, garlic, fettuccine and wild mushroom

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

Kiddie bowls at \$5-6 feature spaghetti with tomato sauce, mac 'n cheese, chicken tenders and China bowl with crispy vegetables, 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 KWV 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- In addition to a award-winning mas Eve Special - In addition

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

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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 Heidseck, Perrier Jovet, and Moet et

■ Cafe Bon Homme Christ-

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

renovations at Archie's, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The dining room is beautiful, and there's a new kitchen too. Restaurant hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays, closed Sunday. Archie's will be open until 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Call (734) 525-2820 for information. See story next week in Entertainment°.













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