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SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

Letters to Santa Attention, girts 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 Canton Doserver is asking children to send us their letters to Santa Claus, slong with their school picture. The deadline in Dec. 21. The letters and pintos will be printed in the Dec. 24th lease, having forwarded the letters to Santa in plenty of time. Children of all ages are encouraged to send their letters to: Letters to Santa Canton Observer 794 South Main Plymouth, MI 48170 IN THE PAPER TODDAY

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Tough audience: Nicholas Fornalewicz, 2, wants nothing to do with Santa at Monday's tree lighting ceremony. His mother Angie attempts to comfort him. Pictured below, Lucy O'Neill, 6, (left) and her sister, Maggie, 3, watch as one of Santa's elves ties balloon animals inside Fire Station No. 1 during the festivities.

Canton aglow

Tree lighting sets holiday mood

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER STAPF WRITER

Canton's "traveling" Christmas tree lighting ceremony may have found a permanent home.

Some 200 people turned out at Fire Station Number One on a chilly evening to sing traditional songs, throw the switch on the township tree and get their first glimpse of the red-suited big suy.

and get their first glimpse of the red-suited big guy.

Monday's festivities marked the 20th time Canton has held a public ceremony to ring in the holiday season and the inaugural ceremony at the fire headquarters on Canton Center near Heritage Drive, which was completed last August.

The location has changed from the Summit to the administration building in recent years. Tom Yack, Canton supervisor, said the fire station could be ideal. "There's plenty of room and we don't have to schedule it around meetings, like we do at the administration building," he said

Dozens of families appreciated the room to roam offered by the firetruck bays as well. "We come every year. My

Please see TREE A4



District works to stop arson

Plymouth-Canton school officials will use videos and other measures to address students about the dangers of recent bathroom fires that have been set at Canton High School.

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

Canton High School administrators are hoping peer pressure and education will help combat arsonists who are setting fires in school bathrooms, putting the lives of 2,500 students in danger.

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Recount bid withdrawn

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Canton Township trustee Melissa McLaughlin decided to withdraw her Wayne County Commission recount bid after additional votes were found in her opponent's favor.

A recount was conducted Monday in the cities of Wayne, Belleville and Huron and Sumpter townships. The recount, conducted by the Wayne County elections office, showed that the original results, showing Wayne attorney John Sullivan the winner, will stand. The two had vied for the same 11th District county commission seat, previously held by Bruce Patterson, who will move to the state House of Representatives in January.

Please see RECOUNT, A16

Testimony winding down in murder trial

By Heather Needham Staff Writer

A witness testifying in the trial of two Canton teens charged with murdering correctional Officer David Martell said he heard the defendants discuss the shooting both before and after it happened.

Chad Aho, a friend of defendants Matthew Leonard, 18, and Mark Edwards, 17, testified Monday that he was initially scared to tell police about his friends' discussions of the Nov. 19 ambush-style shooting because he feared he would be "shot and killed."

Aho testified that he had witnessed his friends plan the shooting and witnessed a confession by another suspect after the fact. He said he also heard the teens discuss using other people as alibis and saw them use a hand-drawn map of the mobile home park in their

"(Leonard) said he was going to kill David Martell," Aho said, referring to a meeting before the Nov. 19 shooting.

Leonard was initially charged with concealing a stolen .380-caliber handgun, which he reportedly named "Baby 9." Edwards was seen with a .25- or .22-caliber handgun, according to testimony in the preliminary examination.

Spent casings from .380-, .22- and .25-caliber handguns were found at the scene. The teens had discussed hiding the weapons in a shed after the shooting, Aho said.

Aho also mentioned a "confession" by another suspect, James Blanchfield. He also is being charged with firstdegree murder but his case will be handled in a separate trial. Aho said Blanchfield had "spilled his guts" about shooting Martell after the incident.

Testimony at the teens' February preliminary exam in 35th District Court claimed Martell was shot because he put a friend up to stealing "guns and drugs" from another teen. The teens lived in Westpointe and Sherwood Village mobile home parks

Please see MURDER TRIAL, A8

Taco Bell goes 'grande' in restaurant remake

BY LILLY A. EVANS STAFF WRITER

> Canton Taco Bell patrons will find it easier to get their Gorditas after Taco Bell replaces its small restaurant and twisty drive-through with a new a place to run for the border.

> The Canton planning commission Monday unanimously passed a recommendation to demolish Taco Bell and Lee's Fried Chicken restaurants on Ford Road and build a larger Taco Bell in its place.

The plan now moves to the township board for final approval.

Taco Bell purchased the closed Lee's Fried Chicken and is slated to start demolition of both fast food establishments in February. The new, improved Taco Bell should open by late April.

"The 20-year-old, 1600-square-foot building is a poor design, we would like to build a brand new prototype building," said Bill Beckett of WT Develop-

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ment Corp

Beckett confessed that the current buildings are outdated and don't meet township standards.

"It will be a functional state-of-the art building with a drive through and dining, the (old) drive-through was an add on," he said.

The new Taco Bell will be 2,400square-feet and will seat 70, the current dining area seats 34. The parking lots that both restaurants use will provide more parking for the new build-

The construction design also includes replacing the current sign that doesn't conform to township standards and keeping the mature trees on the property.

Please see TACO BELL, A2

Winds close Warren Road



STAFF Proto by Paul Hurschmann

Low wire: An electrical pole at right leans over Warren Road east of Beck Tuesday morning, following high winds Sunday night. A spokesman from Detroit Edison said that the leaning pole was causing a wire across the road to dip too low for safe passage, forcing the road closure. For a story on area storm damage, please turn to Page A2 in today's Observer.

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dren Paul, 21, Kelly,

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clubs and boys and girls club. It

was a club that taught boys and

girls in rural areas about farm

animals, growing corn and can-

erative Extension Service, which is an agency of the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture and 4-H

Youth Programs are based at

MSU (formerly an agricultural

The H's stand for head, heart,

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hands and health which are

main components of the group'

reared on farms are familiar

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and poultry.

Wayne County.

Windstorm blows by Canton Taco Bell from page A1

We had very few problems ... We pretty much

The heavy winds that ripped hrough southeast Michigan Sunday evening, causing power outages, school closings, uproot-ed trees and damaged buildings, apparently didn't have too much effect on Canton.

Though the storm caused a stility line to block traffic on east of Beck. This caused the road to be blocked off while Warren Road and knocked over ome construction barrels along Canton Center, Canton wasn't and hit, according to Canton

olice Lt. Rob Cripe. "We had very few problems," Cripe said. The only significant problem was a utility pole falling

Detroit Edison crews worked to fix the damage.

George Belvitch, principal at nearby Tonda Elementary School, said the downed line did-

escaped the storm.

sideways, causing the line to

droop low over Warren Road

n't create any access problems. "(The downed line) was not an issue for us," Belvitch said.

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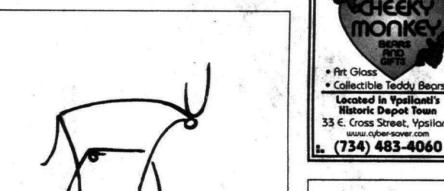
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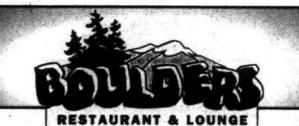


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In Plymouth, business and Lt. Bob Cripe services conducted at City Hall were suspended for most of Mon-day as heavy storms and high winds Sunday night and early Monday morning knocked out

power surges and caused a lot of "City Hall was without power from 11:30 p.m. Sunday night through about 3:30 p.m. Mon-day," said Assistant City Managfalse burglar alarms, creating "We pretty much escaped (the storm)," Cripe said. Canton fire Lt. Don Adams er Paul Sincock, "And, there were a couple of traffic signals said underground power lines help prevent some power outthat were inoperable downtown

on Main Street." "A good percentage of our elec-tric lines are underground," The Plymouth District Library, next to City Hall, was also shut down Monday because

Adams said.
The Holiday Park subdivision, of power problems. off Joy Road east of I-275 has Plymouth Township officials overhead lines and is usually reported minor damage as a hard hit when storms and high result of the storm. Staff writer Tony Bruscato winds sweep through, said

The developers have agreed to keep Fellows Creek foot bridge behind the building, eliminate the detention pond and enhance the quality of the water in Fellows Creek.

requirements the commissioners had some stipulations.

Ron Lieberman said he would like to see the litter picked up in the parking lot every night closing. He also said he would like to see Taco Bell do

Besides meeting township

more in Canton then sell tacos.

"Get involved in the Canton community, the chamber, Kiwanis or Rotary," he recommended. At a previous meeting, chairman Vic Gustafson made recomnendations to the developers to bend corporate design and replace the stucco building with brick, Monday he added that he

would like to see the flesh-col-

he would like to see Taco Bell do more in Canton then sell tacos

ored restaurant be a dark color like the Don Pablos Restaurant on Ford, east of I-275. "It will be good for your busi-ness too, solid look, darker red,

less blitz," Gustafson said. He also told the developer and construction manager not to be thrifty on the landscaping.

"Put an extra 15 to 20 percent into the landscaping," he said. Melissa McLaughlin stated that she would like the developers to take special note of the traffic getting backed up onto

Observer Cheer Club deadline is Friday

Friday is the last day for the Plymouth-Canton Observer

The storm also caused some

extra work for police.

ages during storms.

And we want to send out a big thank you to folks who've already dropped off gifts for the needy, since we kicked off the Cheer Club drive Nov. 26. Those folks are Christmas Carol of Canton, the Modras

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family of Plymouth, Shirley Keil of Plymouth Township, the Arble family of Plymouth, Terry and Susan Gronau of Plymouth, Mike and Nancy Riemenschneider of Plymouth, Emily Hug of Plymouth, Rosita and Raymond Smith of Plymouth, Joe and Fran Murawa of Plymouth, Terri and Adam Barbard of Plymouth, Mrs. Haar's first-grade

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Christmas mysteries

unfair taxation

didn't know much about livestock. They discovered 4-H about 12 years ago. Family affair Now, the Koppins co-lead a livestock

Off the farm

Area 4-H Clubs still popular

that 4-H went by Getting ready: Sarah Huth helps unload Sunset the wayside as from his trailer before a 4-H Club of Plymouthsuburban sprawl engulfed south-Canton meeting. east Michigan.

Joining the club

About 12 years ago, when Asch However, increasingly suburwas 10, her parents moved to ban Canton still has 4-H Clubs Canton and let her board a horse that are fed off the farms to the in Belleville. At that time, she southwest and one club has joined 4-H through her friends reformed to Canton's new flavor with horses. After she grew out of 4-H (5 to 19 years old), she decided to lead a club

of suburban life. Sally Petersen of Plymouth, parent of kindergarten twins Emily and Luke and 4-year-old Ava Petersen, heads a 4-H Club at All Saints School in Canton. All Saints is the only school in Canton that has the 4-H Club as an after-school activity. Traditionally, clubs were run out of farms, not homes in subdivisions or schools.

BY LILLY A. EVANS

If you are from

a farming com

munity - or went

to the fair every

vear - 4-H Club

probably puts a

spark in your spurs. But if you

lived in urban

areas all your

life, it may be a

You may have

even thought

And in many

communities, it

strange animal

Petersen, who was brought up in Trenton, said she had never heard of 4-H until she had picked up a brochure in the library and decided to head it at All Saints. The student club has 35 members.

Some of this year's activities will be planting flower bulbs around the school grounds and giving toy and canned food donations to needy families, along with nutrition and kitchen safety, games and songs and garden planting. Petersen may also teach the 4-H'ers responsibility with cats, dogs, insects, rabbits, and gerbils. She said photography is a possibility, too. Jeanine Asch of Canton spent

half of her childhood in Sterling with other kids. Also, there are Wayne County Chapter at (313) Heights playing with toy horses places that lease animals. and dreaming of the day she Tune in to holiday concerts

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concerts, all of which will be in Choral concert, at 7:30 p.m.

children from Canton who board horses and go to the Wayne County fair for competitions. She said a lot of people are surprised she is able to run a horse club in Wayne County.

"I got so much out of 4-H when

I was a kid," she said. "I want to

give back what I got out of it and

give the opportunity to other

She now heads a club of 10

"A lot of people don't know what 4-H is and they are shocked that there are horses and large animals in Wayne County," Asch said. She also added that large animals in Wayne County are diminishing.

If you have a child that has always wanted a horse, Asch says 4-H is a great place to start. Horses cost between anywhere from \$700 to several thousand dollars. Boarding fees range from \$165 to \$400 a month. The 4-H horse clubs have a

protégé program that allows at Maverick@UMich.edu. For families that don't have the funds for a large animal to share

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The Elwell Elementary School Fifth Grade Band will also perform at 7:30 p.m. today at the 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plyelementary school gymnasium. Students, parents and the community are invited to attend.

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Show and tell: Erin Welsh, 11, of Plymouth (foreground left), looks up at Sunset, a 9 year-old thoroughbred mare owned by Sarah Huth, 16, of Plymouth, holding the reins (at right), as Kaitlin Goike, 101, of South Lyon (left) and Kate Keim, 14, of Canton, look on during a meeting of the Bits n' Bridles 4-H Club of Plymouth Canton, held at the home of member Lara Mayfield on Saltz Road in Canton.

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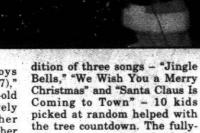
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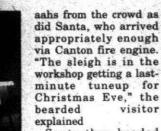
Tree from page A1

kids beg me," said Jean Paul of Canton. Paul, who has lived in Canton for 10 years, had four children – ranging from toddler to teen – in tow. "(Oldest son) Brian knows the truth about anta but he enjoys it

anyway," she said. Diane Gauthier and Caroline Roy, with eager children at their side, were both attending for the first time.

"I'm here for my two boys (Christopher, 9, and Steve, 7),' said Gauthier. Roy's 2-year-old daughter, Jessica, tentatively peaked out from behind her mother at the clowns and other pre-tree lighting festivities. After a hasty, a cappella ren-





Santa then headed indoors to take Christmas requests in a receiving line that stretched from one end of the fire station to the other. Outdoor activities included hay

an ice carving demonstration. Indoors, there were refreshments and a raffle of gift certificates from the Brighter Toys store on Canton Center Road

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Most area restaurant owners don't support smoking ban

Last Valentine's Day, Don Payne decided to do something

special for his customers. The owner of three Family in Livonia, made his Farmington

smokers than smokers. But so far, the prohibition hasn't helped him financially.

Hills eatery smoke-free because the air he breathes, he opposes a he believed he had more non- proposed Wayne County ordi-

nance telling businesses they

"We tried it there, and the effects were devastating," Payne will cause businesses to fail and said, as he estimates he has lost jobs to be lost."

"If you ban it in one county, they will drive out of the county.
Businesses will suffer, and peo-

While Payne operates a non- fornia. Such a ban countywide patronize his Farmington Hills smoking restaurant, is a non- would hurts only the businesses Buggy restaurants, one of them smoker and prefers to eat within the county that bans smoking, out cigarette smoke permeating he believes. "What we find is if must prohibit smoking.

\$70,000 in business since Febru-

statewide ban, such as in Caliyou go out with one smoker, the group will not go to a non-smok- to continue the smoke-free policy ing restaurant. Especially at in Farmington Hills but won't "I just think it's a bad idea," another restaurant out of con-

the ordinance to exempt busi- smoke-free for six years. "Most of Businesses will suffer, and peonesses with fewer than 15 the customers are pleased with employees, that won't help it," Briggs said. Payne would prefer a ple will be out of work." Payne Payne. He employs about 70 peosaid smokers who used to ple in Livonia. "It doesn't take much when you count the dishrestaurant now go to his Livonia Despite his financial losses in Farmington Hills, Payne plans

lunchtime, they will select ban smoking from his Livonia and Rochester Hills eateries if

smoke-free. Alissa Briggs, a bartender at

Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth,

washers, waitresses and cooks

and you are open all day with different shifts. Fifteen is almost "That's a big question," Briggs said. "I don't know. It's a big deal Some restaurants already are

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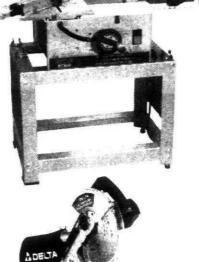
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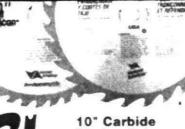
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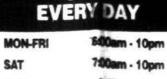












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"He's a lying scumbag sack of "he said immediately follow-

ng Aho's initial testimony. Callanan attempted to discredit Aho's testimony on grounds that he had not provided police with some vital details until late in the investigation and that he had misrepresented himself as

"You lied each and every time you talked to police and you did

not tell them about this gathering," Callanan said, referring to a meeting at a friend's house in Taylor, where the defendants, according to witnesses, talked about killing Martell. This meeting occurred after the shooting,

"I was scared I would have been shot and killed," Aho said of his hesitance to provide some

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> acy during questioning. "Do you know what the word 'specific means? Do you know what the word 'exactly' means?" Coyle asked. Aho said "no" to both questions.

Victoria Riordan, Martell's mother, said Monday that it's been a long, painful process. So far she's attended every court proceeding pertaining to the

addressed the topic of Aho's liter-

"I hope the end results (bring) what they deserve," Riordan Drunken driving said, referring to the suspects. Edwards' and Leonard's trial is expected to be wrapped up either today or Friday, according

to Coyle.

Bennett home said he didn't know how to read, though Callanan said he thought it was an attempt to stall the

For the second time in about three months, township Clerk "Were you just giving us a hard time?" Callanan asked Aho, Terry Bennett's home has been the focus of a break-in. who said his reading skills are

Bennett told police someone took a \$135 leaf blower, two "I've been learning (to read) slowly," Aho, who reportedly has chain saws valued at \$700 and a generator valued at \$650 from completed the 11th grade, said to her garage Dec. 2. the court. When asked to read parts of his police statements, he

Bennett said a Belleville landscaping firm was doing brick work on her porch and was using the garage to store a variety of Christopher Coyle, assistant equipment. Two workers reportedly asked Bennett's mother-inlaw, who was the only one home, to pay them but didn't provide a bill. She said she wouldn't pay without a bill and the men left Later the items were reported

> Another incident was reported Labor Day weekend, when a cellular telephone was taken from a truck belonging to Bennett's husband, State Sen. Loren Bennett, and a compact disc player was taken from daughter Wendy's truck.

A 36-vear-old Westland woman was arrested and taken into custody Dec. 2 for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor. She reportedly rolled her vehicle near Lotz and Lotzford

and was walking down the road

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when stopped by a police officer A preliminary breath test was administered, revealing a .223 blood alcohol level. Michigan's

■ Two vehicles belonging to one family were reportedly bro-ken into Dec. 5. Taken from a 1989 Ford Bronco was an AM/FM cassette player valued at \$500 and taken from the 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix was a \$350 radio/compact disc player. Both vehicles sustained damage to the locks and interior doors. Both vehicles were parked in the 40000 block of Tamarack. Police have no suspects.

A \$700 leather jacket, a \$40 cellular phone adapter and a \$50 backpack filled with clothing of ly taken Dec. 5 from a vehicle parked in the 1900 block of Manton. The doors were locked but a window was left open. Police

Vehicle break-ins

Thieves strike

undisclosed value were reportedhave no suspects.

■ A \$300 cassette/stereo and a \$40 wrench set were reportedly taken Dec. 5 from a vehicle parked at an auto repair shop in the 46000 block of Ford Road.

County to run juvenile program on it earlier date. Juveniles generally receive

rize loans to

A second

bill would

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County.

Gov. John Engler and Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara may disagree on amend the issues such as roads, but apparently they agree on a block grant program that will allow the Act to allow county, rather than the state, to money disadministrate a juvenile justice tributed

Two remaining pieces of a leg-fund, islative package were approved ported and were sent to the state

The first bill amends the Emergency Municipal Loan Act ty. That was they agree on a block grant to authorize state loans to Wayne County, which would be considered a "county juvenile agency" under previous legislation. This bill adds more legislation to the original package, which allows Wayne County to receive a block grant to provide juvenile justice services.

"We'd give them the money with the theory that they could do it more efficiently because they understand the local needs better," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

Introduced by Geake, the bill was approved on Dec. 2 by a 20-16 vote. Two senators did not vote. Geake's bill also allows the

to the state.

that by the state Senate on Dec. 2 cigarette Engler (above right) and taxes, to be Wayne County Executive by Edward McNamara may dis-Wayne Coun- agree on on a lot of issues but

> program that will allow the Both were county, rather than the state. sent to the to administrate a juvenile jus- but you look state House, tice program.

whether the House would refused the state to audit their approve the two bills and the funds. I'm not convinced of the egislative package before the accountability of the county at this point in time." Bennett said If it is rejected this week, Wayne County also would be alleviated of an \$80 million debt

Geake expected the package will be reintroduced next year, because Engler wants the package approved. "I'm sure someone will introduce it." Geake said.

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, voted against both proposals last released from the state in its cur-Local Emergency Financial Wednesday and the rest of the rent system are arrested and Assistance Loan Board the abili- package when the Senate acted

cerned about second or third offense is comthis whole mitted, Duggan said. "It's extremely expensive and process of giving these kids aren't turned around," Duggan said. "We will money W a y n e treat the first offense much more County, and seriously." Duggan said Wayne County the whole

of hopes to create a program simiaccountabili- lar to its program for adults ty with money who are sentenced to two years sent to Wayne in jail. Through drug treatment and job training, that program County," Benhas assisted 800 adults with nett said. finding full-time employment don't since 1993. want to get Duggan estimated the legislainto a velling

probation for a first offense, there

are returned to the street with

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tive package would yield about \$50 million in block grant money for Wayne County. The county's Department of Community Justice would start administering the program on Oct. 1, 1999. Geake called the package extremely controversial."

"There were concerns from

ion members who now work for the state could lose jobs or benefits." Geake said. "It's clear the state plans to save money by giving it to the county. The county is saying they can save will see their rate drop from 3

Revenue sharing bill helps suburbs, protects Detroit

After days of back-room maneuvering, the state House of Representatives produced bills that will protect Detroit's share of state revenues but cut its city income

Suburbanites working in Detroit would see their city income tax rates drop from the current 1.5 percent to 1 percent over 10 years - if the House bills become law.

Gov. John Engler was visible after meetings with the House Republican caucus on behalf of the state-Detroit deal. But Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton, said, "You didn't hear any bones cracking in my caucus." meaning Engler's pressure was light.

The House on Dec. 3: Overwhelmingly Detroit's city personal income tax over 10 years. Residents

to 2 percent, non-residents from 1.5 to 1 percent, under HB 5391. (Detroit's council and mayor could cut the tax unilaterally, but future officials could raise it again. Detroit has a special state law that permits it to levy the high rates.)

■ Approved 58-33 a revenue-sharing bill that freezes Detroit's share at \$334 million and revises the formula to help suburban and rural

bill will get a harsh reception in the Senate, where Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, is beating the drums to cut Detroit's aid over six years to

Steil pictures Detroit as a city with 10 percent of the state's population gobbling up 25 percent of the shared revenue. He sees Detroit's being approved a bill paring rewarded for losing population while having the highest



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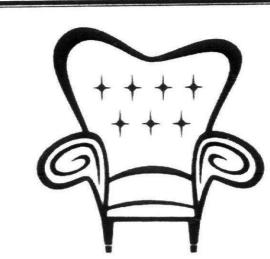
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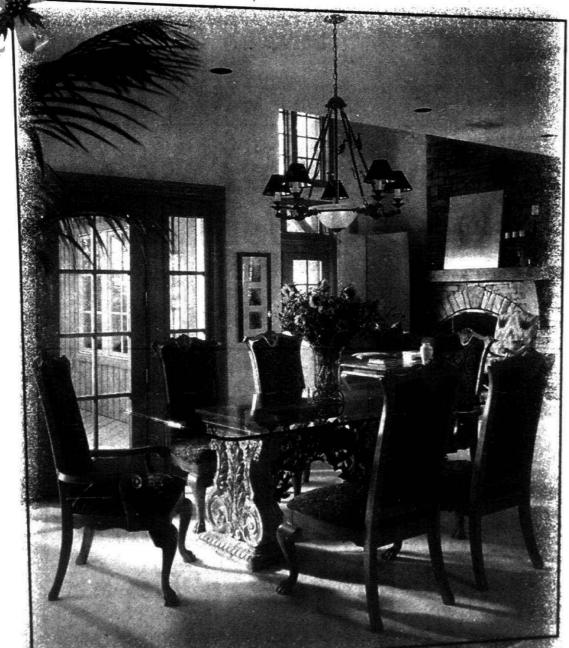
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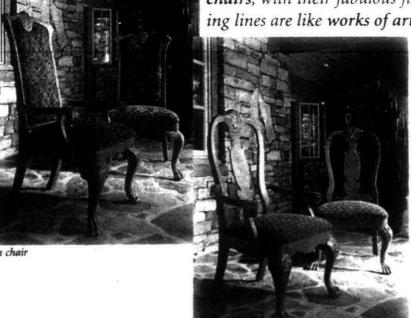
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oner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, calls smoking a public health concern, but she also doesn't want bad legislation in prohibiting the activity in

Wayne County. Husk said Tuesday she expects Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, to revise his ordinance to exclude businesses

the smoking ban. "That way it won't affect the mom-and-pop businesses," said

with 15 or fewer employees from

Parker could not be reached Tuesday for comment on the possible revisions. He said earlier the National Center for Disease

(Thursday) at 10 a.m.

Dec. 17. A public hearing on the

The Spade five-piece plate selling is also being offered at 1/2 off And, as an added bonus, you'll receive



"In fact, scientific studies have linked secondhand smoke to heart disease and lung cancer,"

Husk added that she has constituents who support the smoking ban.

If committee members approve is held, where at least 40 percent

ordinance will be held at the restaurants, hotel and motel

to the commission Thursday, and maintained as smoke-free.

Commission committee to review smoking ban

stores; public areas where bingo ultimately prohibited.

The ordinance to prohibit ordinance include private resi- The size of smoking areas in ing will be reduced to no more

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who opposed the ordinance on Dec. 2, believes Parker will need to take the smoking ban up with the state Legislature. "The reality is he has no power to legislate in that area. State pre-emption applies. State law supersedes

"The Wayne County Commission should not be trying to regureceived several phone calls from late the economy and business-

McCotter said the commission-"I personally think it's a good ers should not act without eco- ter. "Some are for it, some are Control has reported that idea," Husk said. "It's important nomic studies on the possible against it," Beard said. cigarette smoking is the most to have a healthy environment effect on Wayne County busipreventable cause of death with for people, but it's also important nesses. "We can't run our own one in five deaths smoking-relat- that the ordinance we pass as airport, now Wayne County is

As of March 1, 1999, restau-

bring a spirited debate next businesses were not hurt, as she Thursday at the county commission meeting if it is revised and Center for Hospitality Research approved today by the commission's Health and Human Sernon-smokers were eating out more often since the ban and a report that indicated New York City restaurant business had not suffered since a smoking ban

was initiated there last year.

*So what I see happening is when you make a transition, it's difficult to work through in the beginning, but overall it will be healthier for everyone," Husk

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said she hasn't read the ordinance yet, so she would not comment. She has received phone calls on the mat-

dumb ideas."

allow smoking."

"The industry is getting real tired of government telling us

what to do," Gatto said.

"Cigarette smoking is not ille-

gal. It should be left up to the

to go, and the businesses, on

whether or not they want to

Gatto said his establishment

smoking section and discourages

people from smoking cigars.

here if they want and, if it's too

smoky, they can eat somewhere

want or if (the smoke) bothers

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Anthony Gatto, general manager of Roman Forum in Canton, called the ordinance "a real

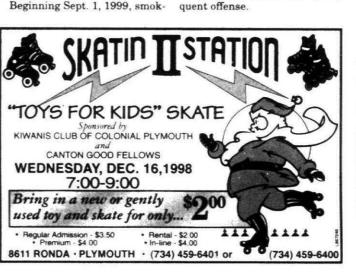
"Hopefully, it's a free country What's next? Will they tax

steaks because you might have a heart attack or hardening of

Alexander the Great in Westcustomer to go where they want land, does not smoke, but disagrees with the proposed ban. "You would think it's bad for

business, because there are a lot of smokers out there," Tomovski has no problem offering a no- said. "We have 50 percent of our customers who smoke, and 50 percent who are non-smoking. Banning smoking will hurt us care of people. They can eat

Tony Grabanica, owner of Vic's Diner in Garden City, said he was "indifferent" toward the

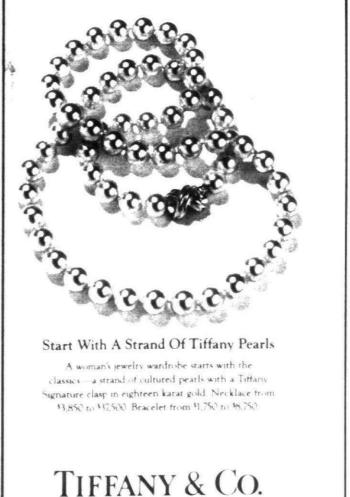


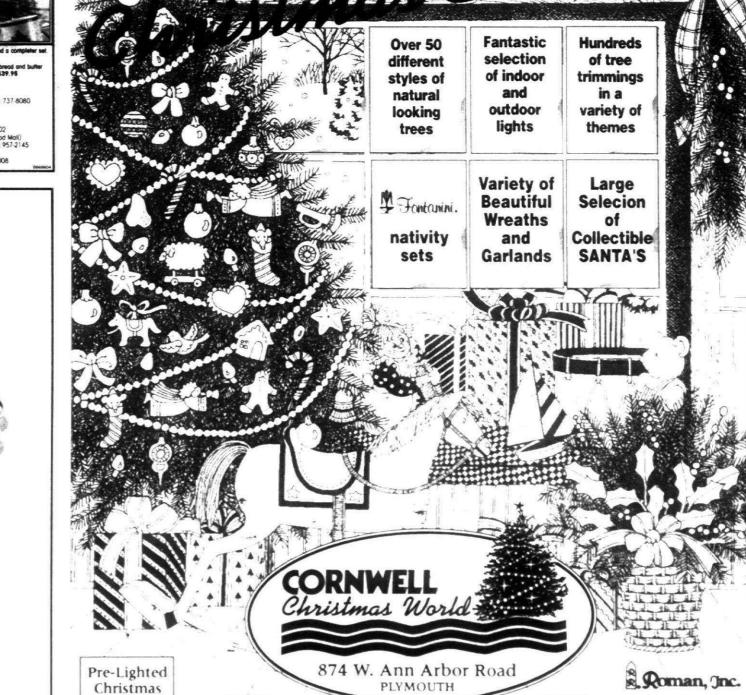




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Young shoppers have long lists for Santa this season

By DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

Pushing a miniature basket purposefully through the aisles of Noodle Kidoodle recently, Daniel Calleja, 4, was a shopper who knew what he wanted. And he wasn't going to consider a purchase from the Northville Township store until he made sure the merchandise, especially the Kawasaki guitar, worked.

The Livonia youngster was browsing with his dad, Jeff, when he quickly explained that besides the guitar he also wanted a Play Doh Play Shop, a remote control tower crane and a keyboard.

Calleja was among a number of young shoppers surveyed recently to get a glimpse of the hottest toys this holiday season. Many of the kids chose popular items, like "A Bug's Life" characters and Teletubbies. A lot of their other choices were traditional, long-time favorites, like Legos, Barbies and yo-yos.

The toys that grab Calleja's attention and the millions of children around the country amount to a \$22.6 billion annual business. A whopping 50 percent of those sales are rung up during the holidays.

If you're wondering what to buy the children on your holiday shopping list, here are some ideas from experts, like David Shore, 7, a New Hampshire resident who was interviewed while recently visiting relatives in Livonia. He was checking out the stock at the Northville Township store with his mom, Sue Shore.

Standing next to a bin filled with Beanie Babies, Sue Shore explained: "He's always looking for Beanie Babies and especially the new ones."

Nintendo, videos, Legos and yo-yos are also some of his top choices.

Finding the right toy

Char Crawford of Novi walked out a happy customer after learning that she bought the last Pinky Winky talking Teletubby

Hollday mood: Daniel Shore, 4, of Livonia fills his shopping cart with all his favorite toys for the holiday season at Noddle Kidoodle at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

that her nephew, Jake Gosselin, 2, of Livonia wanted. His mother "looked everywhere and couldn't find it," Crawford explained.

Mike Aja, an 8-year-old Livonia resident and student at St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia, was shopping with his dad, Rich. They were looking for Legos Mind Storms. But, before he left the store, a display of yoyos also caught his eye and prompted a convincing sales pitch to his father.

Behind the cash register and in the storage room, Shannon Prince, Noodle Kidoodle, store manager, and Traci Johnson, assistant manager, see firsthand which toys are going out the door the most. They ranked pottery wheels, a Crayola adjustable Easel, a Barbie digital camera, Blues Clues toys, yoyos and Mind Storms as the best selling toys so far this season.

High expectations

Some kids we talked to were quite particular; others had general ideas about what they wanted. Some had simple wants. Others, like Dina Salhani, 7, of Dearborn Heights had higher expectations.

She was shopping recently at Toys R Us in Westland with her mom, Debbie and brother, Jordan, 9 months.

"I want everything," Salhani stated emphatically. Then she began naming her top picks, which included a basketball-playing Rebecca Lobo Barbie. A big basketball fan, Debbie Salhani explained that Dina wanted to name her brother Michael Jordan and the family settled on Jordan instead.

"She likes the hand-held Twister game and electronic everything," Debbie Salhani

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Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, voted against the revenue-sharing bill in the House Appropriations Committee Dec. 2 but for it on Dec. 3 when the full House adopted it. Their reasons were identical.

Bankes voted no in committee because of the rush job. "The Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association and Michigan Association of Counties had not had the bill long enough to do an analysis," said Bankes, who is term-limited out. Her effort to protect Detroit and Wayne County, however, will help her politically when she takes office Jan. 1 as a Wayne County commission-

Here is how area lawmakers voted on the House revenuesharing bill:

YES - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills.

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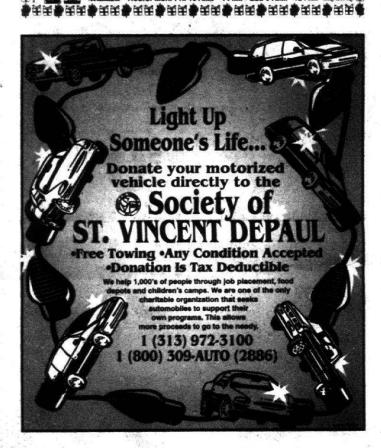
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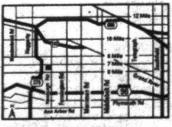
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Other kids, like Ricky Lorenz, 8, of Livonia had simple needs. "I'd like Legos and a pad of paper," said Lorenz, who likes to draw.

He also wants Beast Wars fig-ures and color pencils. The tick-et prices got higher and higher as he continued to ponder the

"I'd also like a camera case for my camera and oh yeah, Game

Boy," Lorenz added.

To put it simply, his mother,
Betty explained: "He wants everything that he sees on TV." Suheil Shatara held his two children, Fred, 4, and Freda, 5, by their hands as they walked through the store. Fred wants Santa to bring a remote control motorcycle and Freda wants a Barbie car.

Billy Garbinski, 7, of Garden City hopes to see "A Bug's Life" character under his Christmas tree Dec. 25.

"I like Star Wars, PlayStation cartridges and smelly markers," he added.

Andrei Dit, 10, tried the video games as his mother watched. What does he want for Christmas? "Video games," he said

Standing near the Pokemon's display, Beverly Swantner shopped with her son, George,

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Toys R Us in Westland to get gift ideas.

it," he exclaimed. Alex Smith, 3, of Belleville looked professional as she held a Spice Girls microphone that her mom, Alysia planned to buy.

getting a Go Girl C-watch, a

listed by KayBee Toys as the most popular this year. Don't tell, but the toddler is also

computer, Pikachu Number 25 ice cream maker for Christmas.

Popular picks Smith and the other local kids picked many of the same toys

The country's largest mallbased toy retailer said the following are the hottest toys:

A Bug's Life, by Mattel, for ages 4 and up; Blues Clues Musical BlueAges, by Fisher Price, for children 1 and older; Bouncing Tigger, by Mattel, for children 18 months and older; Furby, an interactive Gremlin creature who speaks two languages; and Holiday Barbie and Holiday Sisters, by Mattel for children 3 and older

Hot Wheels Mechanix, by Mattel for children ages 6 and older; Spice Girls by Galoob, for children 3 and up; Talking Teletubbies, by Hasbro for children age 1 and older; WCW/WWF restling Figures, by Original San Francisco, for children 4 and older and Yomega X-Brain Yo-Yo by Bandai for children age 8 and older also made the top 10 list, according to Yahoo

on the Internet. But trying to track down, these and other, popular toys can be a daunting experience. No one knows that more than Gary Buckingham, night managi er at the Meijer store on Warren Road in Westland.

He regularly sees cases of fad toys, like the Teletubbies, being snatched up minutes after they are delivered to the store. Other customers, however, leave empty-handed.

His advice: "Don't give up and don't let the holidays get you

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Gregory Leverette of Southfield was awarded the Frank E. and Angileri Quality Award. A graduate student in quality and operations management, Leverette received an award for demonstrating a significant con- an honorary member tribution to quality improvements in the automotive industry and maintain a 2.5 grade point average. The award is given to a student, full- or part-

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master's degree in quality and operations management at Twenty-two students were

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gram is the only one of its kind in the state of Michigan. Upon

inducted into the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society in business administration. The motto of the society is "Through Knowledge, Power." A School of Business Faculty member, Tim Brennan of Livonia, was also inducted into Delta Mu Delta as

motive industry, pursuing a puter information systems major

Honored: Five students honored with the Highest Achievement Award in their major at at Madonna University are (clockwise from left) Carol Houchin of Detroit, Karen Bedy of Redford, Alice Pfohl of Wixom, Ruth Hodges of Novi and Theresa Gentner of Livonia.

management major from Wixom, be eligible, each student must

from Livonia, Alice Pfohl, a highest grade-point average. To semesters Additionally, 63 students and Ruth Hodges, a marketing have completed 40 semester received High Achievement major from Novi. These awards hours in the major, 30 semester Awards, which are given to stutime, connected with the auto- ford, Theresa Gentner, a com- are given annually to students hours at Madonna University dents who have completed a from each major who attain the and 15 hours within the past

and Patricia O'Rourke, of Canton; Christopher Bouschet, Lynn Hoag, Shanker Pathak, Carolyn Payne and Nayda Schwartz, of Farmington Hills, and Mary Barney and Pamela Leming, of Garden City. Also, students honored from

hours within the major with a

grade-point average of 3.5 or

These students include: Rox-

anne Delozier, Christine Gerak

Livonia were Lynne Bain, Sheri Bajorek, Stephen Bolla, Linda Cosgrove, Irene Duncan, Maria Gardner, Nadine Janette, Christine Johnson, Sharon Kallas

Jeanette LaForge, Elaine Nading, Beverly Niedbala, Ann Rajt, Dennis Respecki, Rachelle Roy Jamie Weaver and Sandra Wil From Plymouth, Ryan Bayer,

Marilyn Brindamour and Carol Stone were awarded, while Redford residents Julianne Gillis, Joanella Grimes, Michelle Mohr, Constance Pawlaczyk, Cynthia Raisanen and Darren Sims were

Westland residents Michael Baker and Albert Fuciarelli also

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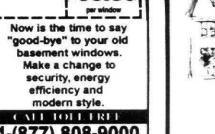
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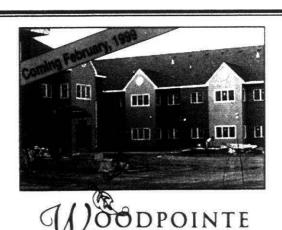


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Siegel said security has been heightened in the north end of Canton High School, where the

fires occurred. And signs from the Michigan Arson Reward Pro-

Arson from page A1

As a result of an arson fire Oct. 16, principal Patricia Patton spent last Friday morning with Canton Fire Marshal Dave Champagne, outlining plans to produce videos designed to alert students to the dangers of arson. Shortly after she returned to the school, the second arson fire in less than two months again forced the evacuation of Canton High School

"After the second arson fire. I heard a lot of resentfulness on to give students an indication of the part of students against those who are setting the fires. Students don't like being taken away from what they're doing and being put in a dangerous situation," said Patton. "We're hoping to educate students on the dangers and consequences of setting fires in public buildings."

Canton High School was evacuated Oct. 16 when after a toilet paper dispenser in a first-floor boys' bathroom was set on fire. Two students have been expelled and are facing arson charges for setting the fire, which caused mostly smoke damage to the bathroom and hallway.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of

1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning

Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing

Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

McCARTY/SKORINA/JABARA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST

TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 020 99 0005 000 AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 020 99 00004 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, SINGLE

FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the south side of Gyd

Road between Beck and Ridge Roads. (Rescheduled from December 1998)

on Monday, January 4, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Last Friday, a paper towel dis-penser was set on fire in a girls' bathroom on the first floor, causing approximately \$3,000 in Patton said two short videos

gram, announcing rewards of up to \$5,000 for information leading will be produced over the holiday break, and will be played for all to arrests and convictions, are posted throughout the school. students when they come back Siegel encourages students to for second semester in January. call the Anonymous Tip Line, "One video will give them 416-2920, with information. nformation concerning the first

bathroom fire and show pictures "What we want to tell students is that arson is not like a traffic what damage was done," said ticket. It's a felony which can send them to jail for up to 10 years," added Siegel. "And every Patton. "The second video will show students how to protect themselves and others in case of single time a fire is set, there is a fire at the school." sibility for loss of life.

"We also have students who "Someone thinks this is funny. have a variety of disabilities, and and playing it off as a prank," said Bruce Siegel, the assistant many times they're not on the principal who is investigating first floor when an alarm is the fires. "What they aren't realsounded," said Siegel. "Sometimes it's not all that easy evacuizing is that they're putting the lives of other kids in danger. ating them from the building." "What we want to do is provide

Champagne also points out the feedback to kids to show them lives of many people, other than how serious fire is, and the students, are put in danger explanation and ramifications of when a fire alarm is pulled at the smoke and fumes," added the school.

Two 17-year-old students have been expelled from school and are facing arson charges in Wayne County Circuit Court for the Oct. 16 fire.

Recount from page A1

McLaughlin asked that the nted in every comnunity except for Canton, where she defeated Sullivan on her home turf. A total of 57 precincts encompass the 11th District, which includes the cities of lleville, Romulus and Wayne and the townships of Canton Sumpter, Van Buren and Huron.

The county charges \$10 per recinct for a recount. McLaughlin wrote the clerk's office a check for \$580, which was paid out of remaining funds from her campaign account.

"At the end of the day, after all was said and done, they found nine votes in (Sullivan's) behalf," McLaughlin said Wednesday

Melissa McLaughlin

stress, he added.

tion day loss.

"I was pretty confident going

He said he thanked McLaugh-

lin for agreeing to drop the

recount bid almost as soon as it

started. The recount put a lot of

plans on hold and caused some

senting this district. I plan on

doing everything I promised to

swing the election her way. She

ure in stride, as she did her elec-

took the news of the recount fail-

"Losing an election is no fun,"

McLaughlin needed 25 votes to

"I'm really excited to be repre-

in that (the recount) wasn't

going to stick, "Sullivan said.

"If the nine votes had been found on my behalf, I probably would have wanted to go ahead (with the recount)," she said. "I just didn't see there was much opportunity to make up the total number of votes I would have

McLaughlin, a Republican, lost the seat to Wayne Democrat John Sullivan in an election day upset by 47 votes. Sullivan's margin of victory amounted to 0.1 percent out of more than 40,000 votes cast. Sullivan said he was happy

with the news, though he wasn't

too surprised.

McLaughlin said. "It's not the best way to spend a Tuesday She said her loss put her in

the same category as former Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole and former President George Bush.

Sullivan will take office on Jan. 1. The commission's first meeting of 1999 is slated for McLaughlin wrestled with the

idea of a recount after the Nov 3 election. She filed for the recount on the deadline of Nov Before making the decision

the current Canton trustee and planning commission member sought advice from a pair of political allies - state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Patterson, R-Canton. 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." This doesn't mean McLaughlin

is ruling out future bids for other public offices

"I'm sure that I'll do something to entertain myself," she said "I'm still a (Canton) trustee and planning commissioner. They haven't gotten rid of me yet."

4 8205 RONDA CANTON

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton b

CANTON TOWNSHIP

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

writing or calling the following:

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



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 3, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin,

Members Absent: Shefferly Staff Present: Durack, Machnik, Minghine (arrived 8:00 P.M) Also Present: Tim Cronin, Township Counsel

ITEM 1 SECOND READING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to remove from the table and to adopt the second reading of the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143 to become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on December

10, 1998. Motion carried. All Ayes Present. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 143 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE ACCESS TO AND ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC LITILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT AND PERMIT FEES: PROVIDING FOR A RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURE: PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY BY A PERMITTEE PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RELOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS FACILITIES PROVIDING FOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE: PROHIBITING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PERMIT, PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION AND REMOVAL OF FACILITIES: PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES: PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS

SECTION 1. Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the Ordinance is to regulate the access to and ongoing use of Public Utility Easements and Rights of Way by

communications providers. Section 2. Reservation of Rights. The issuance of a permit to a ommunications provider does not waive the Township's right to require a franchise in the future or the right to claim a taking if telecommunications provider claims it has the right to use public rights of way without compensation. In addition, a telecommunications provider may request the Township to enter into a consent agreement for the use of the Public Utility Easements and Rights of Way in place of a permit.

Sections 3 and 4. [Reserved] Section 5. Definitions. Key terms, including Telecommunications Provider. Telecommunications Services, and Telecommunications System are

Section 6. [Reserved]
Section 7. Permits. The procedures for submitting and reviewing an application for a permit are described. When an application is filed, it is reviewed for administrative completeness. After an application is complete the Township may request additional information from the applicant Within 75 days after an application is determined to be administratively complete, a public hearing is held on the application by the Township Board (or a committee or hearing officer designated by the Township Board). After the public hearing, the Township Board then approves, approves with conditions, or denies the application within 90 days after the application was determined to be administratively complete. The Township Board may not unreasonably deny a permit. The Township Board may grant a modification or waiver of Ordinance requirements under certain limited

Section 8. Annual Permit Fees. A telecommunications provider is required to pay annual fees fixed by resolution of the Township Board. The fees must not exceed the fixed and variable costs to the Township of maintaining the Public Utility Easements and Rights of Way. A telecommunications provider may opt to pay an annual fee of 1 percent of its annual gross revenues from the telecommunications system within the municipality, in lieu of the annual fee established by the Township Board.

Section 10. Annual Permit Fees. This section provides for the establishment, option and payment of an annual permit fee in alternative forms and the records attendant thereto.

Section 11. Duration of Permit; Renewal. A permit is granted for a five (5)

year term. An application for renewal of a permit follows the same process ion 12. Permit Terms and Requirements. A permit is non exclusive. A

ons provider is authorized to use the Public Utility nts and Rights of Way only as authorized in the permit. is provider may expand its system by obtaining approva of an amended permit which may be granted administratively. also address overlashing and las builti maps, priorities of use of ents and Rights of Way, and future use of the Easements and

ion 13. Use of Public Rights of Way by Permittee. These provision ulate the use of Public Utility Easements and Rights of Way by communications providers. These regulations include the following uirements: no undue burden or interference with present or future use he easements and rights of way, restoration of easements and rights of

way, limitations on pavement cuts, marking of telecommunications facilities, relocation of facilities due to right of way work, etc.

Section 14. [Reserved] Sections 15 and 16. Insurance, Liability and Indemnification. These provisions require a telecommunications provider to provide and maintain ertain insurance coverages, to name the Township as an additional insured, and to indemnify the Township against liability arising from the acts or omissions of the provider.

Section 17. No Assignment or Transfer of Control Without Township Consent. A telecommunications provider may not assign a permit or transfer control of its business without prior written consent of the Township which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Township may revoke the permit for failure to comply with the provisions of the permit of the Ordinance and for other specified reasons. Upon revocation of a permit, or upon expiration of a permit which is not renewed, the telecommunications provider must remove its facilities from the Public Utility Easements and Rights of Way.

Section 18. Revocation. The Township reserves the right to revoke the permit on certain failings of the applicant. ection 19. Removal. Upon revocation, certain portions of the system may or shall be removed.

Section 20. [Reserved] Section 21. Other Provisions Not Waived. The Township reserves its police powers to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and reserves the right of reasonable control of the Public Utility Easements and Rights of Way pursuant to the Michigan Constitution

Section 22. [Reserved] Section 23. Authorized Township Officials. The Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to cite violations of this Ordinance. Section 24. Municipal Civil Infraction. A violation of the Ordinance is a

civil infraction, subject to a civil fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000, plus costs and sanctions. Repeat offenses are subject to a civil of \$1,000 \$10,000 (first repeat offense) and \$2,000 \$20,000 (second and subsequent repeat offenses). Sections 25 through 30. [Reserved]

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY This Section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of

this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions SECTION 3 REPEAL

This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that the repeal and amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any acts committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication in the Canton Observer, December 10, 1998 Certification

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its special meeting called and held on the 3rd day of December 1998 and was ordered given publication in the manner given by law. Copies of the complete Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at Canton Township Hall, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan.

TERRY G. BENNETT. Clerk Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to set the permit application fee for access to and ongoing use of public utility easements and rights-of-way by the telecommunications providers at \$10,000. Motion carried. All

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to move from a special meeting to a study session for the purpose of discussion. Motion carried. All Ayes

Present. Supervisor Yack called for a short recess at 7:30 P.M. and reconvened the

meeting at 8:15 P.M. Discussions occurred between the Board of Trustees, Canton residents. Director Minghine and Laurie Kendall, District Landfill General Manager

of Sauk Trail Hills regarding the vertical expansion of Sauk Trail Hills Supervisor Yack reviewed the concerns of residents had raised at the October 20, 1998 study session regarding Sauk Trail Hills and followed up with researched information. Residents voiced their concerns regarding the 'beeping' of trucks. Director Minghine said that public safety monitored the area and found that the

banging and beeping sounds were coming from Ryder Truck. Discussions continued regarding solutions to sounds from the dumping, hours of operation, odor problems, air quality, and increased noises soon to be coming from the research park. A request for an updated host agreement was made as Wayne County's records contained only the 1988 and 1989 agreements. Carol Middel offered to be a part of a committee that would include three

Board members to further discuss and resolve issues arising from the landfill and its proposed expansion. Supervisor Yack, Trustee LaJoy and Trustee Burdziak agreed to be on this committee ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M. Motion carried. All Ayes Present

The above is a synopsis of actions and discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on December 3, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board or December 15, 1998

THOMAS J. YACK, Supeviso

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

OBITUARIES

MARIE GREENE

Services for Marie Greene, 83, of Plymouth were Dec. 2 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Sullivan offi-

She was born May 22, 1915, in Nebraska. She died Nov. 29 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She was a clerk-typist for Wayne County, retiring in 1975. She came to the Plymouth community two months ago from Lincoln Park. She was a volunteer at Lynn Hospital, Lincoln Park. She was an expert seamstress and loved to sew. She loved to travel and enjoyed flow ers and nature.

Survivors include her husband, William; one daughter, Betty Ruth (Ernest) Wake of Julian, Calif.; one son, William (Stella) Greene Jr. of Plymouth; one brother, William Portugal of Lincoln Park; five grandchildren, Cindi Haberman of California, Brian Wake of Connecticut, Michael Wake of California, Shaun Greene of Plymouth, Melissa Greene of Detroit; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Red Cross or the Salvation Army

BERNIECE I. TAYLOR

Services for Berniece I. Taylor, 89, of Plymouth were Dec. 4 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Nov. 9, 1909, in Plymouth. She died Dec. 1 in Howell. She worked as a sales clerk at Minerva's-Dunning's in Plymouth for 15 years. She also worked at the original Beitner Jewelers on Penniman and she moved with the store to the Ann Arbor Trail location. Beitner's closed the store this past year. She lived and worked in Plymouth all her life. The American Legion Passage Gayde Post was named after her late husband, Peter Gayde, who was the first naval casualty from Plymouth in World War II. She was an artist. She exhibited at art shows like Art in the Park. She loved little children, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her son, William (Carolyn) Gayde of Royal Oak; one daughter, Loralee (Charley) Gurley of Milford; one sister, Virginia (William) Fehlig of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to

the American Lung Association.

Services for Ester K. Harris,

95, of Howard, S.D., were Dec. 3 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. William C. Moore officiating

She was born Aug. 24, 1903,

in Minden, Iowa. She died Nov 30 in Ann Arbor. She was a omemaker. She was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband, J. Arthur Harris of Plymouth: two sons, Jay (Susan) Arthur Harris of Plymouth,

Daun H. Harris of Nenana, Ark.; one sister, Vera Margare Nicholas of East Syracuse, N.Y.; and one granddaughter, Jennifer Peatee of Wayne. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

NORMA LIZZIE HEATH Services for Norma Lizzie Heath, 92, of Manchester, formerly of Plymouth, were Dec. 3 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia

> She was born Jan. 2, 1906, in Ontario, Canada, She died Nov. 30 in Saline. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1956 from Dearborn. She lived in Plymouth for 42 years. She had been a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ply mouth since 1956. She loved gardening and cooking. She was everybody's mother: she loved family gatherings and being with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arvy G. Heath. Survivors include her son, Thomas (Lynn) Heath of Manchester; two grandchildren, Anna (Bill) Jacob, Thomas (Angel) Heath; and three great-grandchildren, Zachary, Elijah and Gabriel Jacob.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute SARAH E. SAYED

Services for Sarah E. Sayed, 87, of Plymouth were Dec. 1 in the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Livonia, with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating Burial was in Holy Sepulchre

Cemetery. She was born Feb 1 1911 She died Nov. 29 in Plymouth She was a secretary for the

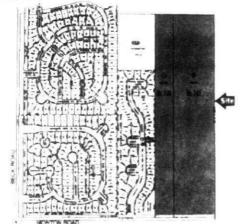
automotive industry. Survivors include her hushand. Andrew: one daughter, Frances (Robert) Culver: one son. Robert (Judith): six grandchildren: and one sister. Alberta



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

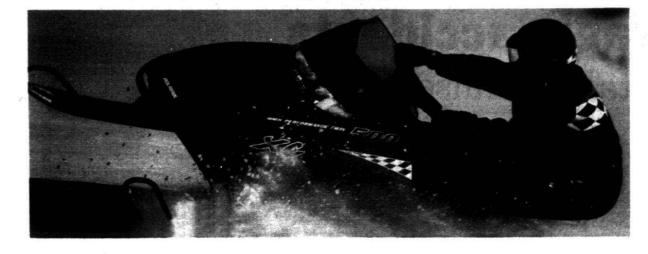
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 4, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: THE LINKS OF PHEASANT RUN WEST PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNEI DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, INCLUSIVE OF PARCELS 110 99 0001 000 ANI 110 99 0002 000 Properties are located on the north side of Newton Road east of Beck Road Preliminary Plan-1st Public Hearing (Rescheduled from December 7, 1998)



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

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

snowmobiles to ride. And for a limited

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 1, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ROLL CALL Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None Durack, Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Dates, Gouin, Mills, Voyles Staff Present: Recreation Advisory Committee: Baker, Bradley, Gulkewicz. Lodwick, ITEM 1 PARKS AND RECREATION, PHEASANT RUN AND SUMMIT

ON THE PARK UPDATE Recreation Master Plan (RMP) Mike Gulkewicz, Recreation Advisory Committee, explained that the a new RP was required to replace the expiring plan and the new RMP was required to receive state grant moneys fo recreation programs. A new RMP must be filed with the State by February 1, 2000 – a target filing date is December 12, 1999.

from the RAC was to hire coordinate a comprehensive assessment of the community's recreational needs and prepare a new Master Plan. Concensus of the Board was that the hiring of a consultant was the logical approach.

Community Parks Update Mike Gouin, Recreation Manager, updated the Board on the status of Canton's community parks. Independence Park is tentatively scheduled to opening for the 1999 Memorial Day Soccer Tournament. The fields will then be closed until the 1999 fall soccer season. The irrigation system is scheduled to completed this winter. Canton Softball Center's Business Plan 1999 Mr. Gouin said the primary

goal was to provide high quality programming that meets the needs of our youth baseball/softball program and our adult softball program while generating revenue that will meet operational costs. The Class C Liquor License will be assigned to the successful bidder on the Food & Beverage Service Contract. Food Service Provider proposals are due on December 1 1998 Trustee McLaughlin emphasized that outdoor concessions and maybe a picnic areas could be great sources of revenue

Recreation Programming Bob Dates, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an update on the 1998 recreation programming and the proposed 1999 recreation programming. He said that Liberty Fest continued to grow and that the 9th annual event would be held June 17 through June 20, 1998 Liberty Fest will add new events for 1999. An Old Fashioned Picnic, a kids art mural and a Friday evening concerts are concepts that may be added to Liberty Fest 1999 Ocotoberfest is in its third year and drew over 5,000 people to Hentage Park

Fellows Creek Golf Club Mr Dates said that Canton's share of the revenue is estimated to be in excess of \$750,000 for the season. Mr. Dates explained that the Township had entered into an agreement with Preserved Developmen to put in a pedestrian and golf cart/utility vehicle bridge between hole #1 and #2 on the east course

Summit on the Park.

Programs Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz. Summit on the Park Manager highlighted 1998 for the community center and reviewed the action plan for 1999 Ms Bilbrey-Honsowetz noted that most programs are maxing out and people are being turned away. Day camps, preschool programs are being well received in the community. Ms. Bilbrey Honsowetz said that programming for 1999 will include cooperative ventures like the hunter safety course hel in 1998 in cooperation with Public Safety and taught by a police officer. She estimated that 89 percent of the people who sign up for programs are Canton residents. The second annual "Cutting Edge" a Community Center Design and Management Institute will be held September 21 through 23, 1999. Seniors Ms Bilbrey Honsowetz noted that senior citizen lifeguards are being

from the American Red ('ross to the National Safety Council Ellis & Associates, Summit's aquatics risk management company have awarded the aquatics center a "Silver Safety Award" for the last two years

recruited by the aquatics division. The swim lesson programs has changed

Ms Bilbrey Honsowetz said that an unduplicated count of the number of nior citizens serviced by the center is 1.626 to date - multiple visits are 12,000 to 13,000 seniors per year. In 1997, 2,924 riders used the Senior Marketing An emphasis on customer service has led to mandatory cust

rvice training even for part time staff. Ms. Bilbrev Honsowetz said that a self-supporting free weight machine was added this year. A partnership is being initiated with Holiday Market. Ms. Bilbrey Honsowetz said that their chef and the Summit's nutritionist are creating healthier meals available in Holiday Market for purchase that have the Summit logo or, each individually prepared entre. There will also be a joint marketing piece to go with this

project along the lines of "Healthy Lifestyle, Think Summit"

Expansion Ms. Bilbrey-Honsowetz said that the critical areas for expansion were fitness center and the locker rooms, the family locker room and the maintenance space. She would like to see one more meeting room added on to

In conclusion Ms. Bilbrey-Honsowetz said that there were 174,937 visits in 1997 by either annual pass holders or individual daily passes. Year to date there has been 146,829 visits, by the end of 1998 this number should be even or slightly higher. Revenue for the end of the third quarter is \$1,255,844.

Banquet and Conference Center Ms Bilbrey-Honsowetz reviewed the reorganization and operations plan for the Banquet and Conference Center.

The plan is to take over the operations by having a food service contractor. operate the "back of the house", being food preparation, service, wait staff and liquor control. The Township would operate the "front of the house", being the

ales, booking and marketing Request for proposals for food service providers have been accepted with a arget hiring date of January 1999. Applications and screening for the hiring of a banquet/conference center coordinator and banquet/conference center specialist are taking place with a target hire date of January 1999

Ms. Bilbrey-Honsowetz reviewed the strategies of the comprehensive addition to advertisements in key business publications, ie, Crains, Detroit Monthly, customized "off peak" wedding packages (Friday/Sunday and the months of January, February and March), special overall custom packages. and a development of a showcase room set up and options photo album display of linen selections and a short video tape available for guest viewing) Additionally, the establishing of custom community oriented services proposed to capture the community market and increase the public

Pheasant Run Golf Club Kevin Mill, Operation Manager, presented the year o date figures, business plan for 1999 and the Pheasant Run expansion. Mr Mills noted that the course needed to be closed for 5-days in 1998, one of the days was due to an electrical problem and the four remaining were due to flooding. Holes #8 and #18 flooded Discussion occurred regarding flooding expectations in the future

Year to Date 1998 revenues were reviewed. Revenues exceeded 1997 with the exception of the month of September It was noted that there was a decrease in the number of golf outings for 1998. Supervisor Yack commented that the biggest complaint he hears was that the range closes too early Membership fees were lower this year due in part due to the losing of the teaching professional early in the season Mr Mills said that the Pro Shop, run by PG Pro. Dave Horstman, showed a significant increase over 1997

Business Plan Mr Mills said that the organizational chart would be

structured for 1999. The golf course Superintendent position will be

assumed by the Head Greenskeeper who will report due to Dave Horstman. Head Professional Facility Manager A Food and Beverage position will be added due to take over the functions food and beverage operation. The Assistant Golf Pro will become full-time The new Food and Beverage Special will develop the banquet operations. He said that the on rourse food service would be better developed by upgrading the beverage cart due to a food and beverage cart. This would prevent a

backup on the course when golfers come in due to the pro-shop due to eat and drink The Board brainstormed possible solutions due to enhancing food and beverage services including vending machines, telephone ordering from the golf carts, banquet pavilion and drive through service Mr. Mills reviewed the Pheasant Run's proposed expansion and presented a rendering of the restructured and new golf holes. He gave a comparison of the

18 hole course versus a projection of a 27 holes. The new nine hole construction is tentatively scheduled due to begin in June of 1999 with a grand opening in the spring of 2001

The future food services at Pheasant Run were further examined and suggestions for its restructuring were considered. Mr. Mills noted that booking 1999 outings was complicated because of the situation of the food and erage services. He said that it was difficult to market for when products and costs were indeterminate. Mr. Mills said that the plan for 1999 was to the golf outing market with the expanded holes.

ADJOURN Motion by Shefferly supported by LaJoy, to adourn the meeting at 10.30 PM Motion carried unanimously

The above is a synopsis of discussions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on December 1, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on December 15

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor Publish December III 1998

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Tragic accidents

Fatalities raise serious issues

ragedy is magnified when it strikes close to the holidays. The Observer joins the community in mourning two area residents killed in separate car-pedestrian accidents on Canton roads during the past month. Our prayers and wishes go out to the families of Dianne Alff and Tiffany Morante.

Still, difficult as it may be, there is a need to examine underlying issues in these incidents. We speak of inadequate lighting in suburban neighborhoods, drinking and driving and personal responsibility regarding alcohol consumption.

Morante, a 21-year-old Plymouth resident

and 1995 Salem High School graduate, had just come home from Michigan State University during the Thanksgiving break. She was struck by a motorist while crossing Ford Road about 2 a.m. Nov. 26. Both Morante and the driver, a 27-year-old Northville man, had come from Bailey's Pub, about a mile away in the Kroger shopping center. (They weren't together and apparently didn't know each other, police said.) The driver, whose bloodalcohol level registered .08 - impaired but not legally drunk - faces possible criminal charges. Toxicology reports on Morante, who was out celebrating with friends, were incomplete this week. Witnesses told police she may have been intoxicated as well.

There have been several high-profile, campus drinking incidents this fall - including two other deaths. Thanksgiving weekend, which marks the first extended vacation for students since the start of the semester, always seems to be a big excuse to party. Testing personal boundaries is part of the college experience. But we'd like to see peers exercise more responsibility more often, instead of contributing to bad behavior choices.

And it's frustrating, almost incomprehensible really, that society is still struggling in its effort get a better handle on drunken driving after 20 years of the MADD/SADD campaign. We've seen more informed judges, stricter sentencing laws and more education in high school, but obviously still have a way to go.

Meanwhile, poor road conditions, particularly lighting, are more noticeable as Canton's population and vehicle traffic expand.

Alff, 57, was apparently walking her dog in her Sheldon Road neighborhood Nov. 14 when she was struck by a car shortly after 7:30 p.m., police said. The accident occurred on the Sheldon Center/Canton Center connector at Charrington, a stretch of road that police and others say is poorly lighted, with only a few businesses and the backs of homes throwing off illumination. Alff may have run out into the road to corral her Dalmatian, Spot, police believe. The driver, a 48-year-old Canton woman, wasn't at fault, police said.

There have been four fatalities involving a pedestrian or bicyclists being struck by a car or van during 1998 and police believe dark roads may have contributed to at least three of them. Ronald Cowan, 28, of Ypsilanti was killed in a hit-and-run crash last January while bicycling along Michigan Avenue, near Beck. Police believe numerous drivers passed by unaware as Cowan and his crumpled bike lay in a ditch by the side of the dimly lighted

The poor or non-existent street lighting is an unacceptable leftover from Canton's rural past. Lighting improvements need to be part of any reworked master plan for township roads and streets as Canton continues to

We're shortchanged at the mall

There are still two weeks until Christmas and even some confessed shopaholics we know are ready to call it a season.

That's because the reality of hitting the mall these days seldom matches the image conjured up in the media. Shopping - holiday or otherwise - is portrayed in newsprint, on television and even at the movie theater as an experience or even a "lifestyle choice." Why else would the opening of an outlet mall on the fringe of suburbia generate story after story, day after day, for weeks on end? Why else would otherwise sane people line up at 6 a.m. on the Friday following Thanksgiving so that they can purchase this year's Tickle me Elmo - the Furby? And why else would retail analysts predict increased holiday sales each rember only to have retailers turn around in January and say sales didn't quite match their expectations?

But shopping in the real world is not nearly as fun as it's made out to be. It's not just finding the time in overextended schedules or battling the crowds of holiday shoppers, either. We've seen a real slide in customer service during the 1990s.

Good, knowledgeable, courteous sales help is disappearing faster from major department stores than those hard-to-find "retired" Beanie Babies. Walk into a store on any given night and you're likely to find as many unstaffed cash registers as staffed ones. Even the large electronic stores have become virtually selfservice. While product displays include price and a list of features, any customer seeking additional information via human contact is just about out of luck.

Contributing factors undoubtedly include the current labor shortage, which affects lowpaying service jobs more severely. But global competition, mergers and the squeeze on retailers' bottom lines have an impact as well.

In fact, real customer service has now become the domain of a few, high-end department stores and specialty shops. Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom have carved out reputations based on going the extra mile for their clientele.

Unfortunately, what's good for top-drawer stores isn't necessarily good for retailing as a whole. There are far more shoppers - and more aggregate dollars - at the middle end of the spectrum. Surveys repeatedly show that the overwhelming majority of people who receive poor customer service never complain to management. However, they never return to the store either and they usually tell at least four other people about their experience

Also, the evidence is mounting that middleclass consumers are beginning to vote with their computer mouse. Shopping over the Internet - really just a high-tech catalogue collection - is expected to reach \$2.3 billion during the 1998 holiday season and online sales have more than doubled every 12 months, according to Consumer Reports Mag-

All this spells trouble for the traditional retailer, which typically counts on generating as much as half of its annual revenue during the holiday season. We can only hope the "experts" figure it out while shoppers are still willing to make the trip.

Goodfellows gear up for the holidays



Paper drive: John Spencer sells newspapers for the Canton Goodfellows Saturday outside of the used sports equipment sale at Pheasant Run Golf Course Clubhouse. The organization is also raffling off a handmade quilt and accepting additional donations to help area disadvantaged families celebrate Christmas. For information, call (734) 397-8975.

LETTERS

'Zero' common sense

The case of Greg I ankford illustrates the foolish results of a "zero tolerance" policy. In Greg Lankford's case, as reported in the past Observer, Greg wore his DARE jacket to school, and then discovered that his stepfather had inadvertently left a pack of cigarettes in the pocket. Greg dutifully turned the cigarettes in to his teacher. For his honesty, Greg was rewarded with a suspension. The administration explained that the possession of cigarettes is a violation of the district's zero tolerance policy on drugs. Apparently, Greg was punished not because they didn't believe his alibi, but because there is no such thing as an alibi under a zero tolerance policy. The messages being sent to Greg and his classmates are (1) honesty is not the best policy, and (2) you cannot trust the authorities.

In our school district, zero tolerance means that all offenses in a particular category are treated the same, regardless of the circumstances. A student who finds someone else's cigarettes in his pocket, or who brings a Tylenol to school, is treated the same as a student caught with cocaine.

Zero tolerance means that administrators abrogate their responsibility to use their judgment and deal with the situation as appropriate under the circumstances. We should expect that the administrator would consider the nature and seriousness of the offense, whether the student is a repeat offender. whether another student was hurt or threatened, and (certainly) whether the student was knowingly and intentionally violating some school rule. None of these factors are considered under a zero tolerance policy. Zero tolerance is the opposite of the time-honored policy of letting the punishment fit the crime.

Since we pay administrators for their judgment and experience, we should demand that they use it, and not hide behind a "zero tolerance" mantra as an excuse for not using com-

Plymouth

Wrong message

am fuming mad at the article I just read in the Observer! I can't even begin to find the words that even partially describe my outrage at our school administrators. I'm referring to the (Nov. 22) article, "Mixed messages: D.A.R.E. student suspended for honesty"

With all of the double-talk, dishonesty, and just plain garbage that fills my children's world every day, now I have to explain why they might get into trouble for taking something harmful they find to their teacher?!? This article just can't be real.

Do we really hire administrators who are this stupid? People who don't have enough brain cells to examine an issue and reward honesty and integrity over some legalistic wording? Someone ought to inform our school administration that one of the reasons we have authorities is to apply the spirit and intentions of rules and laws, to judge right

At no point does it appear there was any question that the items involved belonged to the child. The boy got figuratively slapped for doing the right thing, and you can bet every other kid in that school will remember it. I pray some child doesn't pass over a weapon or something truly harmful they may find on school grounds for lear of getting expelled

I expect outrage on the part of our school board. This principal should stand in front of that entire school, admit her mistake, and apologize to every honest student in that school. But that would take character, a backbone and a brain. I'm sure we'll hear no apologies or admitting of mistakes. Once again it will be our perception problem and not their behavior. I can't wait to find another community in which to raise my children. A community that actually demonstrates honesty and principles, even to go as far as to admit a mistake (you know, one of those things we try to tell our children to do).

My only objection to the Observer's coverage was that it should have been titled George S. Shea "Wrong Message!"

> David Bard Canton

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planning on going to the new Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills?

We asked this question at the Canton post

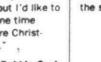


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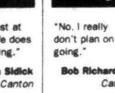
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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Tree search bears strong resemblance to a beauty contest

ace has gone out of this affair, what can you expect after so any years? The allure and intrigue of this oft-repeated ritual have ropped off a bit in favor of more prac considerations. Now, instead of yeing some beauty from afar, then ing in closer until the fragrance ills my nose, and finally observing the suppleness of the limbs, I now buy my Christmas tree at one of those huge home improvement centers.

I know all about needle retention and that stuff; we've tried all the varieties and nothing holds up like a Fraser fir. The branches are firm, the needles are soft and they last a long time. We've had spruces that scratched our arms into hamburger, and we've had a Scotch pine or two whose needles got caught in the carpet for months before coming out stuck in the bottom of someone's foot.

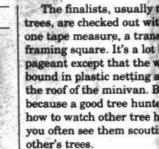
To paraphrase Neil Young, "I've seen the needles and the damage done."

Every year at this time, the newspapers and the TV news have reports on how to pick out a fresh Christmas tree. These reports are basically elementary drivel - strictly for amateurs. Sure, freshness is important dried-up trees are ugly and dangerous (that almost sounds like a column on Kevorkian). Beyond freshness, the other important factors are color, fragrance, balance, branch spacing, and limension. I'm here to tell you, at least when it comes to Christmas trees, size really does matter. The perfect tree, when placed in a stand and with the star on top, will come within a quarter-inch of the ceiling. I can't help being envious of my friends, Eric and Gary, whose ceilings are about 14 and 18 feet, respectively. Both of them are also confessed tree fanatics. Frankly, I think the taller



bought his house.

Choosing the perfect tree is much more than just simply understanding the physical characteristics. The art of the hunt is even more important than the technical knowledge. First of all, you have to look at every single tree then you need to mark the semifinalists with a stick or some twine



GARY BELANGER

tree space was the main reason Gary

The finalists, usually two or three rees, are checked out with at least one tape measure, a transit, and a framing square. It's a lot like a beauty pageant except that the winner gets bound in plastic netting and tied to the roof of the minivan. Beware, because a good tree hunter knows how to watch other tree hunters, and you often see them scouting out each

Tree Envy is a powerful emotional force that can ruin your holiday season. Don't get jealous because someone else scored a better-looking tree than you did - you should be happy for them and admire them. Remembe the 11th commandment: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's conifer."

One of the worst cases that I ever saw involved my brother-in-law. Since his sister had purchased a 10-foot tree, he decided to top her by getting a 12-footer. He dragged that proud and 1890.

quickly found himself with only two options: display the tree horizontalls or whack off about 4 feet. Since he hidn't have a wall-mounted tree stand, he went for the saw instead. Now, here's where thinking might have paid off – he probably should have cut off the bottom of the tree instead of the top. He ended up with a massive, blunt bush that needed astar the size of Alpha Centauri.

pricey evergreen into the living room which only had an 8-foot ceiling. He

Picking the right tree is a lot of work, but it's all worthwhile when you get a compliment like I did a few years ago when a friend said "Your tree is just perfect. Is it artificial?" It took her until Easter to get the pine cones out of her nose.

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Public votes in the dark on appellate judge races too often

was no secret, but only one mediam blurted it out: Judge Myron Wahls was dying of cancer even as he campaigned last fall for a new sixyear term on the state Court of

Wahls was handily re-elected Nov. 3. but died later in the month. Had he lived, he would have been 67 on Dec.

The medium who spelled it out was Observation Balloon, a newsletter published in Detroit by a one-man show named Bradford G. White, formerly a Kennedy Democratic liberal and now a bastion of political incor-

White has a propensity for rubbing a lot of politicos the wrong way, so naturally he and I are good buddies. quote from his July 24 report:

"Myron Wahls ... has been ill for years with cancer, reportedly incurable. In many other instances, judges retire rather than seek terms they possibly won't complete.

"But Judge Wahls is rumored to have personal concerns that make him loath to leave office. Among the compensations of appeals judges is a life-insurance policy worth upwards of \$200,000. The judge is said to want to leave this to his grandchildren; but the policy is only valid while he is in office and is reduced, or ceases, upon his retirement. Judge Wahls has been seen campaigning actively in this season, however .

"Obviously, the judicial community should fine a better way for Judge Wahls to provide for his progeny." So what?

Well, the public is fooling itself when it thinks voters elect judges. Gov. John Engler will appoint Wahls' successor. The chief executive has shown a propensity to lean to the political right, as witness his appoint-



TIM RICHARD

ment of Michael Talbot, of basketballscore sentencing fame, to the same

Wahls himself came up by the appointment route. His background seemed Democratic - a member of the same law firm as John Conyers and Damon Keith and membership in the National Lawyers Guild. But under Gov. Bill Milliken, Wahls chaired the Michigan Employment Security Commission Appeals Board and was Mil-

judges: a merit system that would involve appointments. sacrificial lamb against Attorney General Frank Kelley. Frankly, the public can't know a (Wahls apparently wanted to forget whole lot about appellate court candi-

vacancy on the Wayne Circuit Court

dates, hence the propensity to elect. that race and didn't list it in his offipeople with Irish surnames, regardcial state biography. Nor was it in his obituary. Nor was it in the obligatory less of judicial philosophy. And as my buddy, Brad White, suggests, we need legislative resolutions passed last to find better ways for the judiciary to The next year, 1975, Milliken care for their progeny. If we can't go to an appointmentrewarded Wahls by appointing him to merit system for picking appellate

and in 1982 to the Court of Appeals. judges, we should have a separate election for all members of the judi-I knew Wahls a little from interciary, from Supreme Court down to views and our activities in the stage show "The Trial of William Shakecircuit and district courts speare," relished his wit, read many Maybe then the public could pay of his moderate opinions and wish I

better attention. could have known him better. A lot of people - including boss Phil

Power, former State Bar President Tim Richard reports on the local Tom Kienbaum and Appeals Judge implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail Martin Doctoroff - think there should number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 188 [be a better way to pick appellate

Downtowns a vital part of community health, well-being

ne of the very few catalogs I extract from the seasonal tidal waves of junk mail before they hit the trash bin is the one from Neiman Marcus.

Increasingly, I find I need a jolt of outrage at the onrushing materialism and fakery of our culture every Christmastime, and the special offerings from the good folks at Neiman Marcus seldom fail me. In past years, we've had his and hers business jet airplanes (thoughtfully painted blue and pink, in case you wondered), along with hot air balloons and God only knows what other upper-upper scale rubbish.

This year's special is a British Ferret Mark 1 armored car. "Carries a crew of two; one of two 'friendly' people may be added to the commander's seat for cruising around the ranch." If you hurry, you can still get delivery in time for Christmas for only \$25,000.

So much for this year's monument to materi-

For a good spell of anti-fakery, I suggest you take a leisurely stroll through your downtown shopping area. Not the mall or even the discount mall. But your own hometown downtown. It turns out that as the Christmas season is (ahem, in light of the recent weather) heating up, small downtowns all across Michigan are on

"What we're seeing is a renaissance on Main Street." according to Tom Scott of the Michigan Retailers Association

Main Streets are hardly going to steal all the business from the malls, national chain stores or big box discount centers. But retailing experts say downtowns, once mourned as neardead, are finding their own special niche that's increasingly attractive to real people in search of real things sold by real people in real. human-sized stores.

"There are an increasing number of successful small downtowns," says Norman Tyler, director of Eastern Michigan University's Urban and Regional Planning Program "People like to come downtown There is a certain comfort about it "

Plainly, downtowns are not likely to compete on price only with the big retail chains or discount malls. But the ambiance, scale and personal quality of good downtowns are increasingly attractive to anybody who has ever had to bound on the counter to get the attention of the bored and alienated clerk in the outlet store Professor Tyler's research shows that down-

owns are helped by a good facelift trees, land-



and authentic businesses helps, too, such as flower shops, specialty shops, book and gift

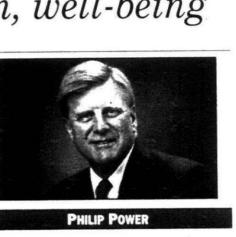
Tyler says parking may not be as important as many city planners think. "You have to have the businesses. The parking doesn't bring the

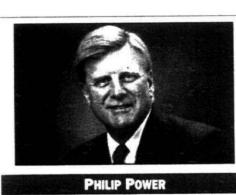
Keep your costs low. Work cooperatively with other businesses. Attract a good mix of stores. Provide excellent service and selection within your particular niche. Offer your customers something they can't get at Wal-Mart.

Brenda Sternquist, who teaches merchandising management at Michigan State University. gives this advice: "Stay away from national brands, especially national brands that have been discounted. It is the kiss of death to compete directly with national discount stores."

munity flourishes, the hometown newspaper will thrive. Our downtown is a vital part of the life and spirit of our community. That it and other small

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scaping, new sidewalks. A good mix of unusual shops. "You want to get people on the sidewalk and make them want to walk up and down the sidewalk," says Tyler.

people, the businesses do," he says. He cites a formula for downtown success:

One of the fundamental objectives of this newspaper is to nourish the communities weserve and assist the success of local businesses Our theory is very simple. If the hometown com-

downtowns like it all across Michigan are thriving is a happy sign as we come into the Christmas season hoping for immunization against the excessively materialistic and the crassly

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Families celebrate at Nankin Mills



Special visit: Allison and Derek Boatright talk with Santa at last week's family party sponsored by Friends of Nankin Mills.

Approximately 100 Wayne County residents joined Wayne County parks staff and Friends of Nankin Mills Saturday for a tree lighting ceremony and children's activities at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Nearly 50 children enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus, games and crafts before the tree was lighted outside in the 60-degree

Children played games to celebrate the season, such as "fruit-cake bowling," said Carol Clements, a naturalist with Wayne County parks. "They used 'fruitcakes' made from Nerf balls to knock down pins that looked like little elves, Clements said.

Children played a bean-bagtoss game through a wreath hanging on the ceiling and pinthe-nose on Rudolph. The youngsters participated in several crafts as they decorated gingerbread cookies, created a reindeer out of old clothespins and dressed up pine cones.



Yummyl: Katie Reid, 31/2, enjoys a Christmas cookie at last Saturday's tree lighting.

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

P.E.T. helps kids develop brain power

met a woman several years ago who told me a sad story which could have been titled, "The Child That Wasn't Wanted." She told me about her unplanned pregnancy and lethargic attitude about taking care of herself during the pregnancy, mainly because she didn't want the baby.

So, she drank, she smoked, she ate junk food, she stayed up all night with friends and took little interest in staying healthy for the baby.

She talked about the depression she felt when the baby came and how she would ignore the baby's needs for a time before changing her and giving her a bottle. She talked about how the baby grew, and although she was cute, the mom hated her whining and seemingly endless crying.

She remembers thinking: "I didn't like her father and she reminds me too much of him." So she ignored her. When her second baby arrived, she admitted that she acted completely different with him.

The sadness I heard in her story was only heightened by the sadness I felt for the little girl. This little girl did not ask to be born, and yet, now

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Festival of Lights

Jewish congregations prepare for Hanukkah

Eight lighted candles, potato pancakes and gifts mean it's time for Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, and two area congregations are preparing celebrations filled with plenty of food and merriment.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

Elaine Gittleman, the self-proclaimed "leader of the band" for Congregation Beit Kodesh's Hanukkah celebration, sees the holiday as a cholesterol fest.

"Being Jewish, all of our big holidays, whether it's Rosh Hashana, whether it's Hanukkah, whether it's Passover time, it's cholesterol city, especially during Hanukkah and Passover because it lasts so long," Gittleman said with a hearty laugh. "We just try to watch ourselves during those holidays. But the young people, they go 'Oh, the heck with it' and we say 'Oh God, the cholesterol.'"

Food will be overflowing at the Hanukkah party which begins at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 Seven Mile, Livonia. The charge is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-12 and free for children ages 2 and younger. To reserve a spot, call (734) 477-8974.

"We've invited families and we're going to have potato pancakes, egg salad, salad, tuna fish, applesauce, sour cream - that's to be served with the potato pancakes - coffee and cake. Of course, we'll have the blessing before the meal," Gittleman explained.

"We will give out gifts to the children that are ages from infancy up to 12. Anybody 13 or older, they're on their



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All lit up: The holiday display in Plymouth's Kellogg Park includes a menorah, representing the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah.

The evening will also include children from the synagogue performing Hanukkah songs. The youth group will help serve the food and clean up. Gittleman expects that the party will end by 8:30 p.m.

"It should be done and everybody content and ready to go home," she said. "By that time, everybody's latkeed out and thinking to themselves, 'Oh, my God, all that cholesterol.'"

On the other side of town, Congregation Bet Chaverim is having its annual Hanukkah Latkefest at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road at Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. The event is free.

The Latkefest will include a potluck dinner with latkes and the evening Shabbat religious service. Reservations are required by Wednesday, Dec. 16; call (734) 480-8880.

"We're going to have the traditional candle-lighting ceremony, traditional food and some traditional holiday games and festival songs and music," president of the congregation Jay Miller said vaguely.

Eight-day celebration

This year, Hanukkah begins at sundown Sunday, Dec. 13, and wraps up the following Sunday, Dec. 20. The eight-night celebration of Hanukkah commemorates a documented historical event – the rededication of the Second Temple in 165 B.C.E., when a small band of Jews, led by Mattathias's son Judah Maccabee, overcame Syrian oppressors who sought to obliterate Jewish belief and convert all Jews to the ways of Hellenism, according to "Jewish Family Celebrations: The Sabbath, Festivals and Ceremonies" by Arlene Rossen Cardozo

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"I felt like I was having an boxed ornaments line Tutor's

outer body experience," she said. hallway. More mailbags spill

"I would say to myself 'I just across her family room floor and

Huge mailbags filled with During the holidays, she needs

"I won't allow you into my

that winding, multi-floor path.

basement," she warns.

want to go to Hawaii.' That boxes fill an upstairs bedroom.

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Sensors from page B1

parents provide.

Making connections

Babies are born with about 100 billion neurons in their little brains. The neurons and synapse connections multiply as the baby grows until the age of 10. At that time, the number of connections begins to decrease.

The windows of opportunities to teach children specific things must be done when the child is still very young, preferably prior to 4 years old. This is the reason that my learning German as an adult is a far more tedious task than for the munchkins, and why my son's ability to learn Suzuki violin at 4 years old was

The brain develops and ncrease its capacity by interacting with its environment. Parents have all the power in determining how much interaction or

Babies that are not given ment affects learning ability, Livonia 48150.

ample amounts of opportunity to "work their brain" will end up with a limited capacity for things like speaking, reading, developing emotional control and forming relationships.

Although later intervention can halp make up for these

can help make up for these deficits, children who have loving parents from the get-go, who spend time with their children, love them and teach them from day one, will fare much better. The parts of the brain of a severely abused or neglected child can be substantially smaller than that of a healthy child.

In need of P.E.T.

Many American parents are not spending a lot of time getting to know their little ones. Unlike the lady I described, they may love them to death, but don't have what I would call P.E.T. patience, energy or time to interact with their child on a regular

When studies suggest that the quality of a child's early environ-

cent or more, we must be in the business of making sure this happens with every single child.

If you know of a family where

the burden of raising children is overwhelming, help them out. Your interaction with their children may be the stimulation that increases their brain capacity, so that they won't be placed into a special education program or suffer with relationship prob-

Children are too precious a commodity to be left to cope with the world on their own. We can all play a part in helping the parents who struggle with raising children.

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

Hanukkah from page B1

The books of Maccabees explains that the warriors cleansed the Temple then rededicated it.

The main Hanukkah celebration is the lighting of a candle each of the eight nights. The candle-lighting custom symbolizes the Jews' survival. But families also give gifts.

"We used to give our children one big gift and for the rest of the week we would give them little things," Gittleman said.

"That sufficed with them. I think it's getting very commercial. I think with Christmas and the commercialness of it. everybody goes a little overboard.

"We're getting back to what Hanukkah really means; the miracle of what it really signifies, but it's fun. We give our children and our grandchildren one gift but we don't go crazy." During the week, Gittleman

candy, "a munchy kind of thing. That's fine with them."

"The importance of the holiday is not the gift, it's understanding why we celebrate the holiday." she said. "Religious freedom meant overturning the Roman empire. The religious schools are doing a better job explaining to the children why this is important and the parents are sitting down and reading to them."

CRAFTS CALENDAR

be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, mation, call (734) 953-2131.

New Redford Hall's holiday

Tables are available at \$15 each. For more information, call (734) 729-8166 or (313) 592-8519.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 14th annual spring arts and crafts showcase - 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 20 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft

electricity are limited and are an ourchase up to three spaces.

will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts. Booth space, measuring 9 by 6 feet foot table, is \$50. Booths with additional \$5. Exhibitors can

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

gives her family cookies or

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

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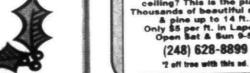
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The fun began with the ride

Just mention Christmas at downtown. Some folks took the son's and you bus, but Don caught the trolley. see faces brighten and reminiswalk to the middle of the street. which is where the trolley cars ran, and we'd stand on a little

most senior Detroiters because it was a place that was magical around Thanksgiving for the

Like Santa, Sherri Tutor gets

Every morning, the Canton

resident rises well before the sun

and descends into her basement

workshop to paint personalized

Christmas ornaments. She

paints hundreds of snowmen,

Christmas trees and village

scenes. She paints football play-

ers, construction workers and

But mostly the petite and

energetic owner of "Personally

Yours ... By Sherri Tutor" paints

far into the night, long after all

the good boys and girls have

"Every day I start at 4 a.m.

and paint until 11 or 12 at night,

until my eyes start closing," she

It all started 18 years ago

when Tutor was looking for ways

to earn extra money for Christ-

mas. After all, four children need

lots of toys. She sold her first

handpainted ornaments at the

Plymouth Cultural Center's

spring craft show, and the rest

there," she said, laughing, "I

"It sort of snowballed from

was, as they say, history.

HOOKED

ON HISTORY

dainty ballerinas.

very little sleep before Christ-

where the real Santa Claus was

always held a special place in

Cheryl Andrzejewski also remembers the excitement of trips to visit Hudson's Santa. "My aunt would give me \$5,

island until the streetcar came.

Three years ago, Tutor started selling wholesale. Her orna-

ments now appear in national

catalogs, such as Lillian Vernon.

Abbey Press and Harry & David.

Most of her designs are copy-righted. She also does handcraft-

She is considering publishing

a catalog of her own. "Personally

Yours" is a bonafide business

"I would like to duke someone

between the eyes when they say

Tutor will paint just about

anything a customer requests

within reason and good taste.

Her most popular designs are

the wedding anniversaries,

births and family groupings.

Have a really big family? No

problem. Tutor can fit up to 11

people on one ornament. She

also does caricatures of family

Tutor no longer has time for

local craft shows, although she

still takes orders from "ordinary

people." She's fortunate she

doesn't require much sleep, espe-

cially during the holiday season.

Last Christmas, she spent three

nights without sleep filling

members and likenesses of fam:

with tax receipts to prove it.

this is a nice hobby," she said.

ed Easter ornaments.

eat as little as possible, so I'd the children to Santa.

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"At the time, Michigan Avenue tle ornament. Other years, there before it split, covered two floors zled by the displays there." was all brick." Don said. "We'd were candy canes or coloring of stairwell. It was a very long Reaching Santa once you were moved pretty quickly because of

ture in itself. Parents and chil- the six Santas." dren wound their way in a "It wasn't a very long drive roped-off line up a stairway, and into downtown, but it was still each floor had something differpretty exciting when I was a ent; Christmas ornaments, toys, and of course, Santa himself.

Lynn Spietz worked at Hudson's as a Christmas fairy, dressed in a short red veland I could use that either to vet skirt with white fur trim, a felt like you were walking into a was on it. When we got to the have lunch or buy a toy. I would hat and white gloves, to guide

home a souvenir or something dispersed into six separate lines, advantages to being a little kid and you weren't aware you were is you're really short, so you Santa always gave the kids a going to see one of six Santas," don't see that other people are treat, too. One year, it was a lit- she confided. "The initial line, separating off. You're just daz-

the packing.

process, although the lines "They had elves that moved. I inside Hudson's was an adven- the eventual splitting up among can also remember deer and

Busy season: Eighteen

years ago, Sherri Tutor

was looking for ways to

Christmas. Now, through

her business, "Personally

Yours ... By Sherri Tutor,

she busy filling orders for

extra help filling all the orders.

Her entire family pitches in.

Daughter Shelly Mitchell helps

with some of the painting and

sons Jeffrey, Scott and Steven do

"Last year they packaged until

personalized ornaments

or national catalogs.

earn extra money for

Most people delight in memothey saw around each corner of

"There were animated characbecause they had operators who ters and lots of lights, and you announced each floor and what forest, which is why I think the toys and Santa Claus, we'd step path system worked so well," onto a floor that was just like a said Spietz. "And one of the fantasyland. There were dis-

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FUN STUFF Weekends

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Downtown Hudson's Christmas was something magical plays, Christmas scenes and life sized figurines. It was like a winter wonderland, almost like the

they were purple," Tutor said

This Christmas promises to be

busier than ever. Besides not

sleeping, Tutor said she's defi-

her grown sons' efforts.

nitely not cooking

Most people remember details

their little heads moved," said Andrzejewski Don said riding the elevator up to the brilliantly decorated

ries of the wondrous displays department where the line began was part of the fun. "The elevators were really cool

North Pole. According to Spietz, not every-

one wanted to go there. There were kids who screamed because they were terrified of Santa. One of the biggest problems was that excited kids often wet their pants, so Santa had to change

clothes during the day. Senta Claus arrived in Detroit via Hudson's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which came down Woodward Avenue and stopped, naturally, at Hudson's. The store's many windows, particularly at ristmastime, were glimmering howcases. Above them on the front of the building was an

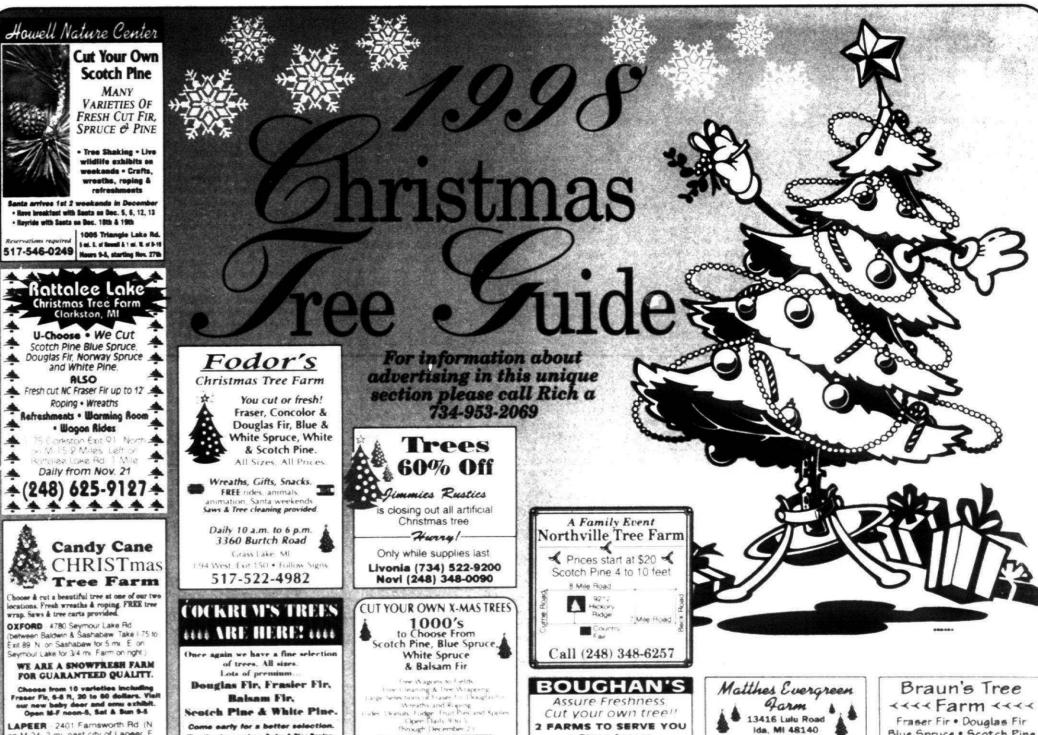
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uate of Miramar High School in

Miramar. Fla., and a 1992 grad-

uate of Florida State University

with a master of science degree

in speech-language pathology.

She is employed as a speech

pathologist with a private prac-

Her fiance is a 1986 graduate

of Livonia Churchill High

Provvidenza Curcuru and

Jason Alan Ayers were married

on Sept. 12 at Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church in Ply-

The bride is the daughter of

Serafina Curcuru of New Balti-

more and the late Fillippo Cur-

curu. The groom is the son of

The bride is a graduate of the

University of Michigan. She is

employed by the Livonia Public home in Canton

Ind., and the late Mark Avers.

Ayers-Curcuru

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

## WEEKEND

LUMINARY KITS The Plymouth Symphon League and the Trailwood Garden Club will hold their annual fund-raising sale of uminary kits 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 19, in Kroger at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, and n Plymouth Marketplace at Lilley and Ann Arbor Road and Westchester Mall. The cost of a set of 10 candles with white bags is

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK ■ Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church is having its annual special Christ-

mas cookie walk from 9 a.m. until sold out Saturday, Dec. 12, in the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Farmington roads, Livonia. There will be fancy ethnic cookies, an assortment of Greek, Ukrainian, Russian, Italian, and many more. There will also be an assortment of homemade pierogi, stuffed cabbage, sweet bread, and nut, apricot and poppy seed rolls. For more information, call

(248) 476-3432. PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Animal Odyssey Gift Gallery is sponsoring pet photos with Santa noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at 621 S. Main, Plymouth. Cost is \$5. Proceeds will go to help homeless animals. Bring pet food, supplies, toys, etc., to be given to nomeless pets and receive a free gift. For more information, call (734) 414-SINGLES' EVENTS

in the park 10 a.m. every

Suburban Singles holds

a single mingle dance 8

Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between

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

p.m., every Wednesday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club located on Telegraph Road, South of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper Attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, and \$3 before 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-Suburban Singles holds

an after dinner dance 7-11 p.m. every Sunday in the Bonnie Brook Country Cub, located on Telegraph Road, south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For more infor mation, call (313) 842-

SING-ALONG WITH SANTA Ring in the holiday season harmonizing with Santa Claus at the Ann **Arbor Symphony Orches** tra's annual sing-along. The benefit will be held 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth, downtown Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, \$25 for families, and \$50 for patrons. Patron tickets supplies. Admission is \$6 include priority seating. for adults, and \$3 for chil For more information, or to dren 4-12. Parking is \$4. order tickets, call (734) For more information, call 994-4801. Tickets are also available at 527 E. Liberty, Suite 208, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the church beginning at

2:30 p.m. the day of the WINTER CONCERT The Ann Arbor Youth Chorale, conducted by Ruth Datz, Richard Ingram, Donald Williams and Shayla Powell, will hold a winter concert 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 presents its 12th annual Christmas Concert, entitled "A Boychoir Christmas," 3 and 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

## **AROUND TOWN** CRAFTERS NEEDED

ticket is \$30. Tickets may

be reserved by calling (734)

■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 14th annual Spring Arts & Crafts Showcase, to be held 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Activities Center on campus. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking. Booth space is available for \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. Crafters will receive a \$5 discount if Single Place holds a walk their form is received before Feb. 1. For an appli-

> cation or information, call (734) 432-5603.

Skatin Station II presents Toys For Kids Skate, sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 8611 Ronda, Canton. Bring in a new or gently used toys and skate for \$2. Regular admission is \$3.50; skate rental is \$2; premium is \$4 and in-line skate rental is \$4. For more information, call (734) 459-

HOLIDAY DINNER Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will hold its annual holiday dinner 6 p.m. Wednesday. Dec. 16, in the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, Westland. Members and guests are invited. Guest speaker will be Joan Klimchalk of the Dearborn Historical Museum, speaking on Santa Claus and philately (stamp collecting). There will be holiday punch served 6 p.m., followed by 6:30 p.m. dinner. For more informa-

tion, call Pat Moon at (734) 425-3079. TOY & HOBBY EXPO ■ The Toy & Hobby Expo returns 3-9 p.m. Saturday. Dec. 26, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Novi Expo Center. located at I-96 and Novi Road (exit 162). The show will feature operating displays, including the world's largest mobile model railroad display. Vendors and collectors will be selling new, used, antique and col lectible toys and hobby

(734) 455-2110. The Schoolcraft College

Community Choir will hold auditions for new members at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 19, in the Forum Building on the Livonia campus. All voice parts are welcome. To schedule an Pedaling to push bike safety



park superinten-dent for Huronrecent "Wear the Gear" trail safety program conducted by the park authority. Riley became eligible for the prize as one of more than 5,000

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day breakfasts at the

Water Club Grill, Ann

mation, call choir President , n Plymouth Community Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Department at (734) 462-4435 MEETING

■ The League of Women Voters will meet 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Greenmead for its general membership meeting and Christmas tour of Livonia's Historical Village, located on Eight Mile and Newburgh. The survey questions with answers on the Charter School Study will be collected at this time. For more information, call (734) 464-0224.

REGISTRATION

■ Madonna University's registration for Winter 1999 term is in progress and continues through Friday, Jan. 8, for new and returning students. Office hours will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursdays, with the exception of Dec. 21 when the office will close at 5 p.m. All offices will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 3. Classes begin the week of Jan. 11. Fax-in registration is available and will be accepted through Dec. 18. Students may enroll in day, evening

and weekend classes, and non-admitted students must obtain a permit to register from the admission office. Transfer students are welcome. There is no

application fee. For more information, call the admissions office at (734) 432-5339 WORKSHOPS

■ The Plymouth Communi ty Arts Council will offer a Christmas Craft Workshon/Visit with Santa 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15. Cost is \$7 per with Santa Claus and

child; this includes a visit assistance in making a holiday craft project. Photos are also available for a charge of \$2. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

Arts Council will offer "Pottery: Make A Christmas Ornament" (ages 6-12) 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday Dec. 10. Cookie cutters and rolling pins are just some of the tools used to produce a lasting holiday memento or a great gift. Cost is \$11. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

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■ Suburban Children's Co-

**GENERAL MEETING** ■ The Vietnam Veterans of America general meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at 9318 Newburgh, between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. All veterans on active duty Jan 1, 1959, to May 7 1975, regardless of duty station, are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752

YMCA

■ The Plymouth community is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are vouth 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-

2904. SKI TRIP

■ Schoolcraft College EdgeRunner Ski Club is sponsoring a Blue Mountain, Ontario, skiing trip Feb. 5-7. The trip includes two-night condo accommosite at (734) 591-2216.

STARTING OVER

PARKINSON EDUCATION passes, two breakfasts, one

in Ann Arbor 1:30-4 p.m. the second Sunday of the the Education Center. It will be a potluck/holiday party/white elephant own place settings. Coffee and juice will be provided and a ham will be prepared by the committee. For more

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ 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 information or to order call Candy Martin at (248) 348-1410 or Kay Diggs at

■ The Medilodge Group local clubs and organizations a representative to assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare and other topics. If interested, contact the director at West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-3983. **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** 

■ The VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary of Ply mouth is looking for a volunteer age 12-15 who has done exceptional volunteer work. Two \$1,000 savings

bond are awarded national

**ADULT DAY CARE** 

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7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., serv-

ing seniors who need some

be in a nursing home. The

assistance but don't need to

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-

■ The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets month at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center. Building 5305, near parking lot P. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 13 in exchange. Please bring a dish to pass as well as your

information, call (734) 930-6335 or (734) 741-9209.

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## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

## Sherman-Fontana Miller-Flanagan

before leaving on a honeymoon

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

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

Fontana to be her matron of honor with Marisa Fontana as maid of honor and Michelle Gayeski, Lisa Smith and Sandee Salver as bridesmaids. The groom asked Michael

Sherman and Steve McGregor to serve as his best men with Daniel Kolesar, Josh Harrell and Shavn Crabtree as groomsmen. The couple received guests at

Hawthorne Valley Country Club Ypsilanti Township. Coyle-Kimsal

Brad and Joy Coyle of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Melissa, to Matthew Bryan Kimsal, the son of Jackie Stockton-Hojna and Joseph Hojna of Clinton Township and Kenneth and Teresa Kimsal of Russell Springs, Ky.

The bride-to-be, 1994 Ply mouth Salem High School graduate, is studying engineering at Michigan State University and expects to graduate in May. She is employed as an engineering intern at TR Simon Power Plant in East Lansing. She also is also a mathematics tutor at MSU.

Her fiance is a 1994 Chippewa Valley High School graduate who is studying engineering at Michigan State University He expects to graduate in December. He also is a mathematics tutor and in the U.S. Air Force ROTC at MSU. Following graduation, he will be stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Lompoc, Calif.

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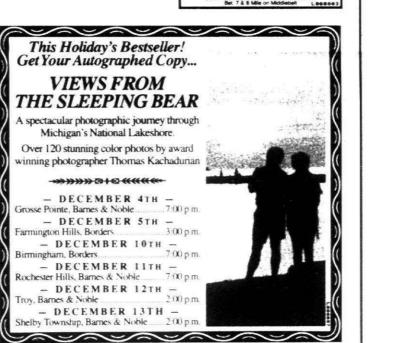
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School. He also is a graduate of Western Michigan University first officer. with a bachelor of science degree trip to Hilton Head Island, S.C. in aviation technology and oper-

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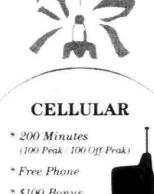
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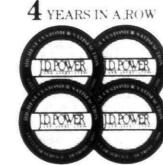
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People who care gather for 'Christmas Celebration' cese of Long Island, N.Y., will

Creating the "Christmas Celebration for People Who Care About People With AIDS," has Reinhart asks that each particibeen satisfying and saddening pant bring a wrapped gift to be for the Rev. Rod Reinhart. Satisfying in that the patients

and their families know that God cares for them. But, Reinhart gender of the intended recipient. said, it's sad to see some of the "It's a wonderful opportunity for people to give a gift to a perparticipants die from the dis-"There's a tremendous need on

the part of the people touched by this disease to experience first hand the love that God gives us through the church," explained Reinhart, a seven-year Plymouth resident. "People recognize that the Episcopal church is a profurther education, health care foundly loving and deeply faithand the arts. ful part of the body of Christ. 'A great truth'

"Many people who have been cared for have died over the years but they died knowing God's love in a deeper, more personal level than they ever could This year's "Christmas Cele-

bration" will be Friday, Dec. 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave., at 11 Mile Road, in Royal Oak. For more information, call Reinhart at (734) 459-7319 or e-mail him at revrod@mediaone.net. A music program, featuring

A holiday party, hosted by the Michigan International Gay Rodeo Association, will follow. given to a person with AIDS. Each gift should be tagged with information on the age, size and

son with AIDS," he said. "We're hoping that many people come there with gifts." The offering will go to the Richard Kelch Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit institution dedicated to support the work of the People Who Care Ministries, and

Kelch, a Plymouth resident

and psychiatric charge nurse at

Northville Psychiatric Hospital,

died of pancreatic disease at age

55. Kelch formed Alcoholics

Anonymous groups for people

with AIDS (PWAs), sat on

boards and committees dedicat-

ed to PWAs, and was the secre-

tary for the People Who Care

ommittee, founded by Reinhart.

"Richard's life shows us the

great truth we have all come to

know so painfully deep," Rein-

hart said. "In the midst of suffer-

ing and struggle, a human being

can love and give and pray and

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ues to touch all of us. I hope we

Raised in Waterford Township,

Reinhart graduated from Water-

ford Kettering High School and

went on to Oakland University

the Detroit Together Men's Chorus and the St. John's Festival Choir, will begin at 7 p.m. followed by a 7:30-9 p.m. service. The Right Rev. R. Stewart Wood, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, will be the celebrant at the Eucharist. Rt. Rev. Orris "Jay" Walker, former rector of St. Matthew and St. Joseph's Episcopal churches in Detroit, and bishop of the Dio-

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'GIFT OF CHRISTMAS'

Joseph's Episcopal churches in Detroit, and bishop of the Diocese of Long Island, N.Y., are among the ministers joining the Rev. Rod Reinhart for the "Christmas Celebration" Friday, Dec. 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak.

Gang's all here: The Right Rev. R. Stewart Wood, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of

Michigan, and the Rt. Rev. Orris "Jay" Walker, former rector of St. Matthew and St.

where he earned a bachelor of School in Detroit. arts degree in 1972. He studied for the priesthood at Bexley Hall with a tremendous international God has given me the call to be a in Rochester, N.Y., and was student body with people from workaholic and hyperactive," he ordained in 1984 at St. Cyprian's the Middle East and Eastern said. "Sometimes, I only sleep Episcopal Church in Detroit, one Europe, South America, Asia three hours a night.' f Detroit's historic African- and folks from all over the Unit American parishes, he said.

Reinhart has headed up St. Andrew's and Emmanuel churches in Detroit. For the last and spoken-word performer. His two years, he has been the interim rector of Trinity Episcopal day, Jan. 16, as part of his birth-Church in Monroe, while teach- day party at Xhedos Cafe, 240 ing English at Chadsey High W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale.

"People ask me how I do all "It's really a wonderful school that stuff; I just tell them that

In the beginning ed States." he said. As if his schedule isn't busy The holidays got busier for Reinhart 14 years ago when he enough, Reinhart also is a poet and Kelch organized the first "Christmas Celebration next reading is at 8 p.m. Satur-

"People with AIDS feel a sense of loss and isolation and pain "

cal move on the part of the church to reach out to people so vilified by the media, politicians, religious organizations and people in general. "Our message was that Jesus Christ came to save and care for

and love and heal the poorest of the poor. He came to bring God's love to those who had been denied any kind of love."

The first year 35 people attended the event, which featured a visit from Santa Claus and his elves, at St. Andrew's Church in Detroit. The second year 60, and by the third year 200 people filled the church.

"Within a very short time, we were averaging 600-700 people in every service," he said. "I am amazed at how large this event has grown."

This Christmas, he's looking to branch out. Corporate Image Inc of Plymouth is taping the event.

"We're hoping to have a video available for people at the service to order. We're hoping to get that broadcast by a public access cable station throughout the

Detroit area," he said. To help defray the costs of the taping, Christ Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe raised \$1,000 in the memory of Matt Shepard the gay college student who was murdered in Wyoming.

"We are recommitting ourselves to work for an end to the hatred and violence against minority groups in America. That kind of hatred that has been experienced by gays and lesbians and people with AIDS must be strongly opposed by said Reinhart, 49. "At the time churches and society in general."

## **RELIGIOUS NEWS**

A 'Star Is Born'



'At Memorial: The Praisemaker's Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present the Christmas musical, "The Star Is Born," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The choir is made up of 4-5-year-olds and includes Lindsey Spaulding (front row, from left), Bethany Pilat, Calla Ziulkowski, Alaina Dieson, Amber Prong, Travis Vincent (back row, from left), Sydney Woll, Elena Voyles, Lauren Engels, Allison Gudeman, Amanda Higgins and Devin Duran. The church's nursery department will present a brief holiday program before the free performance. For more information, call the church at

'GLORY OF CHRISTMAS' Temple Baptist Church will

Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will benefit the Appalachia Service Project, present its annual Christmas program, "The Glory of Christwhich sponsors youth and young adult work trips to Appalachia. mas," at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 11 and 18, and 6 p.m. Saturdays-For more information, call the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey at (734)

Sundays, Dec. 12-13 and 19-20. Tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10 for reserved seating. To order tickets, call (734) 414-3980. The church is at 49555 N. Territorial Plymouth Township

WOMEN AGLOW

The Westland/Canton Chapter of Women's Aglow International will meet 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 12, in the community

Road Canton For the December meeting. members are asked to come pre-

room of AutoNation, 39600 Ford

pared to share a two-three minute testimony on one thing the Lord has them and be in the spirit of giving for the needy family the chapter will be helping. There also will be a special surprise to mark the chapter's first anniversary.

Refreshments and coffee will e served. For more information call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

'GLORIA!'

The 50-voice Schoolcraft College Community Choir, directed by Donald Stromberg and accompanied by Linda Wotring-Cuneo will present Vivaldi's "Gloria!" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in the sanctuary of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The choir also will perform selections from Beniamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and a variety of seasonal compositions by Bach, Beethoven and Victoria. Donations will be accepted during intermission. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

COOKIE WALKS Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church will have its fifth annual Christmas cookie walk beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Livonia There will be an assortment of Greek. Ukrainian, Russian, Italian and other ethnic cookies, homemade pierogi, stuffed cabbage, nut, apricot and sweet breads, nuts . and candy for sale. For more information, call the church at 248 476-3432

■ The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church in Garden

City will have a cookie walk and mini bazaar 10 a.m. to noon Sat urday, Dec. 12, at the church, 6443 Merriman. Cost will be \$8 for a large tin and \$6 for a medi um tin. For more information call (734) 421-8628

SUPERBOOK OLYMPICS

Children ages 5-12 are invited to a morning of fun-filled Bible quizzing, songs, stories, crafts, games and lunch 9 a.m. to noor Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Cantor Free Methodist Church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (313) 981-5350.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** Timothy Lutheran Church's vocal choir will present its annual Christmas cantata dur ing the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at 1734 427-2290

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** 

The Youth Department of Merriman Road Baptist Church will present "Christmas Crossroads at 7 n.m. Sunday Dec 13 at th church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The Adult Choir has sched uled two performances of "The Father's Gift of Love" at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19-20. The musical focuses on the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ as told by those who were present. For more information, call the church at 734 | 421 | 0472

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Rosedale Gardens Presbyter Please see RELIGION, B8

# Homeowners: Debt Free For New Year's?

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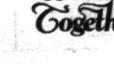
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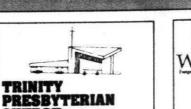
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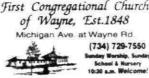
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gerty south of Five Mile, Ply-mouth Township.

other Friday - call Rose at (734)

STMAS CHORALE The St. Valentine Choir will esent a Christmas Chorale to graise the birth of Christ at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 14841 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The concert is free of charge. Call (313) 535-8364. GIFT OF LOVE

"The Father's Gift of Love," a Christmas music drama, will be esented at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. unday, Dec. 13, and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, between Lilley and Sheldon, Canton.

The choral drama will feature the Celebration Choir, soloists and drama ministry of Calvary Baptist in telling how the innkeeper's wife and one of the magi discover in their own ways the significance of the newborn King of the Jews."

There will be a separate Christmas party for children during the 8 p.m. Dec. 18 perfor mance, and a nursery will be available at all performances.

The hearing will be held:

Publish: December 10, 1996

Call (734) 455-0022.

Fair Haven Baptist Church will have a living Nativity at 7 and 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17-18, at the church, 34850 Marquette, east of Wayne Road, Westland. The display is free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 728call the church at (734) 728-

The group meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Cherry Hill Baptist Church Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. will have a living Nativity, "O Aidan's Church, 17500 Farming-Night Divine," 6:30, 7 and 7:30 ton Road (north of Six Mile), p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the Livonia - call Val at (734) 729church. 1045 N. Gulley Road, 1974 – for coffee and conversa-Dearborn Heights. For more tion at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at information, call (313) 565-1469. Archie's Family Restaurant, HANUKKAH LATKEFEST 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every

Congregation Bet Chaverim will celebrate its annual Hanukkah latkefest at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton. There will be a pot luck dinner with latkas and all the fixings, followed by the evening Shabbat religious service. For more information, call (734) 480-8880. Bet Charverim is a western Wayne County Jewish congregation that offers monthly

life cycle events. BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which pro-

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the certification of revenues and appropriated budgetary expenditure

Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues for FY 1997-98

totaling \$37,400,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$37,400,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$18,700,000

of revenue and appropriate the same in the Budget Stabilization Fund.
Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues from various

rces for FY 1997-98 totaling \$7,900,000 and an accompanying

dget adjustment to appropriate \$7,900,000 in the General Fund and certify \$5,300,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Child

Transfer of appropriations for FY 1997-98 from the Health Fund and the Mental Health Fund appropriation units to other Health Fund appropriation unit totaling \$2,000,000.

accordance with Budget Adjustment Nos. 98-35-180, 98-35-181, and 98-35-182

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

Wayne County Building

Copies of the above items may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226.

adjustments to the FY 1997-98 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

me in the General Debt Service Fund:

For children and their parents, there will be a TLC Storytime on Saturday, Dec. 19, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20. at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy Road, Livonia. There will be crafts. Christian stories, snacks and prizes. The books chosen are for children age Shabbat services led by a rabbi, 3-10. Reservations aren't necesa religious school and support for sary. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

464-3325.

TLC STORYTIME

The Sunday school and weekday school students of Faith Lutheran Church will present "The Advent Tree" at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at the church 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. The Sunday School Choir and Youth Choir/Bells also will perform.

Punch and cookies will be served following the performance. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7249.

"Moving On" will be the topic when New Beginnings, a grief support group meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions a they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-

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459-1250 or e-mail the church at

Rosedale Gardens Presbyteri-

an Church is holding Kid's Club

meetings 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tues-

days at the church, 9601 Hub-

service. Women in Unity, a new group organized to help with today's transitional women's role, meets 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at the Novi Library, 45245 10 Mile Road, Novi. A Thursday Night Study Group, led by Clevenger, also meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the library. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit the Web site at www.cotwest.com. RITE OF INITIATION

bard at West Chicago, Livonia. The club is for children in first Adults interested in joining through the sixth grades. Youngthe Catholic church are invited sters do not have to be members to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of the church to participate. of Christian Initiation for Adults There will be crafts, games, fun at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. and refreshments. For more Theodore of Canterbury Church information, call Dixie Elam at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. (734) 422-0494. The process is open to any inter ested adult including baptized Catholics who have not complet ed their initiation with First

6 women join UM-D sorority

Six western Wayne County women were among 16 recently initiated into Delta Phi Epsilon International Sorority at the University of Michigan-Dear-

The women, who successfully completed a six-week education al stint, represent the excellent academic and social standards of the sorority.

Melissa Carabott, Kate Kings-

bury and Danielle Voyles of Canton, Kerri Klinck of Garden City, Jennifer Kesler of Livonia and Jeannie Castillo of Westland.

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ter, at (734) 425-4421.

tion. For more information, call

Lorraine Short, pastoral minis-

Delta Phi Epsilon was founded in 1917 at New York University's School of Law. There are now 80 chapters in the United States with more than 32,000 initiated members. UM-D's The new members include Alpha Mu chapter was founded

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An Ordinance to provide for smoke-free work environments in public and private facilities in order to protect the health of all Wayne County

> Tuesday December 15, 1998, 10:00 a.m. Wayne County Commissioner, Hearing Room 402 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226

Copies of the above items may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 6000 Randolph, Detroit, M. 48226. (313) 224-0903.

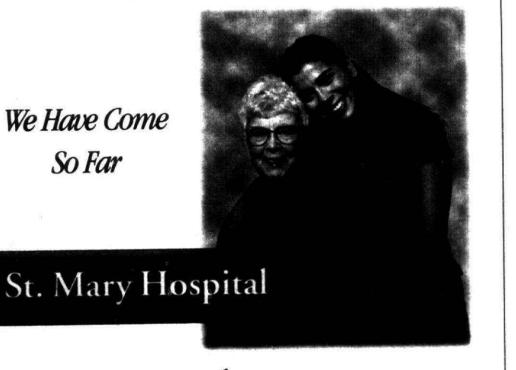
WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

An Enrolled Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Beard to establish guidelines for benefits provided for the relief of indigent Veterans of Wars nd military expeditions in which the United States has or shall take part.

Wednesday, December 16, 1998 10:00 a.m. 600 Randolph St. Room 402 Wayne County Building

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226. (313) 224-0903

The Wayne County Commission Permanent Subcommittee on Veterans Services will hold a public hearing to consider



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# There are ways to cope with holidays for those who grieve

The holidays are an especially the next morning. difficult time for someone who has lost a loved one. Each and ting back on your cards this every holiday tradition serves as year. It is not necessary to send a reminder of happier times.

Cathy Clough, director of you will see over the holidays. grieving cope with the holiday

Since family get-togethers may be extremely difficult, Clough suggests people be honest about their feelings. They should sit down with the family and decide what they want to do for the holday season

"Don't set expectations too high for yourself or the day. Clough said. "If you wish things to be the same, you are going to be disappointed. Undertake only what each family member is able to handle comfortably."

There's no right or wrong way to handle the day. Some people may wish to follow family traditions: others may choose to change them, Clough said, But what people chose to do the first year doesn't have to be done the

"The more you try to make it the same as it was before, the more obvious your loved one's absence will be," Clough said.

Other things people can do: Keep in mind the feelings of your children or other family members. Try to make the holiday season as joyous as possible

■ Be careful of "shoulds." It is better to do what is most helpful for you and your family. If a situation looks especially difficult over the holidays, try not to get involved Set limits. Realize that it

isn't going to be easy. Doing the things that are very special and important to you. Do the best Once you have decided how

you and your family will handle the holidays, let friends and relatives know.

■ Emotionally, physically and psychologically, the holidays are draining. You need every bit of strength, so try to get enough

One possibility for the first year may be to visit relatives or friends or even go away on vacation. Planning, packing and the like keeps your mind somewhat off the holiday and you share the time in a different and, hopefully, less painful setting. If you feel you need to be home on Christ-

## Gibson holds annual girls' conference

Gibson School for the Gifted in ference specifically designed for girls ages 9-13.

The school's Third Annual Conference for Girls will be 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the school, 12925 Fenton, Redford

Women professionals representing many different careers will offer a variety of workshops and hands-on activities throughout the day. Each girl will be able to participate in four work-

Dr. Alexa Canady, renowned pediatric neurosurgeon from Children's Hospital of Michigan. will present the opening remarks

Participants are asked to bring a significant adult with them to the conference The adults - parent, guardian or other significant person in the girl's life will attend concurrent workshops to learn effective support tech-

All workshops will focus on strategies to help girls make the best of their potential and keep their options open for the future

The cost is \$7 per person and includes lunch and refreshment Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. To register or for more information, call the school at 313:537 8688

> Food for thought, read Taste

Keep the positive memory of the grieving person: Consider not sending or cutyour loved one alive.

those who are there for you.

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cards, especially to those people than the actual holiday.

"Often after the first year, peobereavement services for Arbor You might consider sending a ple in your life may expect you to Hospice, has a few suggestions Christmas letter, sharing your be 'over it,' " Clough added. "We that have helped people who are loss and your appreciation of are never over it, but the experience of many bereaved is that or she is missed. If you have a them. Bereaved individuals, ■ Holidays may magnify feel- eventually they enjoy the holiings of loss of a loved one. It is days again. Hold onto to that important and natural to experi-

Clough also has some tips for friends in your family gather- cial days. block such feelings is unhealthy. friends and family members of ings. Setting extra plates for din-

■ Don't forget: Anticipation of who died. Grieving individuals who is grieving. Don't assume any holiday is so much worse feel worse if you don't. It makes that others are including them. them feel others didn't care about him or her.

they are up to it or not. Do include them in your hol-Do call your bereaved friends on Christmas morning iday card list. In that card, mention their loved one and how he and tell them you're thinking of even those surrounded by family picture of that person or a speneed to know that others care cial memory, share it. and are thinking of them on spe-■ Do include your bereaved

■ Do give your grieving expected

ner is a simple thing for you to friends options. Instead of say ■ Do talk about the person do and means a lot to the person ing, "Call me if you need me," or I'll make dinner for you. Give them a chance to decide if

Which would you prefer?" Do offer to help them with their Christmas shopping this year or offer to take their young children shopping. Grieving indi viduals often find it difficult and overwhelming to go places where holiday cheer is evident and

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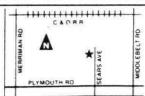
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# Historical museum to hold workshops

um is providing children and their families the opportunity to learn and have fun at workshops this holiday season.

Two toy train family workshops will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the museum, Woodward at Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center. The cost is \$12 per child. Parents and children will enjoy a brief talk about trains and model train history and tour the Glancy Trains and the new Frontiers to Factories exhibits before making their own toy train car to take home.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, there will be an Old-Fashioned Christmas Family Workshop, also costing \$12 per child. Participants will earn about the roles of women and girls in the household a century ago as families registration is required and regprepared for the holidays. The ular admission fees apply. workshop will include making a

food and toys of the past.

Advance registration is required and regular admission fees - \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for senior citizens and children ages 12-18 and free for those under age 12 - apply. Reservations can be made by calling Amy DeWys-VanHecke at (313) 833-9720.

The Children's Hanukkah Family Workshop will be 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. It will feature films, a discussion of the traditions and meaning of "The Festival of Lights," the chance to play games with the dreidel and the opportunity to make gifts to take home. Refreshments also will be served.

This special workshop is for children ages 5-10. There is no fee for the program, but advance

## Hudson's

day castle and a big tree, all decked out. Santa stepped onto the overhang to greet the crowd.

Something magical

Spietz recalled something else magical. The Salvation Army had bell ringers and small groups playing music at the various entrances, but, she says, the bells under the overhang had a special resonance, different from the jingling of bells on street cor-

"The sound reverberated; it was louder than anywhere else,' she said. Andrzejewski took her children in the early 1980s to visit

Santa the last year he was at the downtown store, but it had changed by then. "You just had breakfast or lunch with Santa, and they got to sit on his lap. But they didn't get that thrill of going through

all the floors because the store

didn't do it any more.

"I can remember it

being so lit up. It was just mesmerizing to me as a child, and I'll never forget any of those memories.'

Cheryl Andrzejewski -remembering Hudson's

'People came from everywhere to Hudson's," she said. "The store was always decorated spectacularly inside and out. I can remember it being so lit up. It was just mesmerizing to me as a child, and I'll never forget any of those memories."

Neither will the rest of metro Detroit's grownup children.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation She lives in Canton Township.

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As space permits, the Observer Eccentric Newspapers print, vithout charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the (202) 546-4377 or mation to Reunions, Observkbrady@erg.com; (734) 455-5475

er & Eccentric Newspapers, or gearns@pccs.k12.mi.us; or 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia ebdoherty@aol.com 48150. Please include the date **PLYMOUTH** of the reunion and the first and Class of 1969 name of at least one con-Aug. 6-8 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. tact person, and a telephone (248) 446-1028 or Karlancast@aol.com, or (734)

Class of 1969

BISHOP BORGESS

A reunion is planned for July 17 and a reunion picnic for July 18 (248) 737-1398 or

Class of 1989 A reunion is planned for August (313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days). (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248)

Class of 1983 Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August. (734) 729-6783

DEARBORN FORDSON Class of 1989 Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.

(248) 366-9493, press #8 DETROIT CENTRAL January-June classes of 1944 May 23 at the Hotel Baronette,

Marcia Pollock, 29393 Laurel Woods Drive, No. 201, Southfield

**DETROIT COOLEY** Class of 1950

A reunion is being planned. (313) 421-3150 or (734) 525-2503 DETROIT PERSHING

Classes of 1949-53 Are planning a reunion (248) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-

244, Livonia 48153-0244 DETROIT REDFORD Class of 1949

May 15 at Plum Hollow Country (248) 476-4957 or (248) 644-7540 Class of 1949 A reunion is planned for May 15.

(248) 476-4957 or (248) 644-7540 **DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN** Class of 1959 A reunion is planned for Sept.

(313) 884-1243 DETROIT WESTERN Class of 1949 Is planning a reunion (313) 274-3214

Class of 1968 A reunion is planned for Septem-

**GARDEN CITY WEST** 

(517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170 HENRY FORD TRADE

A reunion is planned for June (313) 565-2392 or (734) 261-8546 HIGHLAND PARK

(313) 255-8078

Class of 1969 Is planning a reunion (313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418

or (313) 867-3201 LADYWOOD Class of 1988 March 13 at the Italian-American Club of Livonia.

LIVONIA BENTLEY Class of 1964 July 24 at the Holiday, Laurel Park, Livonia. (734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone net

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Class of 1979 Aug. 7 at the Double Tree Suites, Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #3

**NORTH FARMINGTON** Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites, Southfield. (248) 360-7004, press 2 NORTHVILLE

Class of 1979 July 10 at Italian America Club. (800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com

Arbor Hospice support group aids widowed

Arbor Hospice has a group for young widows and widowers who are under age 46

It meets at 7 pm the first and third Tuesday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial. Plymouth Township

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**PLYMOUTH CANTON** Class of 1979 Aug. 7 at the Holiday Inn-West (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-

works.com

REDFORD UNION Aug. 28 at the Novi Hilton Hotel Class of 1949 Is planning a reunion for 420-3811 or PHS1969@aol.com

(313) 592-8537 or (734) 416-0807 (313) 937-9329 or (734) 427-4208

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Raymond and Elenor Kenny

Sr. of Lake City, Mich., recently celebrated their 50th wedding

anniversary by renewing their vows at St. Edith Catholic

Church in Livonia and a dinner

reception, hosted by their children, at Hawthorne Valley

The couple met at the Third

Order of St. Francis in Detroit.

They were married at St.

Alphonsus Catholic Church in

Fla. - and nine grandchildren.

Country Club in Westland.

Kenny

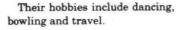


## McQuesten

Richard and Jean McQuesten of Livonia celebrated their 50th vedding anniversary with family and friends at a reception at the Scotsdale Apartments clubhouse in Westland on Oct. 30.

They also renewed their vows on Nov. 1 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia. Their son, the Rev. Mark McQuesten, officiated.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 30, 1948, at St. Mary bowling and travel.



mer Jean Smith.

Jacobs Frank and Ginger Jacobs of Moran, Mich., formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a dinner and show at the Detroit Opera House.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 8, 1938, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Detroit. She is the former Ginger Dybas.

The couple has four married children - Eileen Urick and husband Michael of Livonia, Ronald and wife Laurie of Grosse Ile, Donna Yergler and husband Kary of Laguna Hills, Calif., and

The Thomases exchanged vows on Oct. 30, 1948, at the same church. She is the former Phyllis

He retired in 1987 from the Ford Motor Co.'s Livonia Transmission Plant. She was a dental assistant for Dr. Francis

Their hobbies include collecting stamps, coins, post cards and antiques.

is the former Elenor Schn They have 10 children - Kevin

and wife Claudia of Holly, Karen Dei and husband Tim of Brighton, Joseph and wife Anne of Plymouth, Carol Selleck and husband Ronald of Livonia, Eileen Kenny and husband Matt Schneider of Westland, Maureen Kenny of Dearborn, Shawn of Cadillac, Ray Jr. and wife Jeanine of Westland, Timothy and wife Joy of Detroit and Terry of Dearborn.

They also have 13 grandchil-



Richard and wife Liz of Belleville. They also have five grandchildren.

He retired from the Ford Motor Co. Rouge plant after 40 years in supervision and was active in the Knights of Columbus in Livonia. She also worked for Ford before becoming a homemaker

They enjoy bowling and are members of St. Michael's Parish in Livonia, where they lived for 35 years. They also enjoy traveling and quality time with their grandchildren.



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Wayne and Phyllis Thomas of

Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by repeat-

ing their vows on Oct. 24 at the

First Baptist Church of Garden

The ceremony was followed by

refreshments on the lower level

## Burke

Thomas

of the church.

Jerry and June Burke of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by gathering with family members for Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church and dinner at Hawthorne Gardens. The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 9, 1948, at St. Theresa Church in Detroit. She is the former June Berry.

The couple has four children -Kevin and Diane, both of Livonia, and Sue and Michael, both of Redford. They also have seven grandchildren.



## **Gutowski**

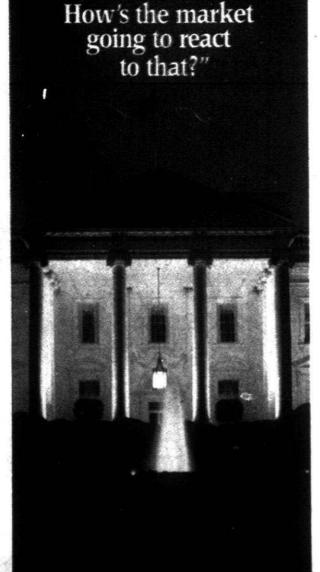
Ed and Cindi Gutowski celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Oct. 12.

They have two children, Adam

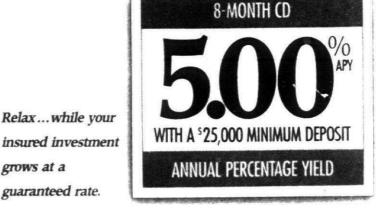
and Sara.

The son of Jane and Theodore Gutowski of Livonia, he is currently employed with Chrysler Corp. The daughter of Helen and Samuel Hassen of Dearborn Heights, she is employed by the Livonia Public School District.

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# Observer Sports

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## Kicks advance

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-10 boys select indoor soccer team, finished first in Group A and reached the finals of the Detroit Regional Tournament for the North American Indoor Soccer Championships last weekend at the Total Soccer locations in Wixom and Fraser.

The Kicks had shutout wins over Red Star, from Georgia, and USL Team United, and also beat the San Marino Cougars in Group A play. They met Vardar, the Group B winner, in the regional final and had a 2-0 lead but lost 3-2. Both teams advance to the national indoor championships next February in Cleve-

Kicks team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carbini, Kevin Costa, Josh Hammond, Gabe Hicks, Andrew Koet, Matt Kulczycki, Ryan Langdon, Alex Lumley, Mike Marek, Danny McLaughlin, Blaine Paden, Jeff Selasky, Nick Vella, Brian Walsh and Brett Windecker. The team is coached by Rich Kulczycki and Paul Lumley.

## Malewski All-America

Madonna University sophomore middle hitter Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston) was recently named NAIA second-team All-America after leading the Lady Crusaders to a 44-7

Malewski, who led Madonna to a 12-0 regular season record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and a WHAC championship, recorded 589 kills (3.25 per game) and a .403 hitting percentage.

She also led the team in all blocking categories, including 112 solo blocks, 355 assist-blocks and 2.58 blocks per game.

## Scholars recognized

Senior Rayna Vert (Flint Carmen-Ainsworth) and junior Deanne Helsom (Grand Blanc) were both named to the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete team in women's volleyball.

Vert, an outside hitter majoring in Elementary Education, has maintained a 3.62 cumulative grade-point average. She was also named firstteam All-WHAC and All-Great Lakes Region after finishing second on the team with 2.53 per game. Vert also led the Crusaders in digs with 528.

Helsom, a setter majoring in Communications, carries a 3.5 GPA. She averaged better than 11 assists per game and led Madonna with 79 service aces en route to second-team All-WHAC honors.

■ In women's soccer, Madonna babwe) and junior forward Angie Negri (Flint Powers) both made the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete Team

Zsodzo, majoring in Dietetics, carries a 3.66 GPA. She played in all games for the Crusaders.

Negri, majoring in Nursing, sports a 3.57 GAP. She tallied one assists and played in all 16 games.

All-America Scholar-Athletes must be at least a junior and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better.

## College standouts

■ Jared Biniecki, a junior at Central Michigan University from Plymouth Salem, competed for the Chippewas at the NCAA Division I men's cross country championships Nov. 23 in Lawrence, Kan.

Biniecki was CMU's seventh runner, placing 205th in the team race and 242nd overall. He completed the 10,000-meter course in 35:08.6.

CMU was 20th in the 31-team field

with 476 points. ■ Wayne State's women's basketball team slipped to 1-5 overall, 0-3 in

the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, with a 78-61 loss to Northern Michigan last Saturday. Sarah Warnke, a junior forward

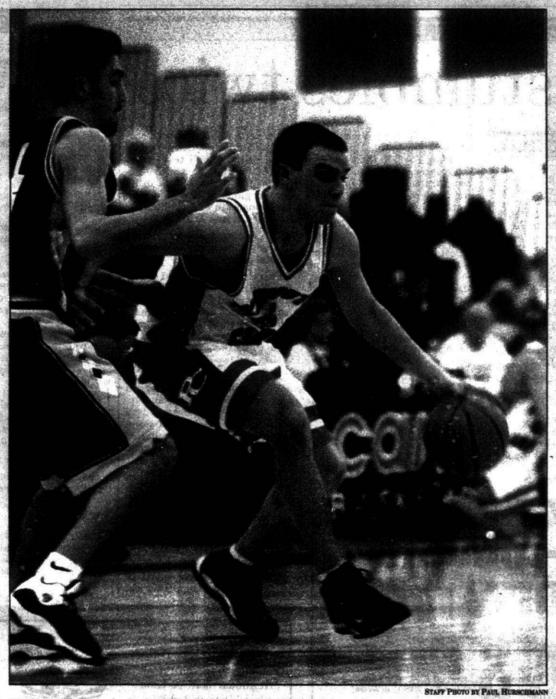
from Plymouth Canton HS, came off the bench to score 11 points and grab six rebounds for the Lady Tartars.

## Travel baseball tryouts

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club's Pee Wee Reese Division travel team (11-year-olds, born after July 31, 1987) is searching for three serious young players to fill its roster for the 1999 season. Indoor practice clinics begin in January. The season will consist of approximately 60 games.

For more information, call Nick Marrone evenings at (734) 459-0695.

# Canton opens with OT win



Big gun: Canton's Jason Waidman (with ball) could not be contained by Wayne's Justin Goins or any of the other Zebras Tuesday. The junior forward finished with a team-leading 22 points.

As first games go, it was a first game. Plymouth Canton struggled past ragged Wayne Memorial, 55-53, on Scott Samulski's tip-in with 12 seconds left in overtime Tuesday night to get the boys basketball season started for both teams. The Chiefs and Zebras both had moments of qual-

ity play as they began their annual searches for a team identity.

"We made a million mistakes," Coach Chuck Henry of Wayne said, "and he (Coach Dan Young of Canton) probably felt his kids did too."

Both teams had the game "won" at various points but it took a buzzer-beater of at least 32 feet by Canton junior Jim Reddy to send the contest into

Taron Smith's pair of free throws with 16 seconds to play in regulation gave Wayne a 51-46 lead.

Reddy made two free throws with eight seconds left to pull the Chiefs up to 51-48. The Zebras missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with five seconds left and Canton called a quick timeout.

The Chiefs inbounded the ball to Joe Cortellini, who drove to the top of the key and dished off to Reddy when met by two Zebras. Reddy's shot was in the air when the buzzer sounded and it went

through the rim like being pulled by a string. Smith knocked in a shot from the right baseline at 2:27 of overtime to start Wayne out with a 53-51 lead but the Zebras, who turned the ball 11 times after holding a 45-37 lead with 4:41 left in regula-

tion, couldn't score again. Jason Waidman, who led all scorers with 22 points, made a free throw with 1:16 left to make it 53-52 and Joe Cortellini's free throw with 45 seconds to play tied the score.

Canton got the ball back on a turnover and missed a shot. But Samulski skiled at just the right time and tipped the ball off the palm of his left hand. It nestled softly into the basket to break the

Wayne's three-point attempt as time expired was off the mark.

"We did a great job of making plays when we had to," Young said, "and we really picked up our defense down the stretch."

Wayne's three-guard offense and pressure defense led to an 18-12 third quarter that contributed nearly put Canton out of the game. The Zebras led, 36-27, at one point.

"We're small," Henry said, "so we have to be a

perimeter-oriented team. We have to be to give ourselves a chance to win." The Zebras tried putting their two bigger players

on the perimeter and cutting the guards underneath late in the game but that didn't net much. Wayne was head, 15-11, after the first period but trailed, 23-21 at halftime. Canton got back into the

game with an 8-3 run to end the third quarter and Please see CANTON HOOP, C3

# PCA starts with a runaway victory

The first game of the boys basketball season wasn't much of a test for Plymouth Christian Academy.

PCA hosted Macomb Christian in the opener of its season-opening, sixth-annual Eagle Classic Tournament Tuesday, and the Eagles took command early and never relented in posting a 71-34 triumph.

"We played real well," said an optimistic PCA coach, Doug Taylor. "We got it going right from the beginning, and just kept on going."

BASKETBALL

The Eagles led 18-8 after one quarter and 41-15 at the half. A 26-9 surge in the third quarter put Macomb behind, 67-24.

One good reason for Taylor's optimism is junior Derek Isensee. The 6foot-3 junior led PCA, which finished 14-7 in 1997-98, in scoring (17.6) and rebounding (9.4) last season. "He's just going to be phenomenal,'

graduation, the likes of Isensee and junior Jordon Roose, another returning starter who averaged 9.4 points, 4.7 assists and 3.5 steals a game last season, have bolstered hopes. Isensee totaled 22 points and nine rebounds against Macomb; Roose, a 5-10 point guard, finished with 11 points, five steals and four assists.

A strong addition to the team is 6-4

junior center Mike Huntsman. A There's more, however. Even junior varsity player last season, though the Eagles lost nine players to Huntsman had 14 points and seven boards in the win over Macomb.

"The guys up from JV are going to do great for us," said Taylor. "It's going to be a lot of fun this year."

PCA has just one senior on its varsity: 6-foot forward Evan Gaines, a returning varsity player who had six points against Macomb. Among the other players who figure to contribute

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# Whalers stay hot-andso is Druken



There seems to be no way to slow down Harold Druken.

The Plymouth added two more goals to his league-leading

total in the Plymouth Whalers' 4-1 victory over the London Knights in an Ontario Hockey League game Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Druken increased his goal total to 37 (next highest in the league is Ivan Novoseltsev of Sarnia with 26) Druken's 60 points also tops the OHL; second in the league in total points is teammate Adam Colagiacomo with 53 (16 goals, 37 assists).

Randy Fitzgerald notched the other two goals for Plymouth against the Knights, giving him four for the season, and had one assist. Colagiacomo picked up three assists.

Plymouth led 2-1 after one period and 4-1 after two in improving its West Division-leading record to 22-4-2. London slipped to 11-18.

Robert Holsinger made 15 saves to



Still steaming: The Whalers' Harold Druken continues to dominate the OHL in scoring with 37 goals and 60 total points.

pick up the victory. Gene Chiarello had place team with an 18-7 mark. 40 saves for the Knights

Compuware splits

The Compuware Ambassadors ran their North American Hockey Leagueleading record to 19-4-2 by splitting a pair of games with host Soo Kewadin Casino Indians, the NAHL's second-

The Soo won the first game Saturday by a 2-1 margin, with Mark Mink scoring for Compuware. Josh Lyerly got the Indians regulation goal, then scored the game-winning penalty shot.

On Sunday, the Ambassadors

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## FOOTBALL NEWS MHSAA votes to expand grid playoffs

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association voted Wednesday to expand its post-season football playoffs to a five-week, 256-team tour-nament, effective in 1999.

The plan would double the number of playoff qualifiers and add a

week to the post-season.

Schools that play a nine-game regular-season schedule, beginning a week earlier than years past, may qualify with at least six wins. Teams that opt to play an eightgame schedule may qualify with five victories.

Under the adopted proposal, those schools whose win total qualify them for the playoffs will be ranked by enrollment following the comple-tion of the regular season, and then divided into eight divisions of 32 schools each. If fewer than 256 schools qualify by win total, the

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# 4th-place finish a step forward for Chiefs

Plymouth Canton wrestling coach John Demsick made no lavish claims about turning the Chiefs' program into an instant success. He was well aware it would have to be done in steps. Last Saturday at the Utica Ford Fal-

con Invitational, Canton took one of No. the Chiefs weren't champions.

They weren't even runners-up. But they did reach Demsick's goal - to move up from the bottom of the standings at

Canton finished fourth at the seventeam event, scoring 138.5 points. And they were closer to third-place Anchor Bay (163.5) than to fifth-place Warren Mott (84.5). Ford won the tournament with 202 points.

"We had six wrestlers in the finals and three in the consolation finals," said Demsick. "It was a great feeling and owed that we really have potential."

co-captain John Pocock finished first in the 135-pound division by pinning Ford's Nick Miles in 5:11 in the champihip bout. Five other Chiefs reached championship round but had to set-for second place — three of those on

"Our stars for the day were John Pocock, doing so well, and Greg Musser, who won in overtime to qualify for the finals and placed second as a fresh-

Musser, wrestling at 130, lost to Sterling Heights Stevenson's Brian Picora 9-7 in the final. Rob Demsick was also a narrow loser in the championship round, losing to Utica Eisenhower's David Jozefi by a 7-6 count at 160. The third championship round decision for by another Anchor Bay wrestler, Joe Cole, in 1:11 at 275. Canton had two consolation-round

winners in Kyle Pitt (103 division), who pinned Stevenson's Joe Carren in 2:00; and Jim Shelton (140), who pinned Mott's Mike Stauch in 2:08. The Chiefs' Chris Hosey was pinned by Mott's. Justin Self in 1:47 at 125 to place

Other Chiefs to reach the finals were Canton wrestles Ann Arbor Pioneer steve Bernacki, who was pinned by and Novi Wednesday at Novi. Tom Conlo of Anchor Bay in 1:33 at 112,

# Madonna stumbles twice

lege basketball — Lexington, Ky. was fruitless for Madonna University's men's basketball

The Fighting Crusaders were winless at the Transylvania University Tournament last weekend, losing to the host team 75-72 on Friday and to the College of West Virginia 110-71 Satur-

The losses left Madonna with a 2-7 record. Transylvania is 4-2; West Virginia is 8-3.

Against Transylvania, Madonna trailed 39-33 at the half and was behind 72-56 with 4:29 left. The Crusaders managed to trim that to 74-72 with :45 left, but never caught Transvlvania: a desperation three-pointer at the buzzer by Nick Hurley (from Plymouth Canton HS) missed.

Although they shot 50 percent from the field (27-of-54) and committed just 11 turnovers 38 margin), and this time they (compared to Transvivania's 43.3

neat Lion stuff:

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percent shooting and 15 turnovers), the Crusaders lost the game with poor rebounding They were outboarded 42-26 including a 16-4 Transylvania advantage on the offensive

Mike Massey led Madonna with 31 points; he nailed 11-of-13 floor shots, including 5-of-7 three-pointers. Next best, however, was Narvin Russaw with 10 points. Russaw and Hurley had a team-high five rebounds apiece. Hurley also had eight points and four steals

Eric Liectke's 26 points paced Transylvania; he added five

In Saturday's loss to College of West Virginia, the Crusaders still came up short in the rebounding department (by a 46couldn't match their foes' shoot-

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ing prowess. West Virginia hit 44-of-84 shots (52.4 percent), ncluding 15-of-36 three-pointers (41.7 percent); Madonna made 28-of-70 floor shots (40 percent) and just 3-of-22 triples (13.6 per-

West Virginia led 54-27 at the

Best for Madonna was Russaw with 17 points and nine rebounds. Mike Maryanski, Massey and Hurley contributed 12 points each, with Hurley adding five boards, three assists and two steals; Massey grabbing six rebounds; and Maryanski finishing with three assists, two blocked shots and two steals.

Steve Staton did the damage for West Virginia, scoring 38 points (14-of-19 from the floor and 7-of-11 on triples).

Ronald Rhodes added 15 points and Omar Logan had 12.

Madonna women 8-1

A strong defensive effort com-

St. Joseph got 22 points from Shauna Bemmes and 15 from Nadeana Stormer. Sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and The Detroit Lions Madonna connected on 38-of-76 floor shots (50 percent) while limiting St. Joseph to 22-of-57 shooting (38.6 percent). The Cru-saders also outrebounded their Hev Kids!—Join the opponents 45-38 and forced 19 turnovers while committing just

Marty Altounian (Livonia Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Dave Chiola Garden City) and Bob Moreau (Livonia

> TEAM RANKINGS .. Redford Catholic Central.

2. Plymouth Salem Redford Thurston. 4. Garden City. Livonia Clarencevill

Canton was a 5-3 defeat suffered by

Kevin Stone against Mott's Jamal Kar-

mac at 152.

bined with solid shooting pro-pelled Madonna University's

women's basketball team to an

easy 96-60 triumph over the Col-

lege of Mount St. Joseph in its

second game at the Hampton

Inn-Concordia College Classic

The victory pushed the Lad

Crusaders' record to 8-1 overall. St. Joseph fell to 2-6.

Five Crusaders reached doubl

figures in scoring, led by Katie Cushman and Kathy Panganis

with 17 points apiece. Cushman who was named to the all-tour

nament team along with team mate Chris Dietrich, also had six

Lori Enfield added 16 point

mouth Canton HS) scored 1:

assists, while Fiorenzi collected

assists and two steals.

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INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (by weight class)

103 pounds: 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia evenson): 2. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson): 3. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 4. Danny Tondreau (Clarenceville); 5. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton).

112: 1. John Mervyn (Salem); 2. Pat Sayn (GC); 3. Mike Kassabri (Wayne Memorial); 4. Ronnie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Purdon (Westland

and six rebounds, and Dietrich and Kristi Fiorenzi (from Ply 119: 1. Vinnie Zoccoli (GC); 2. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 3. Justin Schafer (Farmapiece. Dietrich also had seven ington Hills Harrison); 4. Jim Gourlay (Redford Union): 5. Dustin Obeid 10 rebounds and three blocked

> 125: 1. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 2. Justin Beseler (Wayne); 3. 215: 1. Brocc Naysmith (Redford eff Wheeler (Redford CC); 4. Brian

130: 1. Tony Lema (Farmington); 2. Dave Lemmon (Clarenceville); 3. Marty Dendrinos (Salem); 4. Sean Donaldsor (RU); 5. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn)

135: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem): 2.

John Pocock (Canton): 3. Nate Wensko (Wayne): 4. Jeff Usher (Thurston): 5 Dave Azzopardi (Livonia Franklin)

140: 1. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson) 2. Dan LeClerc (Clarenceville); 3. Greg Petrovitch (Salem); 4. Dave Fr (Franklin); 5. Jake Taylor (Harrison).

145: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2, Kevin Stone (Canton); 3. Mike Faizon (Stevenson); 4. Chris Wolfgang (John Glenn); 5. Micha Bear (Lutheran West-

152: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC) 2. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Ryan Shiplett (Franklin); 4. Tony Pikur (Thurston): 5. Mark Ostash (Farming-

160: 1. Brian Barker (Stevenson): 22 Robert Demsick (Canton); 3. Tony Rachoza (Clarenceville); 4. Eric Kelley (RU): 5. Pete Langer (John Gienn)

171: 1. Brian Hinzman (GC); 2. Mark DeLaFuente (Thurston); 3. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville); 4. Scott Archer (Lutheran Westland); 5. Ryan Matheson Macomb was paced by Eugene

189: 1. Walter Ragland (Clarenceville); 2. Andy Wood (Farmington); 3. Steve Myslinski (Franklin); 4. Jeff Sinning (Churchill).

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ran off nine points in a row after the Zebras were up 45-37.

and you know you didn't play Nathan Wade had 16 points to your best," said Salem coach Bol lead seven Wayne scorers. Gary Brodie. "Especially against a Johnson scored 10, Mike Zielinsquality team like that ki eight, Robert Price and Smith scored six apiece. some size. They're a good team."

Waidman scored 10 of his points in the second quarter and scoring the game's first 10 did a nice job of setting screens. points. But Monroe narrowed the Six other Chiefs scored between deficit to 18-12 after one period, four and seven points each. then took command with a "We passed the ball better. strong second quarter that saw it

Young said, "and I was pleased with the different people scor-Canton got some mileage out that quarter," said Brodie. "I was

of offensive and defensive substi-

tutions as the game wound

"It gives us more energy," Young said, "and makes us fresher at both ends. I credit our assistsants, especially Jeremy Rheault, for coming up with

Salem 62, Monroe 57: It was a lead the Rocks; Jancevski also bit of an up-and-down start for grabbed 15 rebounds, while Ryp-Plymouth Salem, but the good news is - it ended on an up.

The Rocks overcame a 31-24 er with eight. halftime deficit by outscoring visiting Monroe 22-9 in the third quarter of their season-opener Tuesday. They eventually stretched their advantage to 14 before a late Trojan rally nar- gave us a good game. Everybody rowed the final margin to five.

PCA hoop

are 6-1 junior guard/forward in the opening round of the ward P.J. Woodman; and 5-11 junior shooting guard A.J. Sherrill, a transfer student from

Height's eight points. "It's tough losing nine seniors,

but we're hoping to move up," said Taylor. PCA meets Detroit Westside

Christian in a tournament semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The other semifinal pits Southfield Franklin Road Christian against Academy of Detroit, at 7:30 p.m.

The championship game is set Wolves. for 7 p.m. Saturday. All games

Franklin Road Christian 66, Thursday in a tournament con-Agape Christian 59 (OT): Playing solation game

Dave Carty; 6-1 sophomore for- Eagle Classic Monday, the Wolverines dropped a heartbreaker in overtime

"(Monroe's) got quickness and

Salem started fast enough,

Jancevski and Aaron Rypkowski.

The two seniors led Salem back

to the forefront, Jancevski scor-

ing 10 points and Rypkowski

eight in the third-quarter rally.

kowski hauled in nine. Adan

Wilson was their next-best scor-

Monroe got 23 points from

"I was happy," said Brodie.

"Even the players off the bench

Carl Ford and 11 from Myron

Each finished with 22 points to

outpoint the Rocks 19-6.

didn't happen.'

Southfield's Damesworth hit a three-point basket with six seconds remaining to send the game into overtime. Damesworth then scored five of Franklin Road's nine OT points to seal the win.

Aaron Schroder led the winners with 22 points while Damesworth added 21. For Canton Agape (0-1), Steve Mecklenburg scored 23 points and Paul Anleitner added 19. Dave Herto take place at the Pontiac Silczeg also grabbed 17 rebounds and scored five points for the

West Highland at 5:30 p.m. either had difficulty in securing

## **Devilish champs**

The Plymouth Green Devils, a 13-14 yearold recreation soccer team, finished first this fall with an 8-0 record. The Green Devils

outscored their opponents 32-5. Team members are Nick Brecken, Ben Burns, Justin Chizek, Steve Clements, Adam DeBear, Andrew Garrett, John Lundy, Andrew Miller, Ben Novrocki, Mike Ryda, Dan Simescu, Chris Thomason, Ryan Welsh, Kevin Whipple and Troy Wiercioch. The team is coached by Dan Miller and John

## They had some pressure and Penguins win Sticks

we turned the ball over a lot in The new Arctic Pond Arena Bantam A Travel Hockey Team won the Regional Silver concerned. I thought we may fold Sticks Tournament held in Midland. The up the tent after that. But that three-day tournament ended in victory for It didn't, thanks to Tony

to those contests.

This is the fourth expansion of

the Penguins with a 6-0 shutout over the Traverse City Hawks last Sunday

Team members are Ryan Droze, Mike Dugan, James Kerbawy, Justin Maedel, Jamey Messer, Brent Newsted, Jonathon O'Neill, Nathan Pavach, MIke Rini, Tom Sculthorpe, Adam Staber, Chris Stevens, Nick Strauch, Rob Thomas, Mike Tyrna and Ryan Wischmeyer

Coaches are Craig O'Neill, Doug Wischmeyer, Don Strauch and Kris Kerbawy. The manager is Sandy Yates.

The team advances to play at the Silver Stick State Tournament in January in Port The Arctic Pond is located at the site of the

former Plymouth Bowl on Plymouth Road, between Haggerty and Newburgh.

Top of the class

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is unbeaten through six games and has several players listed among the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference leaders.

Lamar Bigby is second in the conference in scoring (17.3 points a game), first in threepoint accuracy (53.3 percent), third in floor hooting (63.3 percent), and 13th in rebound-

ing (5.1 per game). Matt Bauman, a Livonia Franklin graduate, ranks fourth in scoring (16.3 points), sixth in both assists (3.5 a game) and shooting accuracy (61.7 percent), and seventh in locks (1.0 a game).

Dashawn Williams is first in shooting 69.2 percent), 12th in scoring (13.3 points), fourth in rebounding (6.3) and second in steals (3.5), while Derek McKelvey ranks 18th in scoring (11.1 points) and 13th in

# Playoff format from page C1

excluded teams with the highest a nine-game schedule or did not the playoffs since they began in the be added to fill out the field, with an equal number of schools coming from Classes A. B. C and D.

No teams with losing records would qualify. In the unlikely event that more than 256 schools qualify by win total, the teams only one preseason scrimmage. with the lowest playoff averages would be deleted from the field in an equal number from each class. In 1997, 230 schools would

have qualified by win total Once the 256-team field is set, the 32 teams in each division will be drawn into districts and degions. The four-team districts would have the team with the top playoff average hosting the

ourth-ranked team and the second hosting the third. The second week of the tournanent would be the district ginal, played at the site of the highest anked team. The regional championship would be played

the following weekend, with the method host either being predetermined by draw or by playoff Semifinal games would continue as in the past, with predeternined regional champions playing each other at prearranged sites, and the finals continuing

verdome on Thanksgiving week The modification to make five wins the qualifying number for schools playing eight-game schedules was made to better accommodate schools which

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computer playoff averages would wish to begin their regular-sea- 1975 with four teams in each son a week earlier. class. The tournament expanded In a seven-year calendar, foot- to 32 teams in 1977, 64 teams in ball playing schools would begin 1985, and then doubled the numpractice only two days earlier on ber of teams again by splitting five occasions. Schools with a each class in 1990, upping the

nine-game schedule would have number of schools to 128. Following the presentation of The Council also voted to recthe plan to member schools durommend that schools which ing the fall, football-playing intend to keep a nine-game institutions were surveyed. Of schedule slide entire schedules 454 valid surveys returned, 91 forward by one week to accompercent favored the plan, and 85 modate the change, and to do the percent favored expansion in same with the officials assigned

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ment and to include Upper Peninsula schools in a unified girls volleyball tournament beginning with the 1999-2000

The Council also approved a five-year extension of its contract to play the football finals at the Pontiac Silverdome through the year 2004, and voted to return the Lower Peninsula Cross Country Finals to Michigan International Speedway in

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# Borgess to face early tests

By the end of this week, Redford Bishop Borgess' boys basketball team will have played both Detroit St. Martin DePorres and Detroit Country Day.

The Spartans, who lost their season opener to DePorres, 75-54, on Tuesday, travel to Country Day to meet the host Yellow Jackets in their tip-off tournament at noon Saturday The Spartans will then be idle for 13 days before playing three games in the Roundball Classic hosted by U-D Jesuit Dec. 28, 29 and

Borgess coach Rosey Barnes said the first week will give him an indication of where the Spartans stand but it won't tell the total picture because they're so young.

Borgess lost about 70 percent of its offense with the graduation of Kevin Jordan, Aaron Jessup and Sam Hoskin. Jessup is playing at Wisconsin-Green Bay, Hoskin at Eastern Kentucky and Jordan is playing football at a junior college in Minnesota.

Each was a three-year starter and led the Spartans to last year's Catholic League A-B Division championship. The Spartans also lost their top defender, Walter Malone, and

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James Williams, who is playing at a junior

college in Florida. Country Day figures to be a tall order. even without its best player, Colin Dill, who is out with a broken leg. "It's a good matchup for us because I can

see what we're made of," Barnes said. As for the long layoff before the Roundball Classic, Barnes said "I like it because we're young. It gives us more time to get in the gym and work with them." The Spartans return three seniors: Curtis

Allen, Justin Gleton and Ramone Scott. Curtis is the Spartans' starting point guard and Gleton is the starting small for-

The Spartans have an exceptional sophomore class, led by forward Marcus Young, who scored 16 points against DePorres, and guard Marcus Bennett, who had 10.

Young started off and on on the varsity as a freshman and Bennett was the Most Valuable Player of the Spartans' junior varsity.

Junior guard Donald Didlake, who score eight points against DePorres, and 6-3 sophomore Mario Peoples also will get plenty of playing time.

The Spartans finished with a 14-10 record last year, losing in the Class C regional final to DePorres, the eventual state champion.

DePorres senior center Aloysius Anagonye who committed to Michigan State, mad sure there was a repeat on Tuesday night with 16 points, 12 rebounds and nine blocked shots. "We were in the game, it was not a

blowout." Barnes said. "We made bad deci sions, didn't take care of the ball very well." Detroit Catholic Central, which returns all-state selection Nick Moore at guard, will be one of the favorites to win the Catholic League Central Division, but there's no shoo in, according to Barnes.

"CC is going to always be there, (Birmingham) Brother Rice and U-D Jesuit are going to be there," Barnes said. "The Catholic League is a real tough league. You can't take

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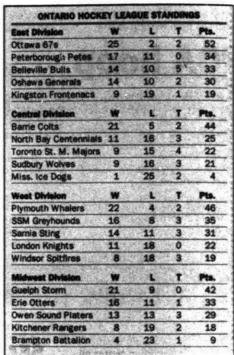
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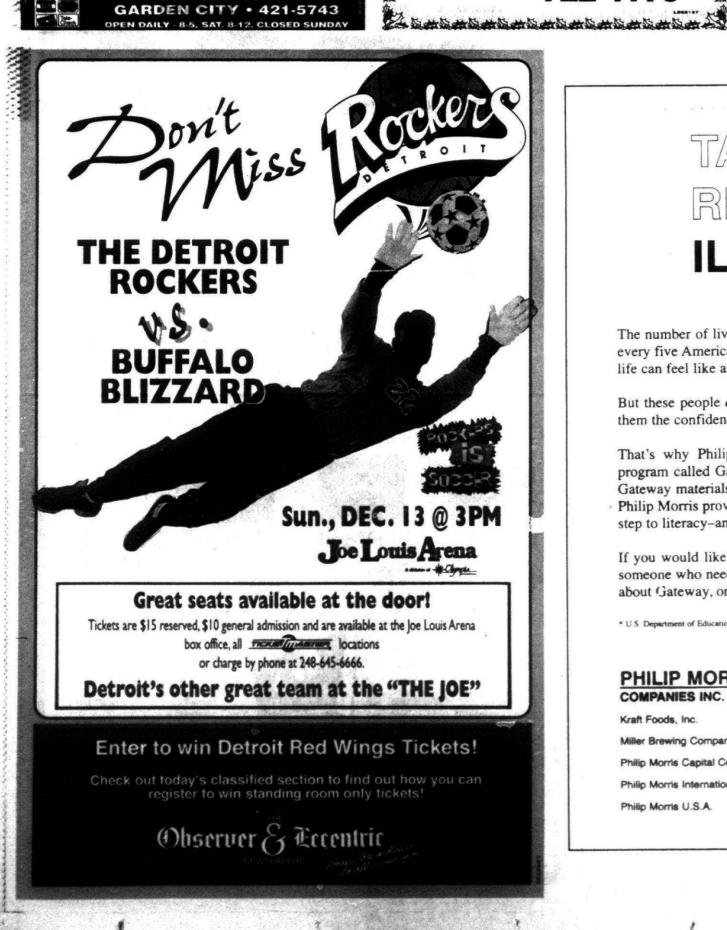
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avenged their Saturday loss by beating the Soo 2-1 in overtime. Mink scored in the third period to give Compuware a 1-0 leady but the Indians tied it on a goal by Adam Nightingale Jack Redwood's goal 1:51 into OT won it for the Ambassadors.

Goalie Craig Kowalski, named NAHL goalie of the month for November, added another honor to his list by earning goalie of the week accolades. Kowalski leads the NAHL in goalsagainst average (2.04); he allowed two goals in the important show down series agains the Indians, stopping 52 of 54 shots





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## The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules runs through Dec. 8 in the South

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

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| &J Asphalt Pavinghttp://sjasphaltpaving.com                                              | COMPUTER PRODUCT REVIEWS                                                                       |
| SSOCIATIONS                                                                              | CyberNews and Reviews http://oeonline.com/cybernews                                            |
| SM - Detroitwww asm-detroit org                                                          | CONSTRUCTION                                                                                   |
| sphalt Pavers Association                                                                | Frank Rewold Constructionhttp://rochester-hills.com/rewold                                     |
| of Southeastern Michiganhttp://apamichigan.com                                           |                                                                                                |
| uilding Industry Association                                                             | DEVELOPERS                                                                                     |
| Southeastern Michigan http://builders.org                                                |                                                                                                |
| aval Airship Association                                                                 | DUCT CLEANING                                                                                  |
| akland Youth Orchestra www.oyomi.org                                                     |                                                                                                |
| ociety of Automotive Engineers-Owing www.sae-detroit.org                                 | EDUCATION Clabel Wilese Project                                                                |
| uburban Newspapers                                                                       | Global Village Project http://oeonline.com/gvp.htm<br>Oakland Schools http://oekland.k12.mi.us |
| of America www.suburban-news.org<br>uspender Wearers of America http://oeonline.com/swaa | Reuther Middle School http://oekiand.k12.mi.us                                                 |
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| nurswell. Chayet & Weiner www.legal-law.com.                                             | The Webmaster School                                                                           |
| UDIO VISUAL SERVICES                                                                     | Western Wayne County Internet User Group http://oeonline.com/wwciug                            |
| VS Audio www.avsaudio.com                                                                |                                                                                                |
|                                                                                          | Caniff Electric Supplywww.caniff.com                                                           |
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bavar, Erin Downs, Kelly Carlin).

2. Stevenson (Lindsay Dolin, Mar cKenzie, Katie Glark, Jessic

200-yard freestyle

1. Arry McCullough, Mercy.

2. Elizabeth MacDonald, Mercy.

200-yard Individual medley

1. Elizabeth Posvar, Mercy.

200-yard freestyle relay

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1. Lindsi McErlean, N. Farmington
2. Christina Moceri, Ladywobd.
1.00-yard breaststroke
1. Lindsey Fetters, Harrison.

Coach of the Year

Observerland's two dominant 256.75 points were by far the best sixteams in girls swimming. One of them - Farmington Hills Mercy diver," Phill said, "Katy is a very hard - was good enough to beat all takers at the Class A state championship meet.

The Marlins captured the state title by scoring well in all three relays, including a staterecord swim in finishing first in

apparent Mercy was well-prepared for the Catholic League finals in the 100 butterstate finals seven varsity records fell en route to the victory. The Mar-

lins had four swimmers score Jim Downs freestyle. Mercy coach

Such prepachampions are made of. It also Observerland coach of the year accolades

Mercy, which also extended its the 100 butterfly. string of Catholic League titles, wasn't the only team that dominated. Livonia Stevenson we go. claimed its eighth-consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association crown. Between them. Mercy and Stevenson collected 18 of the 24 all-Observer first and second team berths, including all six relays. Not to be overlooked are some

Downs.

(1:00.80).

both the IM and 100 free.

WLAA meet (25.18).

Julie Kern.

open events at the state finals.

course, so read on.

Mercy, 200-yard freestyle: The sopho-

of the outstanding individual will be greatly missed." performances, such as the first at state by Mercy's Amy McCul-

Lindsi McErlean, North Farmington lough in the 500-yard free and 100-yard backstroke: If you are in search of a talented freshman, look no further. the second-place swim at state meet by the Marlins' Erin school record, and she was 15th in the There were plenty of others, of

third in the 200 IM (2:17.58).

First team second in the 100 back (1:01.55) and Amy McCullough, Farmington Hills

more had an outstanding season, winning "She did a lot of great things for us the state title in the 500 freestyle (4:54.75) and placing second at state in probably one of the easiest athletes I've the 200 free (1:52.46). She was also the worked with from a coach standpoint. said Downs. Oakland County champion in the 200 and She's very receptive and picks up new

500-yard freestyle, McCullough holds things quickly." Mercy's record in both events, having set Lindsay Fetters, Farmington Harrison, them at the state final. At the Catholic 100-yard breaststroke: Not many swim-League meet, she was first in the 100 mers finish in the top six in two events at free (54.35) and 100 backstroke the state finals. Fetters did, taking fifth in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.61) and

"Her potential is still way out there." sixth in the 200 IM (2:08.89). coach Jim Downs said, "She's already a A junior, she also won both events at bona fide state champion in the 500 free the WLAA finals, capturing the 200 IM in

with two sub-five minute performances 2:12.43 and the 100 breast in 1:09.03. Lindsay has been all-state every year Elizabeth Posvar, Farmington Hills since she was a freshman," coach Ross ald placed first in the 50 free (25.72) Marcy, 200-yard individual mediey: On a Bandy said. "She is in a good position to and sixth in the 200 IM (2:23.72). team of stars. Posvar was one of the make a run at being state champion next

brightest this year. She finished fifth in year." the state in the 200-yard IM (2:07.42) Farmington Hills Mercy, 200-yard med-within Liz." and 100 freestyle (52.26). At the ley relay: The Marlins' team of Amy Katle Clark, Livonia Stevenson, 200-Catholic League meet, which Mercy won, McCullough, Elizabeth Posvar, Erin yard Individual medley: A junior, Clark she was first in the 100-yard breast. Downs and Kelly Carlin finished second in was a state qualifier in five events and he added. "She has been a real key for us stroke (1:08.27) and swam on three first- the state in a school-record 1:48.61, she took 10th at the state finals in the

place relays. She has school records in They also won the Oakland County meet. "Four good efforts produced this sec-In all, the junior qualified for seven ond place in the state," Downs said. Farmington Hills Mercy, 200-yard (2:16.44).

"I'm glad she's on our side," Downs freestyle relay: Erin Downs, Kristin Loridas, Elizabeth MacDonald and Kelly Car-Jessica Makowski, Livonia Stevenson, lin broke Mercy's school record in the a great senior year from her." 50-yard freestyle: Makowski was one of event when they took 10th at the state

the Western Lakes premier freestyle final (1:40.36). swimmers. The junior never lost a a dual

She placed second in the 50 at the vital." Farmington Hills Mercy, 400-yard "Jessica really stepped up her training freestyle relay: The Marlins complete a and versatility Marti gave to our prothis year," coach Greg Phill said. "She sweep of our all-Observer relay teams gram," Phills said. should be a force in the state her senior with Kelly Carlin, Kristin Loridas, Amy Kety Ballantine, Livonia Stevenson, 400 free. All this group managed to do fall. She qualified for the regional and swam to a second-place finish at the The junior capped a strong season was win a state title in the event, setting state final meets as well as placing third WLAA meet (3:46.77). The best time

la Stevenson's 400-yard freestyle relay team:

Katie Clark, Meghan Moceri, Meghan Lesnau and

It was a season featuring lantine was second (379.20). Her dive total recorded in Observerland. "Along with being a very talented

worker. We're looking forward to a great senior year from her." Erin Downs, Farmington Hills Mercy, 100-yard butterfly: Downs is the area's best butterfly swimmer. She placed second at state in the event (58.12) after the 400-yard freestyle. It was being seeded fourth, then helped the Marlins take second in the 200-yard med-

> fly (59.28) and was fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:03.92). "A brave heart is a powerful weapon," said coach Jim Downs.

ley relay. A junior, Downs was first at the

Kelly Carlin, Farmington Hills Mercy, 100-yard freestyle: The junior was one of the area's most versatile swimmers. At the state finals, she was good enough to the 200 finish 12th in the 200 freestyle (1:56.58) and she swam on all three of the Marlins ration is what relays, which scored. Carlin also placed first in both the 500 free (5:19.06) and earned Mercy coach Jim Downs the 200 individual medley (2:15.04) at the Catholic League finals. At the Oakland County meet, Carlin was seventh in

"She showed true dedication day in and day out," said Downs. "As she goes.

yard freestyle: Kern was one of the Spar tans most valuable swimmers, placing fourth in the 500 free at the state meet (5:00.82). The senior also won WLAA championships in the 200 (1:58.55) and 500 (5:06.10) freestyle events.

"Julie has been a state finalist all four years at Stevenson," said Phills. "She

encrable mention (must be state flors in individual events): Angela tkosky, Churchill; Adrienne Doyle. McErlean finished seventh in the state in the 100 backstroke (59.38), breaking a 200 IM (2:14.36). She also qualified in Kay, Salem; Karl Foust, Salem; Lindthe 100 breaststroke. At the WLAA finals, McErlean placed

this year," coach Pat Duthie said, "She's Zeeland, going into the final event, \*This foursome wasn't to be denied."

Second team

Elizabeth MacDonald, Farmington Hills Mercy, 200-yard freestyle: The sophomore showed she'll be a force for years to come this season. MacDonald placed eighth in the state in the 500 freestyle (5:07.63), ninth in the 200 freestyle (1:56.39) and helped the Marlins 200 freestyle relay team to a 10th place fin-

ish at the state finals.

not disappear," Downs said. "It lives tougher."

100 butterfly (1:00.12). At the WLAA meet, she won the the 100 fly (1:01.17) and took second in the 200 IM

"She's a very hard worker and a talent," said Phills. "I am looking forward to

Marti McKenzie, Livonia Stevenson, 50-yard freestyle: The senior was a solid "These people knew that the will to contributor to the Spartans this year. meet race in the 50 and was the WLAA achieve was important," coach Jim McKenzie finished fourth in both the 50 Makowski, Marti McKenzie, Meghan

(1:11.10) at the WLAA championships. "Stevenson is going to miss the depth

McCullough and Elizabeth Posvar in the The freshman showed lots of promise this Moceri, Meghan Lesnau and Julie Kern points). In the WLAA championships, Bai- also earned Mercy a first-place team fin- points). At state, she was the highest- son was 3:42.27.

placing freshman, finishing 21st. Only Stevenson's Ballantine beat her in dual-

ified for the state finals in the 100 fly four-straight seasons, making consistency perhaps her greatest asset. At the WLAA finals, Hanson placed third in the (26.03).

She was Canton's MVP four-straight

Kristin Loridas, Farmington Hills Mercy, 100-yard freestyle: The sky is the limit for Loridas. The freshman placed seventh in the state in the 200 freestyle (1:56.15) and 14th in the 500 freestyle. At the Catholic League finals, she won the 200 free (2:00.08) and was part of hree winning relays.

"She performed well under pressure situations all year," said Downs. "She enjoys being coached."

Christina Moceri, Livonia Ladywood, she was the first-ever Ladywood swimmer to score points at the state meet, placing eighth in a school-record 59.84. She was also second in the Catholic League in the 200 IM and in the 100 back.

times," coach Randy Fergusson said.

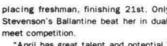
missed next fall. "Nevra has been outstanding for us.

relay: The team of Lindsay Dolin, Marti McKenzie, Katie Clark and Jessica and Kelly Carlin. Makowski won a WLAA championship in

"With three of four girls returning." some fast swims in 1999."

Livonia Stevenson, 200-yard freestyle relay: This team, consisting of Jessica champion in the 100 freestyle (55.72). Downs said, "but the will to prepare was freestyle (25.70) and 100 breaststroke Moceri and Julie Kern, ended up second at the WLAA championships (1.41.64). It was the best time of the season recorded

Livonia Stevenson, 400-yard freestyle April Aquinto, Plymouth Salem, diving: relay: The Spartans' Katie Clark, Meghan



"April has great talent and potential," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "She has the ability and competitive attitude to challenge any diver in the state."

Farmington Hills Mercy Livonia Stevenson yard butterfly: Hanson, a senior, has qualfly (1:02.10) and seventh in the 50 free

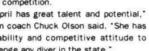
Teri Hanson

"She's been very consistent and a

Meghan Moceri, Livonia Stevenson 500-yard freestyle: If dedication counts for anything. Moceri should be at the top of the list. The junior was 12th in the state in the 50C free (5:15.34), and at the WLAA meet she placed third in the 500 (5:20.43) and fourth in the 200 free (2:01.54)

Nevra Alver, North Farmington, 100yard breaststroke: After placing sixth in the state in the breaststroke last year, the senior took 12th this season (1:08.92). At the WLAA finals, Alver fin ished second in the 100 breast (1:09.73)

and sixth in the 200 IM (2:22.21) "She swam just as well this year at 



Teri Hanson, Plymouth Canton, 100-

Hanson's best time this season in the 100 fly was 1:01.06 in the conference meet preliminaries. She placed 17th in

the 100 fly at state in 1:01.23; she also swam in all three Canton relays, including the 200 medley relay which set a varsity record (1:54.43) in placing 19th.

quality swimmer all four years," said Canton coach Sarah Eubanks.

"Meghan is one of Stevenson's hardest workers." Phill said. "We're looking forward to making her senior year her

100-yard backstroke: The sophomore broke school records in the 200 freestyle (2:00.7), 200 IM (2:16.45), 100 butterfly (1:03.30) and 100 backstroke, and

"Christina continues to impress me with her great attitude and willingness to put in the extra work to improve her

state," North coach Pat Duthie said.

The longtime coach said Alver will be

the last four years." Livonia Stevenson, 200-yard medley

the 200 medley (1:53.59) said Phills, "we're looking forward to



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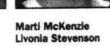
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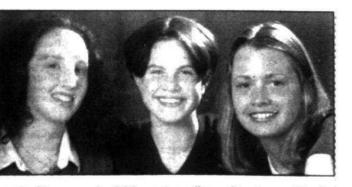
Farmington Hills Mercy's 200-yard medley relay team: Amy McCullough, Elizabeth Posvar, Erin Downs and



Farmington Hills Mercy's 200-yard freestyle relay team: Erin Downs, Kristin Loridas, Elizabeth MacDonald



Farmington Hills Mercy's 400-yard freestyle relay team: the finishing eighth in the state (330.0 a new state record of 3:31.25. That win at the conference showdown (331.95 Stevenson had in the 400 free this sea Kelly Carlin, Kristin Loridas, Amy McCullough and Elizabeth Posvar.



Livonia Stevenson's 200-yard freestyle relay team: Jessica Makowski, Meghan Moceri and Julie Kern (not pictured: Marti McKenzie). tured: Marti McKenzie).



# Spartans get a win; Huron drops Glenn

Livonia Stevenson's boys basketball team won't be going 0-

for-the season this year. Stevenson opened its 1998-99 scheduled Tuesday night at Wyandotte Roosevelt and brought back a 70-61 victory its first win since the 1996-97 season ended.

The Spartans didn't win in 21 tries last season.

"I was glad for the kids," coach Tim Newman of Stevenson said after his team pulled the game out with a hot 23-11 fourth quarter. "These kids work real hard and they put the ball in the bas-

Junior guard Mike Lenardon scored 18 points to lead the Spartans, junior guard Keshay McChristion had 16 and senior guard Marty Kennedy 13, including all eight free throws he tried in the fourth quarter.

Harland Beverly and Ryan Tobin each scored eight. Wyandotte started out with a

19-14 lead after one quarter and expanded it to 38-30 at the half before Stevenson started its comeback with a 17-12 third period

"Our kids picked it up," New-man said. "We had some trouble in the first half making choices. We didn't handle their offense very well so we made some adjustments.

The biggest difference was in the fourth quarter we made 14of-15 free throws.

12, 13, 14 and 15 points, respectively, for Dearborn.

Junior guard John Bennett paced the Chargers with 24 points and junior forward Avery Jessup had eight.

·LUTHERAN WESTLAND GO, ST. ALPHONSUS 44: A strong second half helped the Warriors open their new sea-

"We stayed the same in the second half," coach Dan Ramthun said Tuesday night after his team blitzed its way to a 37-17 post-intermission. "We played

"We were getting good shots all night, we just started hitting them in the second half.

ond half, too, so we got some turnovers and some transition baskets."

Lutheran High School Westland got 16 points from forward Tom Habitz, 14 from junior guard Charlie Hoeft and 13

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for one of these.

Host St. Alphonsus led, 14-13, one quarter and 27-23, at the half was led by junior forwards LaMondre Bonny, who scored 12 points, and T Spencer, who had 10.



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Jeff Mehi had 24 points for

Wyandotte to lead all scorers but

he was clamped down on in the second half, when he scored just

nine. Jeff Powell and Chris

Wayda each had 12 and Damien

For the game, Stevenson made

.A.A. HURON 77, JOHN GLENN 65:

22-of-31 free throws and Wyan-

The middle two periods made the differ-

ence as the visiting River Rats

Imani Wilson paced Huron with 19 points, Andrew Walton had 17 and Amir

Ty Haygood led Westland John Glenn

Junior guard Eric Jones was scoreless

Huron led, 18-17, after the first quar-

The Rockets made just 7-of-25 free

throws, compared to 14-of-21 for the

River Rats. Huron also held the edge in

Chargers couldn't get the ball up the

floor against host Dearborn's full-court

pressure and ended up paying the price.

"That's a real solid Dearborn team,"

coach Rick Austin of Livonia Churchill

said Tuesday night. "We played solid

half-court defense, but we didn't

Ryan Golem, Colin Wilkinson, Colin

rebound as well as I expected."

DEARBORN 89, CHURCHILL 54: The

ter and John Glenn outscored the River

Rats 23-22 in the final eight minutes.

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## SATURDAY



Join Alabama for a Country Christmas 8 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Tickets \$24.50, (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

## SUNDAY



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# STOCKING SITUFFERS

Pop music's top acts celebrate holidays

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

A quarter-filled St. Andrew's Hall looks dank. Stage lighting reveals gum stuck on the hard wood floors, the sticky film of spilled drinks, and a thin haze of swirling smoke.

The first of Cheap Trick's three nights at the club were sparsely attended, but Grosse Pointe native Gregg Alexander took it as an opportunity to show Detroit why he left home.

Alexander, singer/songwriter/producer of the pop band New Radicals, ran away from home, as the story goes, about 10 years ago to pursue a music career. After two failed albums, Alexander is finally getting his due.

St. Andrew's Hall showed new life the minute his scantily clad background singer, former child actress Danielle Brisebois, took the stage reciting lines from the New Radicals sprightly hit "You Only Get What You

Alternating between jumping around the stage and stretching out his long arms, the gangly, bald Alexander seemed at home pounding out a four-song, half-hour set that included two renditions of "You Only Get What You Give." Alexander, Brisebois and their five-piece band had all the energy of a veteran pop band playing to a sold-out arena.

One of Alexander's fondest memories of Detroit is seeing the rock band Almighty Strut open for Cheap Trick. Heading downstairs to the Shelter after the set, Alexander was greeted by Cheap Trick singer Robin Zander. Alexander's career had come full circle.

According to Alexander, he ran away at age 16 because he "couldn't take Grosse the Pointers, whom he compares to the cast of "The Truman Show' with "an extra \$50,000 per year disposable e." With his income." parents' blessing, he

went to California. "Specifically I told my dad I was running away and he said, 'Fine, be back by September.'

He didn't come back. "I wanted to have some adventures and make rock 'n' roll records and cause

some trouble," he said. His first album, "Michigan Rain," was recorded under the name Gregg Alexander for A&M Records in 1990.

"I made an album that came out amongst the hype of grunge that got lost. It didn't make me too bitter or anything. You can't blame yourself if your record doesn't get through the myriad of 35,000 records that come out a year, said Alexander who splits his time between California, New York City and

Two years later, he signed with Epic Records who re-released "Michigan Rain," and put out his follow-up "Intoxifornication," which also flopped Staying at the home of a friend who was out of town, he tooled around in

the recording studio putting to tape "magic moments of a difficult time. "When I was done with the songs, I was listening and thinking, 'God. I hope

these things get heard by people.' I played it for a few friends and pretty soon Please see STUFFERS. E2

Stocking photos above

- A. Returning home: Former Grosse Pointer Gregg Alexander returns to town with his band the New Radicals to play "The River's Cool Yule '98" at the Detroit Opera House on Dec. 30.
- B. Rare appearance: Swedish pop stars Ace of Base – from left, Linn Berggren, Ulf Ekberg, Jenny Berggren and Jonas Berggren – make a rare live appearance on Saturday, Dec. 12, as part of WDRQ's "Freeze for All" concert at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.
- C. Holiday fete: The Goo Goo Dolls - from left, drummer Mike Malinin. guitarist/vocalist Johnny Rzeznik, and bassist/vocalist Robby Takac - are set to play Cobo Arena as part of WPLT FM's "Holiday Hootenanny" concert on Friday, Dec. 11.

## Take note

This year's stocking is stuffed with radio station-sponsored holiday concerts. Here's a nice tidy Christmas list to prepare you for the season. Tickets for all concerts are available at Ticketmaster outlets, by calling (248) 645-6666 or by visiting http://www.ticketmaster.com.

## "Holiday Hootenanny" SPONSORED BY WPLT-FM (96.3)

features the Goo Goo Dolls, Christian rappers DC Talk, Semisonic, Better Than Ezra and Edwin McCain, at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Cobo Arena, Detroit. Tickets are \$15.96 and \$25.96 for the all-ages show. For more information, visit http://www.planet963.com.

## "Rockin' for the Hungry" SPONSORED BY ANN ARBOR'S WIQB-FM (102.9)

features Candlebox, The Hunger and Blue Plate Special, at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at the Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$21.03, \$27.50 limited superfan seating includes afterparty ticket. For more information, call (734) 763-TKTS.

## "WDRQ Freeze for All" SPONSORED BY WDRQ-FM (93.1)

features 98 Degrees, Ace of Base, Voices of Theory, Monifah, L.F.O., Inoj and C Note, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. The show is sold out. Call (248) 546-7610 for more information.

## "Holiday Concert for a Cure" SPONSORED BY WKQI-FM

features Bryan Adams and Sixpence None the Richer at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. The concert, open to those 21 and older, is sold out, but Q95 is conducting on-air contests to win tickets. Visit http://www.q955.com for a com-plete fine-up. Net proceeds benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

## John Berry and JoDee Messina SPONSORED BY WYCD-FM (99.5)

perform as part of radio station WYCD-FM (99.5) Christmas show at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$25 for the all-ages show. For more information, visit http://www.wycd.com.

## "A Smooth Jazz Christmas"

with Dave Koz, David Benoit, Brenda Russell and Peter White, begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 for reserved theater seating. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

## The Night 89X Stole Christmas SPONSORED BY CIMX-FM (88.7)

features performances by Beck, Garbage, Everlast, Placebo and Marcy Playground, and is emceed by Kid Rock, at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets are \$20.89, \$25.89 and \$30.89 for the all-ag s show. For more information, visit http://www.89x.com.

## "The River's Cool Yule '98" SPONSORED BY CIDR-FM (93.9)

features performances by Rusted Root. New Radicals and Susan Tedeschi, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$22.50 in advance. Visit http://www.theriver939.com for more information

## THEATER

## 'Resident Alien' visits Jewish Ensemble Theatre

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Repeating the magical words "there's no place like home, Dorothy escapes the alien Land of Oz and returns home to her beloved Kansas in "The Wizard of Oz."

Dorothy always knew her heart and home was in Kansas. but playwright Stuart Spencer, who also grew up in a farming community, felt like an alien.

"I remember being four or five and telling my mother we ought to move to the city,' and I didn't even know what it was," said Spencer whose play "Resident Alien" is being presented by the Jewish Ensemble Theatre through Jan. 3 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the lower level of the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. "We lived outside of a

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## On Stage

WHAT: Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Resident Alien" by Stuart

WHERE: Aaron DeRoy Theetre, lower level, Jewish Community Center 6600 W. Maple Road (corner of Maple and Drake Roads), West Bloomfiel WHERE: Continues through Sunday, Jan. 3. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Seturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, Additional matines 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23.

TICKETS: \$13-\$23, cell (248) 788-2900 or http://commnet.org/jell for more information.

B HIGHLIGHT

JET will present two special New Year's Eve performances of "Ri Allen, 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. show \$35 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and party favors. Tickets for the 10 p.m. show \$50 per person includes champagne.



Playwright: Stuart Spencer wrote "Resident Alien." Jewish Ensemble Theatre is presenting the Michigan premiere of his work at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the lower level of the Jewish Community Center.

## Stuffers from page E1

20 labels were pounding on my door."

The result is "Maybe You've Been Brainwashed Too" mcA), an amalgamation of pop, R&B, funk and dance. "You Get What You Give," he explained, is a hit because the lyrics hit close to home for so many people.

"There's certain aspects of the song that are hitting a core with people's lives. I sing the lyrics 'Health insurance rip-off lying' FDA big bankers buying/Fake computer crashes dining/Cloning while they're multiplying.' The lyrics of the song cover a lot of bases,"

"It touches upon this overall feeling of frustration about the big machine that society has built around us. The machine known as society. The song is saying don't let go, we have something that the machine doesn't have heart, spirit, flesh, tangible gooey things."

## **Expanding** audience

New Radicals is one of more than 30 bands coming to town to celebrate Christmas with local radio station listeners. Alexander's band performs as part of "The River's Cool Yule '98," while Beck, Garbage and others play Joe Louis Arena for "The Night 89X Stole

Last year there were only a handful of holiday shows. Now there's nary a pop station that hasn't gotten involved. (See sidebar for more information.)

WPLT-FM gets extra points for its diversity at this year's "Holiday Hootenanny." Pop superstars the Goo Goo Dolls are co-headlining with Christian rockers DC Talk, who until now hadn't received airplay on the station, (see story inside)

English/American androgynous pop act Placebo is a baby band compared to the acts with whom it is sharing the

Olsdal sees radio station shows as a way of broadening

"We're getting across to a lot of people who haven't heard you. Plus, the radio station's gonna play your records. That's what we're doing this time," he said.

## Detroit debut

The voice of Ace of Base member Ulf Ekberg is being gradually drowned out by the sounds of bongo drums. He's trying his best to speak loud-er into a friend's cell phone but a cold is getting the best

"I'm on the stage now. Our oand is performing but they're singing some other songs though," Ekberg said with a raspy laugh. "They're waiting for me to finish."

Late last week, Ace of Base performed live on television in London, England. Since the release of its third album. "Cruel Summer" (Arista), Ekberg and the rest of Ace of Base - siblings Jenny, Linn and Jonas Berggren - have

been running non-stop. This month marks the first time that the Swedish pop group Ace of Base, which has scored hits like "The Sign," "Don't Turn Around" and its over of Bananarama's "Cruel Summer." has toured the United States.

"We spent a lot of time in the States but only in Miami. Chicago and New York. The rest is actually black places for me. Detroit, I don't have the nicture for Detroit in front of me. I'm very excited to go there," Ekberg explained.

Ace of Base decided to do a few radio shows in untouched markets at the suggestion of its record company. So the Swedish quartet cancelled a European jaunt and scheduled a handful of shows,

"Where Will I Be On New Year's Eve?"

contest

Joe Louis Arena stage for 89X's festival. Bassist Stefan that came out amongst the hype of grunge that got lost. It didn't make me too bitter or anything. You can't blame yourself if your record doesn't get through the myri-ad of 35,000 records

that come out a year.' Gregg Alexander -Singer/songwriter

"We're planning on doing a world tour next summer. This is a touch of how it feels to be performing in the United

Is Ekberg a little nervous about the tour? "You want to do the best you can. It's good to be a little bit nervous and have some ants in your stom-

The album "Cruel Su marks the first time the band has worked with non-Swedish producers. With acclaimed producers Cutfather and Joe, Ace of Base expanded its sound with background singers, which Ekberg refers to as "choirs," and orchestras. The reliance on electronic

"We worked more with live instruments, live orchestras and choirs. I think we're a little bit more open-minded for people's ideas. We didn't want the same old routine. We felt like now we've done that and done it all," Ekberg explained.

"Now see we do it in a different way. The rest of the world's work was completely black. Now we started to see that. On the fourth album (due in fall 1999), which we've uled a handful of shows, including WDRQ-FM (93.1)'s the next step."

# Alien from page E1

small town in Wisconsin, there wasn't even a neighbor nearby. I used to make up friends as a

young child."
"Resident Alien" is a play about what it feels like to be an alien - different from everyone else. "It never occurred to me that this was a universal feel-ing," said Spencer. "I'm delighted that others see themselves in it." Spencer says the play just "kind of evolved." Michael, and the Alien, are the main characters.

"Michael is who I am had I stayed behind in the town I grew up in," said Spencer who left to attend college, and later moved to New York. "No matter who I write about I put myself in that position. Writing a play is not position. Writing a play is not always rational."

He began by imagining himself as Michael the town crackpot who enjoys listening to Beethoven and reading Kierkegaard. He's divorced and the father of a son, Billy, who is abducted by aliens as the two are walking through the woods

at twilight. How does Michael explain this o his ex-wife Priscilla? Her husoand, Ray, or the Sheriff? Then there's the matter of the Alien, the green man who stays behind for a vacation. Like Michael, the Alien feels like an outcast on his

"Resident Alien" is a comedy and a story about friendship with some serious undercurrents. "The Alien fits in, Michael doesn't belong," said Spencer. The Alien is surprised people are

upset by his green skin "We base our feelings about people on superficial things like skin color," said Spencer. "I tried to take it to its conclusion, I thought it was

In the play, the Alien says "Nobody else in the entire uni-verse ever heard about this 'race' thing, but here you completely obsess about it, even though at the same time you say it's not

We also divide people into categories according to sexual pref-erence. The Alien doesn't. Where I come from," he says, "we take a slightly simpler approach: you find somebody you like, and everything else - well, you work around it."

For Spencer, home is "finding where you belong - home is the place where you're centered and belong." "Resident Alien" is about peo-

ple searching for home, who are

not where they belong. Evelyn Orbach, artistic director of Jewish Ensemble Theatre, saw Spencer's play at the Humana Festival of New American Plays in Louisville, Ky. in March, and helped bring it to the Aaron DeRoy Theatre.

"In a sense it's the lightest thing we've done," said Orbach. "It was the funniest thing I'd ever seen, but it's also about prejudice, racism and people who feel alienated from society. What happens to one person can happen to any person."

John Siebert is making his directing debut at Jewish

Ensemble Theatre with "Resi dent Alien."

to some people's lives," said Siebert about the play. "It forces them to think about some of their prejudices and touches or the human experience. It's a

comedy with a human touch that touches on spirituality."

Jewish Ensemble Theatre and Meadow Brook Theatre collaborated on this production. Peter Hicks of Meadow Brook designed the set, Reid Johnson the lighting, and Brett Rominger the

"Collaboration is on the increase," said Mike Vigilant, public relations manager for Meadow Brook Theatre, "Everyone is working hard to build a theatre audience in metro Detroit. We're constantly sharing information and resources."

For Siebert, who has been cast in a lot of Meadow Brook Theatre productions, working on this production has been a dream come true. For him, the message of "Resident Alien," is "don't sweat the small stuff. Keep it

Screws as Michael, Greg Trzaskoma as the Alien, Sarab Kamoo as Priscilla, Jim Shanley as the Sheriff. John Michael Manfredi as Ray, and Scott Goci

Ring in the New Year at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre. There are two special New Year's Eve performances. See chart for

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■ Members of Paper Bag Productions children's lunch-theater will perform Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic tale Saturdays and Sundays through. December at the Players Club of Detroit (3321 E. Jefferson, one mile east of downtown Detroit).

Cost for lunch and the show is \$7.50 per person. Saturdays, lunch is served at noon with the play at 1 p.m. and Sundays, lunch is served at 1 p.m. with a 2 available. Call (810) 662-8118. ONCE UPON A SHOE

■ Tinderbox productions present a holiday musical for the family - Once Upon a Shoe. Dec 12 and 18 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. Performances will

be hosted at The Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets are \$10 at the door; \$8 in advance. Guest performances by the PUPPETART'S CINDERELLA Tinderbox Show Choir, the Tinderbox

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ICICLES & SNOWFLAKES

The junior actors of the Ridgedale Players present "Icicles and Snowflakes" and meals with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m.

"Icicles and Snowflakes," written by Suzanne Barcewicz, and directed by Barcewicz and her daughter Shauna, tells the tale of three siblings who build a snowman which comes to life. A variety of winter characters come to show p.m. play performance. Groups rates are the snowman how to have fun. The "Heart Miser" attempts to ruin their fun Tickets are \$6.50 and includes the

play, a meal and a visit and gift from Santa Reservations are a must. Call (248) 988-7049. Visa and Mastercard accepted. Ridgedale Playhouse is at 205 W. Long Lake between Crooks and Livernois in Troy.

■ PuppetART is bring back its popu-Jazz/Swingers, and FOOTWORK, fea- lar performance of Cinderella, featuring

turing top notch tap dancers from the Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts. For group rates and other information please call (313) 535
classical marionettes with music by and times include: Dec. 10, 7 p.m.; Dec. 12, 11 a.m.; Dec. 12, 3 p.m.; and Dec. 13, 1 p.m.

at 2 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. and CINDERFILA 4 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 28 and 29 at 2 p.m.

petART's new home the Detroit Puppet Theater, located at 25 East Grand River (between Woodward and Farmer) in ntown Detroit.

Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$5 for children. Special holiday family ticket packages are available for \$20 - includes two adults and two children. Call (248) 557-8599 for tickets. THE SNOW QUEEN

■ Stagecrafters Youth Theatre will present five performances of Hans bristian Andersen's classic. The Snow Queen. Dec. 10-13 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. All proceeds from the Dec. 11 performance will be donated to the Give-A-Christmas-Year-Round campaign. Patrons are also asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the Salvation Army's Toy Drive for needy children.

All tickets are \$5 and all seats are

A musical adaptation of the classic tale of Cinderella will entertain festive audiences this holiday season at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street,

Northville. Performance dates and times are: Saturdays, Dec. 12, 19, and 26, and Jan. 2 at 2 p.m.; and Sundays, Dec. 13, 20, 27 and Jan. 3 at 2:30 p.m. Weekdays performances are Monday through Thursday at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31. Tickets to all general perormances are \$6.50.

■ The New Millennium Youth Theatre Company production of The Snow Queen will be performed Dec. 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5, general admission or \$4 groups of 10 or more. Sponsored by Hudson's, this production of Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale

Located at 15600 JL Hudson Drive, Southfield. Call (248) 552-1225 for infor-

■ The Dearborn Family Theatre will perform Joseph and the Amazing Tech-nicolor Dreamcost at 8 p.m. Dec. 11-13 at Edsel Ford High School, 20601 Rotunda Drive, 1.5 miles west of the Southfield Fwy). Tickets for the show are \$10 general admission and \$9 for senior citizens. Group rates are available. Reservations: (313) 561-0599.

THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE

Wild Swan Theater will present the first stage version of George Selden's The Cricket in Times Square, in collabo-ration with Henry Ford Museum. This tender Newberry Award winning tale of how the song of a gifted cricket saves the Bellini's newsstand in the subway station under Times Square has become an American classic

Appropriate for children in grades K-5, this play will be performed from now until Jan. 2 at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn Tickets are \$6 for children: \$8 for adults and can be purchased by calling 763-TKTS or any Ticket Master outlet. For touch tours and audio-description, or for group reservations, call (734) 995-0530.

# Little Women continues to engage audiences alike

"Little Women," based on the Tiffany Bedwell of beloved novel by Louisa May Garden City was the Bonstelle Theater, Wayne delightfully saucy ... State University's undergraduate theater. Performances are at & p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. The Bonstelle is located at 3424 Woodward in Detroit. For information or tickets, call (313) 577-2960. Group discounts are available.

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Bonstelle's production of the beloved Alcott classic Little Women is well-acted and staged. However, its 2.5 hour running time (with two intermissions) makes it more suitable for adults and older children.

Set in the 1860s during the American Civil War, Little Women is the story of the spirited March sisters and their optimism as they celebrate holidays wealth but the riches of friends

Maribeth Monroe of Fraser plays the tomboyish sister Jo, an aspiring novelist and alter-ego for Alcott herself. Monroe is bigger than life, with the expansive gestures of the impulsive Jo, and talented actress, Monroe overshadowed the rest of the cast by changes reflected by the foliage constantly being more effusive and falling snow outside the pic-

manifestations of her much evident talent. Gina Lohman of Warren plays

the eldest sister Meg with equal measures of charm and naiveté'. She comfortably conveys both a self-assured oldest sister and a ervous neophyte romantic. Tiffany Marie Bedwell of Gar-

She needs to temper her per-

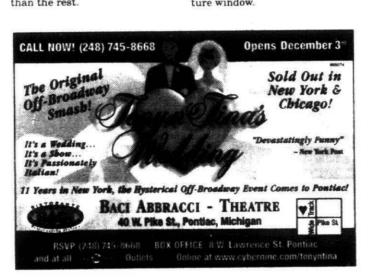
formances with more subtle

den City was delightfully saucy as the impulsive and somewhat spoiled youngest sister Amy. She perfected the pout and the flounce, accentuated by wonderful gold curls and the spirited demeanor of a young girl on the verge of womanhood

Julie Ann Yurconis of Detroit completed the quartet as the musically talented sister Beth, while Diana Clark, herself mother of five, made her Bon affectionately known as Marmee

The costumes were accurate to the Civil War period and reflected the limited means of the March family, while the set, the interior of the March home, was the loud, eager outbursts of the richly detailed and enhanced the impulsive character. Although a warm atmosphere of the home.

A nice touch were the seasonal ture window



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## Students present classic tales

Celebrate the holidays by "A Tale of Two Cities" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 on the enjoying a night at the theater. Eastern Michigan Uni- Hilberry stage, 4743 Cass versity is presenting "The Ave., Detroit, and runs in Gifts of the Magi," this week- rotating repertory until end, and Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities," is opening Friday at the Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University

Charles Dickens, the play was EMU Theatre celebrates the Christmas season with the nusical "The Gifts of the Magi " based on stories by O. Henry, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 11-13 and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 19-20 at the Sponberg Theatre on the Ypsilanti campus.

Performances 8 p.m. Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 19, and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 12-13, and Dec. 19-20. Tickets are \$12 for Friday-Saturday performances, and \$10 for Sunday matinee. There is a \$2 discount for tickets purchased more than 30 minutes in advance, call (734)

adapted for the stage by Nagle Jackson Tickets are \$10-\$17 and car be purchased by calling the box office (313) 577-2972 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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day, Dec. 17-18.

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d Altare Dei (Unto the Altar o )." John Shea's play about faith, beauty and a priest who uses a hockey stick to straighten out sinners, through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 aodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturday: and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or

EM THEATRE I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave Detroit, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wedn (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$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) 963-9800

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Sunday, Dec. 16-27, at the theater, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. ly, Dec. 22, 8 p.m. Wednesday Dec 23 2 n.m. and 8 n.m. Saturday Dec. 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 \$26.50-\$49. (248) 645-6666/(313)

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EMU THEATRE Gifts of the Magi," based on stories by O. Henry, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, Dec. 11-12, and 19, and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Dec. 12-13 and 19 20, at the Sponberg Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursdays, \$12 Fridays Saturdays, and \$10 Sundays. (734) 487-1221

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"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," opens Friday, Dec. 11. runs in rotating repertory to March 4. at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

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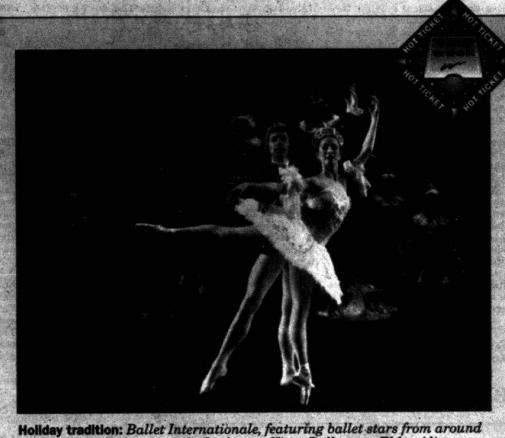
YOUTH MARQUIS THEATRE

"Cinderella," through Jan. 3, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 12, 19 and 26, for rides and games. \$15 ride-all-d 13, 20, and Jan. 3; and 2:30 p.m. y-Thursday, Dec. 28-31, \$6.50. 248) 349-8110

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turing the Rochester Symphony Orchestra, Rochester High School Choirs, Rochester Community Chorus and the Oakland Youth Singers, at St. Andrew Church, Rochester. \$15, please bring an unwrapped toy for the arines "Toys for Tots" program. (248

also live nativity and petting farm for Edmund Handbell Choir, as part of a Christmas Jubilee" concert 3 p.m. children, 7 p.m. Friday-Satrurday, Dec 11-12, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday Sunday, Dec. 13, at St. Edmund Church, 14025 12 Mile Road, east of Dec. 13, at the Northville Christian choenherr, \$18, \$16 seniors, \$10 co Assembly, 41355 Six Mile, west of I-275, Northville. Free. (248) 348-9030 lege student with ID, \$5 ages 17 and ounger. (810) 754-2950

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Sunday, Dec. 13 and 8 p.m. Friday

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8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Dec

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8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Duet at

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Dec. 18-19, Giovanni's Cafe Italian

31 N. Saginaw St., at Lawrence Stree Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 334

5241: 8 p.m. Tuesdays in December

With Louis Smith, trumpet 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, with Larry 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Holy Trinity Nozero, sax, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday chapel, 511 West Forest, Ypsilanti. Dec. 17, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800 **MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY** 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, and "Once Upon a December" program, 8 Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 16-19, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Mercy High School auditorium, at 11

Woodward Ave., at Mack Ave., Detroit Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmingto (313) 831-3838 Hills, \$8 in advance, \$6 for seniors 65 SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIC and older or a student, \$10 at the 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, door. (248) 473-9670/(248) 788-Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocals/piano/bass A Cantata Academy concert of music JOHNNY O'NEAL of the season including the Robert Ray Gospel Magnificat and works by John

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19. Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St Ann Arbor. \$10. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 ROBERT PIPHO 8 p.m. Mondays in December, Duet at

Avenue at Mack, Detroit. (313) 831-

Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward

"A SMOOTH JAZZ CHRISTMAS" With Peter White, Dave Koz, David Benoit and Brenda Russell, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 and \$25. All ages. (313) 961-5451 PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 1 Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward

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(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) 662-8310

**ALEXANDER ZONJIC** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and Friday Saturday, Dec. 18-19, Baci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac, Free, All ages, (248) 253-

GOSPEL/CHRISTIAN **ORTHEIA BARNES-KENNERLY** 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Unity o Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile Road Livonia. \$15. (734) 421-1760 **GAITHER CHRISTMAS** 

HOMECOMING With Gaither Vocal Band, Janet Paschal, Larry Ford, The Happy Goodmans, Anthony Burger, The Martins, Candy Christmas, Jake Hes Amy Lambert, Mark Lowry, Ben Spee Bob Cain, Jessy Dixon, The Easters, and others, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapee Road), Auburn Hills, \$17.50 reserved Superfan seating is available. Seniors ages 60 and older receive \$3 off eserved seating and children ages 12 and younger receive \$8 off reserved seating. Group rates are also available. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 10, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birminghan

WORLD MUSIC KLEZMER CONSERVATORY BAND The Jewish Community Center presen the group's performance of a combintion of Jewish ragtime, dixieland and jazz music, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. at the West Bloomfield High School Auditorium. \$10 members, \$15 nor nembers. (248) 661-7649 PINO MARELLI

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, and Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 15-16, at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540; 7 p.m uesday, Dec. 15, at Benedetto's 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Two. (810) 790-1010 (English/Italian/Spanish WILL MILLAR'S CELTIC

CHRISTMAS" Former Irish Rover with Robbie O'Connell and Aengus, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$24, \$22 stu dents and seniors. (810) 286-2222

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

THE REV. DANIEL BERRIGAN Poet and peace activist reads from his new collection of poems with Detroit poet Joan Gartland and Plymouth poe the Rev. Rod Reinhart 7 n.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams St., at Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 26 5300, ext. 338/(313) 965-5422 M.L. LIEBLER

And the Magic Poetry Band, poetry you can dance to, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec

16, at the Scarab Club, 217 Please see next page

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Bob Zany and Mark Boyd, Thursday-Continued from previous page Sunday, Dec. 10-13; Tom McTigue and Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Gary George, Wednesday Institute of Arts. \$2. (313) 831-1250 16-20, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St.

DANCE

ARGENTINE TANGO WORKSHOP With Tango Master Ruben Terbaica, 2-5 n.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road at Long CONTEMPORARY CIVIC BALLET Rose Marie Floyd's with Christophe Stowell of the San Francisco Ballet 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit \$5: 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Troy High School. \$8. (248) 641-

9063/(248) 546-7484 DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With Ballet Internationale dance "The Nutcracker" Thursdays-Sundays, De-10-13, and Dec. 17-20 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit \$16-\$35, \$12-\$23 for children and seniors. (313) 576-1111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE "Holiday Dance Extravaganza," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion, Tickets available at the Lake Orion Community Education Office, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. (248) 693-5436 ANN ARROR CONTRA

English Country Dancing, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor \$4 (734) 662-5158 **FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY** 

Annual children's dance concert, "Food for Thought Song and Dance Revue\* by Top Banana," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn \$5. (313) 845-6314

LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET With guest artist James Toth of the Winnipeg Royal Ballet in Manitoba Canada, Saturday, Dec. 12 (\$8.50-\$10), and school group matinees Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11 (\$5) a West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road. (248) 666-1971 LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET COMPANY

"The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road. south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia. \$12. \$9 seniors/students, \$6 children ages 5-9. (734) 427-9103

**OAKLAND COUNTY TRADITIONAL** DANCE SOCIETY Contra and square dances with Steve Gold and Golden Griffon, 8 p.m. Saturday Dec. 12 First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main St., Royal Oak \$7. No partner or experience is required. (248) 542-2093

PLYMOUTH CANTON BALLET COMPANY More than 150 musicians from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet perform "The Nutcracker" with guest artists Dawnell Dryja and Cameron Caldwell from the Cincinnati Ballet Company, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Saturday Sunday, Dec. 12-13, at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 anton \$17 \$10 students K-12th grade, \$5 Sugar Plum Tea. (734) 451-2112

**RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR** Featuring the Rockettes, through Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$10-\$52.50. (248) 645-6666

"SPIRIT OF THE DANCE" Featuring Irish routines, jazz funk Russian Cossacks, Flamenco dancing and tap dancing, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$29, \$26 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222 **WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR** 

DANCERS 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec 12 Italian American Cultural Center 28111 Imperial St., Warren, \$7, \$6 WSD members (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Ross Amicucci, Jim Hamm and Ric Higginbottom, Thursday, Dec. 10 (\$12); Jeff Dunham and Joey Bielaska. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12 (\$20); Kirk "Fabio Man" Noland, Keith Valentine and Rich Higginbottom. Thursday Saturday, Dec. 17 19 (\$14), at the club above Kicker's All American Gri 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. GORDON BENNETT Wednesdays Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5) (7.34 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB A PAISANO'S John Di Crosta, 8 15 p.m. and 10 4

m. Friday Saturday, Dec. 11.12 | \$12 \$24.95 dinner show package), and ? p.m. Sunday. Dec. 13 (\$10, \$22.95) dinner show package), at the club 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn 1313 584-8885.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 ind older. (734) 455-8450 (blues) BLACK BEAUTY

and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,

Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)

With Corey Harris, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor.

Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5, 21 and older

http://www.detroitmusic.com/broadzi

With Jack Drag, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec.

Congress, Detroit. \$8.50 in advance

older, (734) 213-6000 (blues)

http://www.lilis21.com.or

10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E.

(313) 875-6555 or

**BUFFALO TOM** 

la (rock)

Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6) 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Bobby J's 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Free, 21 and older, (248) 814-8550; § Sundays (\$6), Prices subject to p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Ford Road Bar change. (248) 542-9900 or and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland http://www.comedycastle.com Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a "BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturday hrough Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on sturdays. (313) 965-2222 624-9400; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Fox

TOURS

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM** Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new vide screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's more rom "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, opens Dec. 5: "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31: Remembering Downtown Hudson's exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Voodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Vednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER Art from the Fuzzy and Famous" con

tinues to Dec. 11: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and "Everest" multiple showings sever days a week at the center, 5020 John CANDLEBOX R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for chi dren ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, younger. IMAX films are additional \$4 ichigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St

GREENMEAD HISTORICAL VILLAGE four 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, with ree concert by St. Paul's Lutheran School Bell Choir at the church in the village, 20501 Newburgh Road, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$2, \$1 children 248) 477-7375

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM The Buffalo Soldier.", through Jan. . 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit: \$5, \$3 children ages 17 and younger, free fo nembers and children younger than 5 313) 494-5800

FORD MUSEUM Traditions of the season continues through Jan. 3, lots of holiday activities the museum and village located in Dearborn at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road west of the Southfield reeway. Admission \$12.50 adults. \$11.50 senior citizens 62 and older \$7.50 kids 5-12, children under 5 and nembers admitted free, call (313) 271-

## 1620 for information. MUSIC

ALL HAIL ME 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5, 21 and older (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock)

THE ALLIGATORS 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900

JOCELYN B. AND DETROIT STREET PLAYERS 9 p.m. Friday Saturday, Dec. 11-12. Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard (at van Born), Taylor, Cover charge, 21

and older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com/blues BUGS BEDDOW BAND 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11

Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road Waterford, Cover charge, 21 and older 248) 666-4161 8-11 n.m. Wednesday Thursday, Dec. 16-17, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birminghan Free: 21 and older: (248) 642-9400; 9 30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Saturday. Dec. 18 19. Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, Free 21 and older (248) 682-2295 or http://www.bugsbeddow.com.(blues)

9 30 pm to 1 30 am Thursdays Dec 10 and 17, Hamlin Pub North, 741 S Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, Free, 21 and ider (248) 814-8109, 9-30 pm lamlin Pub. 1988 S. Rochester Road. Rochester Hills Free 21 and older

248 656 7700 (rock) JOHN BERRY With JoDee Messina, perform as part

of radio station WYCD's Christmas show 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16. Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway Detroit \$25. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (country)

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONIC

SECOND CITY With The Arthur White Experience Lunar Crush, 52 Static and Echo Park, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave. Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248)

MUSEUMS AND

644-4800 (blues) BILLY BRAGG AND THE BLOKES Dec. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., A Arbor, Tickets at Ticketmaster, All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (pop) SKEETER BRANDON 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Amer's First \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 21 and BROADZILLA 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. Lili's, 2930

All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (pop) **BUSTERS BLUES BAND** 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays, Dec 10 and 17, Giovanni's Cafe Italiano, 31 . Saginaw St. (at Lawrence Street), Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 334 Vith The Hunger and Blue Plate Special, perform as part of radio station WIOB's "Rockin' for the Hungry

313) 577-8400 Ann Arbor. \$21.03, \$27.50 limited superfan seating includes afterparty ticket. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (rock) OHNNY CHAN With New Dynasty 6, 9 p.m. Thursday,

Dec. 17, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave. Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 832-6873 or http://www.gold-JAMES CLOYD GROUP los:s electric blues jam. 9 p.m.

hursdays, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor, Cover charge, 21 GREENFIELD VILLAGE & HENRY and older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (blues

COLEMAN-RHOADES DUO 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave at Mack, Detroit. (313) 831-3838 A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

STARRING ALABAMA" 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills \$24.50 reserved. Superfan seating available. Groups of \$20 or more receive \$2 off \$24.50 ickets, All ages, (248) 377-0100 o http://www.palacenet.com (country)

WES CUNNINGHAM With Shaken Not Stirred, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron Pontiac. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

**DUKE DANIELS** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$6 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 (rock) DIVESPIRE 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Griff's Grill, 49

> V. Saginaw, Pontiac, Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) DOMESTIC PROBLEMS With Fat Amy and Big Sam, 8 p.m Friday, Dec. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale \$6, 18 and

older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com/rock THE DOPES With Superfiction, 9 p.m. Saturday Dec. 12, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw. Pontiac Cover charge, 21 and older (248) 334-9292 (rock)

E.A.R. Experimental Audio Research with Sonic Boom, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages (313) 961 MELT or

EARTH CRISIS 30 pm Friday Dec 11. The Shelter helow St. Andrew's Hall. 431 E. Congress Detroit \$11 All ages (313) 961 MELT or http://www.961melt:

ttp://www.961melt.com/rock

GLEN EDDIE 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages 1248 644-4800, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12

Highway, Clarkston, Free 21 and older

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17. Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward nfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blue THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY Hosts acoustic blues lam. 9 n.m. Wednesdays, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe

oulevard (at Van Born Road), Taylor

Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278 **DEAN FERTITA** With Cloud Car, The Sights and Fletcher Pratt, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 Magic Stick in the Majestic co 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Cover

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) FIELD TREE With Eloise and Cloud Car, 9 p.m.

charge. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

Saturday, Dec. 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (pop)

JULIE GENEVIS 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Espressi Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

**GHETTOBILLIES** With Joey Skidmore, 9 p.m. Thursday Dec 10 Alvin's 5756 Cass Ave. Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com HAL.9000

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Gold Dollar, With Kuz and The Triggers, 9:30 p.m 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, Cover charge 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (hardcore

With ID and the R.R.'s 9 n.m. Friday Dec. 11. Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw. Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. 248) 334-9292 (rock AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 451-

HAPPENSTANCE

MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$8 in advance, 21 and older, (734) 213-6000 "HOLIDAY HOOTENANNY"

eaturing the Goo Goo Dolls, DC Talk Semisonic, Better Than Ezra and Edwir McCain, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$15.96 and \$25.96. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or http://www.ticketmaster.com/oi

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 769-2020; 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, Woody's, 208 W Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-6911; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Borders Books and Music. 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmingto Hills. Free, All ages. (248) 737-2225 or http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch

LISA HUNTER 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Six String

Coffeehouse inside the Michigan eague. University of Michigan campus. Ann Arbor, Cover charge, All ages 734) 763-4652; 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec Lonestar Coffee, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233 (acoustic rock) JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES

CONNECTION 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 644-4800 (blues) JELLY'S PIERCED TATTOO

With Kristiva and Masaline, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock) THE KINGSNAKES

13090 Inkster Road, Redford Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 534-7420 THE KINSEY REPORT 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$8 in advance 21 and older (734) 213-6000

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Mr. Sports

KNEE DEEP SHAG With Sugar Buzz, 9:30 p.m. Friday Dec 11. Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor \$5, 19 and older (734) 996-8555 (funk) LOVERBOY With Blue Oyster Cult, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18. The Palace of Auburn

Hills 2 Championship Dr. Auburn Hills

\$10 and \$15 All ages (248) 377

0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

MAN OR ASTROMAN With Causey Way and Gravity Well 9 p.m. Saturday Dec. 12, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave Detroit \$8 18 and older (313) 833 POOL or http://www.961melt.com

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND With Maceo Parker 7 p.m. Thursday. Dec. 10. The Palace of Auburn Hills. Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, Sold out All ages (248) 377 0100 or http://www.palacenet.com.crock

SDACE TOCK

MIND CIRCUS 9 p.m. Thursday Dec. 17. Alvin's. 5756 Cass Ave Detroit \$5 18 and (248) 625-3900; 9 p m. Thursday, Dec , older (313) 832-2355 or

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gonna miss it - like the time he got the measles or stuck a jelly sandwich in the toaster." To appease them both, Jack builds a snowman with Charlie (Joseph Cross), then gives him

first goal," cautions wife Gabby (Kelly Preston), "and you're

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that it has magical powers. "Whenever you play this, no matter where I am, I can hear it." Jack promises. Driving to a big gig on a blustery Christmas eve, he abruptly turns around, realizing that his priorities are one's anatomy — or lack of one.

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back home. He never makes it.

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> Well let's stop right there. You can get the rest of the story from Scrooge, 'cause we're not telling. With dad as a "Wizard of Blizzard," however, it's safe to say there are liberal elements of "E.T.," "Mr. Ed" and "Harry and the Hendersons" which means that your kids will do a lot of giggling, and you'll be grateful for a holiday film that really delivers the goods, with nothing more objectionable than an occasiona double entendre on the rotund

Michael Keaton is a delightful dad in both incarnations, but it's the snowman, not the man who has the best lines ("As if I don't have enough problems with these stick arms and a huge butt"). Kelly Preston ("Jerry Maguire") is an appealing and ever-understanding wife/mom out of the "Leave It To Beaver" mold, and young Joseph Cross ("Desperate Measures") is just marvelous as Charlie; he gamely resists multiple opportunities to go for the broad reaction, doing wonders with tender looks and

The film's star, of course, is Frost, the amazing animatron from Jim Henson's Creature Shop and George Lucas' ILM special effects lab. Five specialzed puppeteers operated over 60 different combinations of the big guy, giving him life and limbs with which to throw snowballs at super-speed, play a mean

goalie and even cry on cue. First-time director Troy Miller and veteran director of photogranhy Laszlo Kovacs provide refreshingly creative shots throughout, getting only a bit too gimmicky with early demonstra-

Enchanting: Charlie Frost (Joseph Cross) with his dad

Jack Frost, who has returned to life as a snowman, in Warner Bros.' heartwarming family comedy, "Jack Frost," starring Michael Keaton and Kelly Preston.

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With shopping, parties and other assorted merrymaking, the holidays can be a very hectic Sometimes it's nice to take a breather - to put your feet up

and relax with a video. Movies,

seasonal or not, are part of our collective memories. There are some obvious traditional 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" adaptations - my personal favorite is the one with George C. Scott although my seven-year old

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 who don't realize they're lovelorn pen pals. (The e-mail version

resolved on Christmas Eve. Another fun holiday movie is "Planes, Trains and Automo-

biles" the 1987 comedy in which uptight businessman Steve Martin and shower curtain ring salesman John Candy encounter all sorts of obstacles, calamities and annoyances in an effort to get back to home for Thanksgiving. The version shown a television is very funny but the uncut video version is even funnier. While probably not a film that

immediately comes to mind around the holidays, there is always "Meet Me in St. Louis," the 1944 musical that manages to hit most of the major holidays during the year leading up to the shortly. opening of the 1903 World's Fair. Among the terrific songs is Judy Garland singing "Have Your Yourself a Merry Little Christniece was quite amused by the

"know your audience." That's especially true if you are going to show a movie to a collection of friends and relatives of varying ages and tastes. I recall spending and Margaret Sullavan tells the a holiday with friends when one story of bickering co-workers of the siblings pulled out a copy of "Angel Heart," a terrific but quite violent film. As one synop-You've Got Mail" is due in the- sis summed it up "Absolutely not aters shortly.) Everything gets for the squeamish or children." A

'Another Christmas season favorite in our family was "The Shop **Around the Corner."** The 1939 romantic com edy starring James **Stewart and Margaret** Sullavan tells the story of bickering co-workers

who don't realize

they're lovelorn pen compilation, including "Frosty," a never-before-screened cartoon the creator's of last year's grosspals. (The e-mail verfrom the creators of "South out squirm-fest, Sloaches Fun sion, "You've Got Mail," is due in theaters "Frosty" was the first cartoon made by animators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, about the battle between a homicidal snowman and baby Jesus. It features early versions of the characters who later appeared in their follow-up "Spirit of Christmas" short and Park" television show. "Spirit of

An important rule in life is shockingly bad choice for a family gathering.

We'd like you to share your memories and thoughts about your favorite holiday movie viewing over the years. Send your comments with your name, age and hometown to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net or fax at 734-591-7279 no later than Dec 17. We'll run a sampling of your responses in our Dec. 24 edition

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Fantasy adventure about a man who pecomes a real father after returning to life as a cooler guy than he ever imagned possible - below freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton, Kelly Pre-

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Yi, the child who was the last emperor "THE PRINCE OF EGYPT" Feature-length animated musical about the life of Moses from Egypt's prince to delivering the Hebrews. Voice talents of lock, Michelle Pfeiffer.

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Networking: Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan in Warner Bros.' comedy-romance, "You've Got Mail."

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 25 DANCING AT LUGHNASA" Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Art heatre. The film adaptation of Brian Friel's 1991 Tony Award-winning play about five lonely sisters living a hard-

is shaken when their brother, a priest. eturns from Africa a broken man. Stars "DOWN THE DELTA" An emotional and riveting story where big city meets small town, young meet old, parents reconnect with children

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## STREET SCENE

# 'Hootenanny' pairs biggest Christian, secular acts

playing the drums. He was a fine drum-

Part of that "new life" included

Rzeznik using an effects pedal with his guitar for the first time. Besides that,

there's a more upbeat feel on the album, take the single "Slide," for example. Rzeznik attributed that to Malinin and

the hits "Iris," from the movie "City of

"It shocked the hell out of me,

"I'm on a record with Alanis Moris-

my hat off to (soundtrack producer)

a CD and none of them are in the

"He's got the most unbelievable stu-

dio. We camped out there for a month

with him," Rzeznik explained. "We made

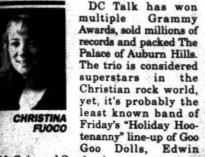
Rzeznik said about the success of "Iris."

Angels," and "Name."

mer. Mike would just cast a whole vibe

on our situation. Mike really injected

new life into the hand " Rzeznik said.



multiple Grammy Awards, sold millions of records and packed The Palace of Auburn Hills. The trio is considered superstars in the Christian rock world yet, it's probably the least known band of Friday's "Holiday Hootenanny" line-up of Goo

While it might seem hard for DC Talk to win over secular music listeners. band member Toby McKeehan says he just stays focused on the music.

"When we're invited by a radio station we pretty much play our music and let our music speak for who we are and what we're about. We're definitely concerned with social issues, and obviously we're spiritual and our faith is very "But we try not to be preachy. When a

music's what got us invited there and we try to be respectful." In this case, it was the song "My

radio station invites us to play a gig, the

Friend (So Long)," a musical nod to Blur's "Parklife" album. The lyrically acerbic song tears into a Christian band that turned secular to get attention: "I saw your video on VH1/Looks like they

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(ierk)," explained Rzeznik, who was unusually jovial. Recording the Goo Goo Dolls' latest out additions to it. I believe they're still

of Animation debuts Wednesday, makes it impossible to show on television. Also on this year's bill: Floss: A humorous look at the

The song came about during a song-

writers' retreat at a chateau in France owned by Miles Copeland. "We wrote it with Dominick Miller,

who is Sting's guitarist, and Mark Hud-

son of the Hudson Brothers' Variety

Show. It was 9 in the morning, we were

all tired. We'd been writing every day

for five days and this song comes out," he said. "We love it. It's a quirky little

number. It's Queen meets the Beatles

Like most of DC Talk's material, it

Detroit is our No. 1 market. The

biggest show of our tour was at The

Palace. I think we had between 10,000

and 12,000. Our opening gig after we

got a record deal was at Cobo opening

for DeGarmo and Key. We're looking for-

ward to going back to Detroit. Detroit

The way Goo Goo Dolls

guitarist/vocalist Johnny Rzeznik sees

"They're either dumb or they're

(jerks). With this album, I was deter-

mined to have a good time because I'm

miserable. I'm usually a miserable

t, there's two types of musicians.

has been very, very good to us."

Soundtrack stars

has full crossover potential — just look

meets Grease

at the numbers.

many uses for dental floss. Beyond Grandpa: A sick caricature of a typically benevolent Monica Banana: A lewd take

President Clinton and Monica spike.com/ sick. html the folks at Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Ani-Lewinsky. Coco, the Junkie Pimp: In mation have compiled over a which marionettes engage in dozen brand new cartoons (plus prostitution and drug use. Aniold favorites) for their latest malistic Times: The latest from

> Boris the Dog: About a happygo-lucky dog who will do anything---and we man anything--- to get to the big city.

Sick and Twisted Special Games: Where bad taste meets people with special needs. How to Get Pronged: In which eventually the high-rated "South the hapless Lloyd (who's selfmutilation antics have made him Christmas", which will be shown a festival favorite) gets a girlfriend. Plus: new episodes of No

ing last year's festival, finds Neck Joe. The Magic Bag began hosting Kung Fu battle to the death the Sick and Twisted festival in 1993, unleashing Beavis and ers of South Park stand by. Butthead for the first time on

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The 6th Annual Spike and Essentially a pilot for "South unsuspecting Detroit audiences. Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival Park," it's extreme rudeness Spike and Mike are Californiabased cartoon connoisseurs who have been producing and showcasing new animation for the past 20 years. The Sick and Twisted show plays to sold-out houses regularly around the country. The festival runs Wednesday, Dec. 16 through Sunday, Jan. 3. Tickets are \$6. For more information, visit: on the relationship between http://www.sickandtwisted

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mixed "Iris."

The upcoming schedule

Doors 8 p.m. / Film 9:30 P.M. 18+ Sunday Dec. 20 - 1 Show Doors 8 p.m. / Film 9:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21 · 1 Show Doors 8 p.m / film 9:30 p.m. · 18+

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thanks to new drummer Mike Malinin. morning. We'd walk out of the control "Until Mike came into the band, it was room and then you could just go out to always difficult. It had nothing to do the bar I'd mix some drinks for the boys with (the former drummer's) skill at and sit around and (talk). The Goo Goo Dolls are veterans of

radio station promotional shows. Last

month the band played a show for WXDG-FM (The Edge) at the 7th House Pontiac. Now the trio will return to play WPLT's "Holiday Hootenanny" at Cobo Arena on Friday. "I enjoy doing those shows. Occasionally we wind up taping those shows

because they wind up being the coolest."

## Big party

Stefan Olsdal of the androgynous Brit pop band Placebo has a different take on radio gigs. It's one big party — even sette and U2 and Peter Gabriel. I take if it does mean missing the acts he would like to see. At a recent East Coast Danny Bramson. He thought about show. Placebo was on the bill with formaking an actual soundtrack for once mer House of Pain rapper Everlast. But he and his band were much too busy to instead of slapping a bunch of songs on watch Everlast.

We were having a disco in our bus. Banking on that success, the Goo Goo We just got this great bus with a really good sound system. We played some Dolls, which also includes bassist/vocal-Barry White and got down. ist Robby Takac, brought in Jack Joseph Puig to mix "Dizzy Up the Girl." He also

Wednesday, Dec. 16 · 1 Show · Doors 8 P.M. / Film 9:30 P.M.

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Olsdal, Placebo and Everlast will come together once again to play "The Night 89X Stole Christmas" at Joe Louis Arena on Dec. 20. Placebo is touring in support of its sophomore effort "Without You I'm Nothing" (Virgin). The spent a ton/How does it feel to be the flavor for a spell/And I remember when Recording the Goo Goo Dolls' latest out additions to it. I believe they're still there. I bought a bar. I installed a bar first single, "Pure Morning," which oe.homecomm.net

Closed Christmas Eve

Friday, Dec. 25 · 1 Show

Doors 8 p.m. / film 9:30 p.m.

Bros.) wasn't so miserable, he said, too. It was so much fun at 2 in the 4. almost wasn't.

"We went into the studio to record some b-sides and 'Pure Morning' was part of the b-sides session. We brought in a guitar loop that we would never think we would ever use, laid down some hass and drums. By the end of the day, Brian (Molko, lead singer/guitarist) had some lyrics and vocals," Olsdal

was way too good for a b-side. This has got to be a single. We gave it to the record company and they said, 'OK. Let's put it out."

Although "Pure Morning" has made Placebo stars in the UK, it has merely broke the band in the United States. "We've been playing really small

clubs. We played Aerosmith's club in Boston to like 50 people. The day before we played in Paris, France, to 2,000 screaming fans. We're going back three years to the type of clubs we used to

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# Archie's celebrates anniversary, thanks customers

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

Open since 1981, Archie's in Livonia has been renovated three times. "We remodeled almost from the ground up, at least that's what the checkbook feels like," said Tom Palushaj of Farmington Hills who runs the kitchen of the family owned and operated restaurant. "You get into a project, and make changes as you go."

"We're established here, people know us," added his brother George of Livonia who manages the restaurant. Brothers Pasko, Nick, Kola and Michael also work there along with other family members. "You've got to put money back into the business. From the beginning we had the relentless pursuit to become the best restaurant on the west-side. We have the best service, the best food, and now we have the best atmosphere."

Archie's stayed open during construction, which began in 1996 with the new, expanded parking lot. To thank customers, and celebrate their anniversary, Archie's is offering 25 percent off, excluding alcoholic beverages, on Monday, Dec. 21.

The light fixtures, booth coverings, floor and kitchen are new. Oak trimmed doorways, booths and tables, and glass etched accents help create a comfortable dining atmosphere.

Architect Robert J. Tobin of Tobin Associates in Troy redesigned the upscale contemporary exterior of the restaurant. The bathrooms were also remodeled. Luke Palushaj, an art director at R.J. Thompson,

Where: 30471 Plymouth Road, (between Middlebelt & Merriman), Livonia, (734) 525-2820.

Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Closed Sunday. Will be open until 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, closed Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25 open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31, open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1.

Menu: Upscale family restaurant, daily specials, American favorites including chicken, seafood and steaks, some Italian and Greek dishes. Lots of daily breakfast, lunch and dinner specials. Children's menu Just for Kids under age 10.

Cost: Reasonable; dinner entrees and specials \$5.99 to \$10.50, indwiches \$2.85 to \$5.50, breakfast \$2.09 to \$7.99.

Discounts: Senior citizens receive 10 percent off regular dinner menu. Frequent Diner Card, buy 15 dinners or lunches, and get \$5 off next meal.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted

Carry-out: Available

nquet Room: Seats up to 70 people Highlights: 17th Anniversary Celebration and Customer Appreciation Day, Monday, Dec. 21. Twenty-five percent off all day, not including alcoholic beverages.

designed the interior which has a green, beige, and brown color scheme. There are lots of hanging plants and bright red poin-

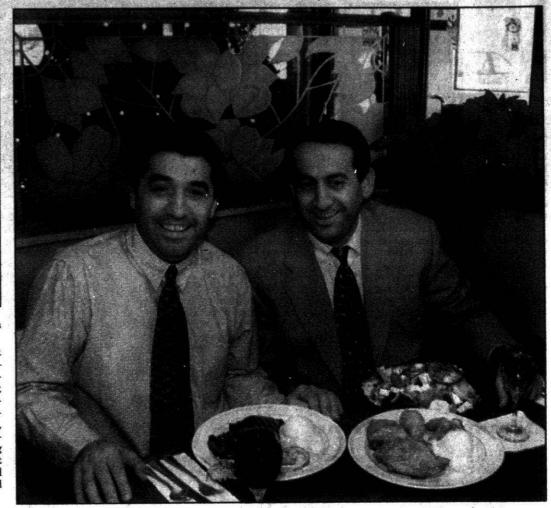
The good news for customers is that prices were raised very little. "We want to make sure we keep our prices affordable for families," said Tom. "Our secret to cooking is keeping the food fresh and buy the best quality ingredients we can buy."

"A couple can have dinner with wine for under \$30," said George.

You're sure to find something to satisfy your appetite at Archie's. There are daily breakfast, lunch and dinner specials, homemade soups, and rice pudding. Often ordered dishes include Archie's Famous Fish & Chips, and the Grilled Reuben on Rye. Broasted Chicken was added to the menu this summer.

Regular customers know what daily dinner specials to expect -Monday, baked meatloaf; Tuesday, baked Salisbury Steak; Wednesday, City Chicken; Thursday, Stuffed Cabbage Rolls, Friday, Fish & Chips, Saturday, Chicken Florentine with Fettucini Alfredo. If what you're looking for isn't on the menu check out the numerous daily lunch and dinner specials. The ones listed are just a sample.

George welcomes many customers by name, Archie's is still a family restaurant, but now, it's a little more. "It looks like you're going somewhere really nice, it's no longer the neighborhood restaurant," said Tom. "People want to spend more time here on Saturdays," added Tom.



Happy holldays: George (left) and Tom Palushaj in the newly renovated dining room at Archie's. Broiled N.Y. Steak, Broasted Chicken with mashed potatoes, and Greek Salad are among the many dishes you'll find on the menu at Archie's.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

The musical question "What are you doing New Year's, New Year's Eve?" has been asked for many decades. It's time to answer it for this year.

Whether you want a quiet dinner, one that includes romantic dancing or a grand party with midnight champagne toast and party favors, one of the following restaurants is sure to please. Please note that some restaurants require tickets paid in advance. But if you wait until the last minute to reserve, you'll most likely be disappointed just about anywhere.

■ Big Rock Chop & Brew House - 245 S. Eton, Birming-

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ham (248) 647-7774.

A la carte menu including appetizers, soup, salad, main courses (ranging \$19-30), vegetable accompaniments and dessert. With any entree, onehalf pound Alaskan King Crab Legs or lobster tail can be added for an additional charge. For reservations 10 p.m. or later, enjoy the music of Reggie Braxton on the Stone Terrace and ring in the New Year with champagne toast and party favors at no additional charge. Big Rock's fabulous upper level Got Rocks lounge is first come, first served, but be advised, it was packed last year at midnight.

■ Cafe Bon Homme - 844 Penniman, Plymouth (734) 453-

From 5 p.m. to midnight an all a la carte menu has eight entree selections ranging \$29-33 and includes seafood, duck, lamb veal, steak and Wellington of

■ Cafe Cortina - 30715 W. 10 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 474-3033

Early diners can choose from the open menu beginning at 4:30 p.m. Starting at 9:30 p.m. there's a special package, \$85 per person including antipasto, pappardelle with pomodoro and basil, winter salad, choice of entree from among salmon, veal medallions, filet mignon or French-cut veal chop, and completed with Napoleon dessert. Also included are DJ dancing to top 40s, party hats and champagne at midnight.

Cafe Cortina is also offering a Christmas Eve Dinner with live holiday music, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. The cost is \$65 per person. Entree choices include Rack of Lamb with roasted peppers and garlic, Filet of Sole "Meuniere" or Veal Medallions "Limone" Imported Artichokes. Call for information/reserva-

■ Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro - 26053 Town Center, Novi (248) 380-8460

Want dinner with quiet jazz music? That's on tap at Diamond Jim's between 4 p.m. and midnight. Five special entrees accompanied by a salad range \$15-19. Start with an appetizer at \$8 and add dessert for \$7.

Excalibur - 28875 Franklin Road, (corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248) 358-3355. New Year's Eve party (reserved seating by prepaid tickets only) with dancing and entertainment by The Warren Commission begins 9:30 p.m. at \$100 per person (not including liquor, tax or gratuity). includes appetizer medley, mixed salad and choice of an entree from 2-pound lobster, veal porterhouse, sauteed chicken breast swordfish or let mignon.

completing with descert medley. At the banquet center between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. at \$125 per person, same as Jestaurant menu but dancing and entertain-ment by The Jerry Ross Band.

■ Fox & Hounds - 1560 North Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-4800. Regular menu selections with entrees ranging \$18-25 will be offered. Reservations 10 p.m. and later will have party favors and midnight champagne toast. Pub entertainment throughout the evening.

■ Opus One - 565 East

Larned Street, Detroit (313) 961-7766. Two seating periods 5 or 5:30 and 7:30 or 8 include offerings from the regular menu. A 9:30 or 10 p.m. seating at \$75 per person includes a four-course dinner from a special expanded menu. Also, at this time, you can listen and dance to the smooth sounds of B&B. Price includes party favors, but not beverage, tax or gratuity.





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