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#### Riding the storm out



Shovel brigade: Mary Ziobro (foreground, in hood) and her husband, Wayne (right), dig out her father Tony Topolsky's car Monday at the Holiday Estates mobile home park. Topolsky, 86, complained of the lack of maintenance at the park, and the additional snow plowed up

## Unplowed roads make commute

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.ho

Township and Wayne County officials will meet "as soon as possible" to solve snow removal problems brought to light by last weekend's storm.

Supervisor Tom Yack, other municipalities will join the meeting because of dissatisRelated editorial, A6

faction with the county's d, or lack thereof, in clearing snow.

"It's not acceptable that two days after the storm we see (the first) orange truck," he said. "They had a new According to Canton snow removal plan that didn't work well at all

Many businesses closed

Please see ROADS, A3



Snow fun: Elizabeth Gable (front) and Beth Wargin, both of Canton, race down the hill at McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township Monday.

## Businesses buoyed, bullied by blizzard

BY SCOTT DANIEL

Canton residents weren't the only ones that had difficulty battling the blizzard of '99.

Local businesses felt the icy effects of the storm, too. Some shops gained more work than they could handle while others were closed because employees couldn't make it in.

Johnson's, a Canton landmark for nearly two decades, fell into the later category. The restaurant closed four hours early Saturday and didn't open at all Sunday.

"It's the first time I've had to close for a snowstorm," manager Charlie Johnson said.



Slow go: Drivers cautiously make their way across the Warren-Lilley intersection Monday. Wayne County snow plows were a rare sight in Canton even two days after the storm.

Only three of 15 employees made it to the Ford Road restaurant Saturday. The disruption was a significant loss. Johnson said.

"Those are our two busiest days," he added.

Central City Diner, which sits on Canton Center south of Warren Road, had similar problems. Coowner Randy Blayock said his

Please see BUSINESSES, A3

## Course addition angers

■ The woods they were promised weren't golfrelated, say some residents whose homes back up to the planned expansion of Pheasant Run Golf Course.

BY LILLEY A. EVANS STAFF WRITER

Canton residents who say they were promised a wooded view behind their homes would remain pristine are upset by a change in plans that may have them shagging balls from the 15th green at an expanded Pheasant Run

Several upset residents attended Monday's planning commission meeting armed with letters from their builders, at least one of which alluded to a commitment from the township that the wooded view behind their home was protected wetlands on Stonebridge Way Court in Canton. Ten homes in Pheasant View at Pheasant Run subdivision off Beck Road south of Cherry Hill back up to a woods that the township may develop into the two holes of the Pheasant Run golf

Land for two additional holes (bring-ing the total to 27) will be deeded to the township as part of a proposal by Robertson Brothers to build 125 condominiums on an adjacent site.

The commission voted 5-2 to recommend approval for a 49-acre planned unit development district, provided residents are involved in the golf course planning process. An additional seven holes for Pheasant Run had already been approved as part of the Central Park residential project

Robert Wade and Karl Zarbo voted against the proposal.

The Canton Township Board of

Please see GOLF COURSE, A2

## Man kills self in New Year's overpass leap

BY SCOTT DANIEL

STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

A 19-year-old Inkster man jumped to his death from an I-275 overpass New Year's Day in Canton.

Arthur Lee Chavarria reportedly committed suicide by throwing himself from Warren Road on to the northbound lanes of the interstate at about 2:30 p.m., according to Michigan State Police. It was a drop of about 25 feet.

"He landed head first," said Trooper John Sosa of the Metro South Post. "He suffered a broken neck and a fractured skull.

State and Canton police responded to the scene. EMS transported Chavarria to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia where he was pronounced dead on

Sosa declined to speculate on why the teenager may have killed himself:

Please see SUICIDE, A2

#### **Holiday travelers**

Acanton couple spent the holidays in Hawaii
Aafter winning a sweepstakes sponsored by a softdrink company.

Jim and Rose Gail were winners of last summer's Faygo Ohana Hawaiian Sweepstakes. "We don't normally go anywhere during the Christmas holiday. We would like to thank Faygo for making this happen this year," Rose Gail said in a prepared

The free trip is actually the couple's fourth visit to

The sweepstakes drew 48,000 entries, a Faygo Beverages spokesman said.

#### Homeowners' guest

John Sullivan, newly-elected Democratic Wayne County Commissioner for the 11th District, will be the special guest speaker at the Canton Home-

## **CANTON CONNECTION**

owners Advisory Council meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 at the administration building

Anyone who is interested in hearing Sullivan's plans for the commission or who would like to ask questions or share ideas with Sullivan, is welcome to attend. The meeting, which is free and open to the general public, will be held in the lower level meeting room. For more information, contact Nancy Spencer, Homeowners Advisory Council president, at (734) 397-8975

#### Top performer

Canton's finance department has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in

Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada.

Tony Minghine, township finance director, was also cited by the organization.

#### Lockdown draws crowd

ome 250 youths attended the fourth All-Night Bowling Lockdown co-sponsored by the Canton Public Safety Department and Superbowl lanes.

Children age 9-15 paid \$15 each on Dec. 4 for a night of bowling, dancing, pizza, pop and other giveaways. The event drew participants from Canton, Westland, Livonia, Brighton and other communities, said Canton Police Officer Leonard Schemanske.

The next Lockdown is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 19. Call the Public Safety Department at 397-3000

## Golf course from page A1

Trustees has final approval.

Senior Planner Judy Bocklage
said after the developer looked

at carlier plans, they discovered there were constraints because of the Rouge River. Now they plan to add two of the nine new holes adjacent to Stonebridge

Residents speak out On Monday, residents said

they felt slighted by the change. When we moved in we signed contract that these were protected wetlands," said resident Bob Boucher, "I am opposed to a golf course, when I was buying I wanted a woods in my back yard not golf balls."

Bocklage explained, "Some of it may be wetlands, there may be two holes of expansion of the golf course; it may be a part of the wooded view."

"We paid an extra \$8,000 for a premium lot with a wooded view," Boucher said

One of the residents commented that between the letter and the vague plans they received in the mail the new proposal bordered on fraud.

Another resident, Tim Marsh. said he received a map of the new development in the mail

When we moved in we signed a contract that these were protected wetlands. I am opposed to a golf course, when I was buying I wanted a woods in my back yard not golf balls.'

and it was misleading. It looked a portion of the land to the townlike the woods were going to be ship for the golf course expanuntouched, he said. Then he started seeing surveyors and pink and blue tags marking trees and limbs cut down, he said. After he saw plans at the township offices, he said he could clearly see that the golf course was going to be in his

He then went door-to-door to his neighbor's homes so they could join in force at the township meeting.

Marsh said he would like to get an attorney on the case. "We all know we don't own the land, but if I knew it was going

here," added Marsh. Bocklage said, originally, a golf course was not anticipated at that site. Robertson Brothers will develop the parcel and deed

to be zoned for future develop-

that deeding of the land should be tabled until there were more concrete facts and so the developers could get the resident's The developers said there was

Bob Boucher a meeting held Dec. 21 for the -Pheasant View resident

Resident Gordon Jones suggested dog-legging the 15th hole to the right so it wouldn't be in

his back vard. Getting involved Commissioner Melissa

McLaughlin suggested getting a list of names of all the residents affected and getting them involved in planning the golf Attorney Bryan Amann, who

lives on Stonebridge Way, but is may be. not affected by the golf course reminded the committee that the hearing was to deed the land back to the township not to plan ment, I wouldn't have bought the golf course. Amann was at builders. I don't want prelimithe meeting to represent the nary infrastructure going into developers of Electropolitan. Commissioners Karl Zarbo

and Ron Lieberman suggested

## K of C free throw contest is Saturday

invited to participate in the local announced by the K of C Interlevel of competition for the national headquarters based on Knights of Columbus Free scores from the state level com-Throw Championship 9 a.m.

The free local competition will be held in the gym at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on

Warren Road in Canton. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, dis-

trict, and state competition.

All boys and girls 10 to 14 are International champions are Contestants compete in divi-

sions grouped by age. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact the Knights of Columbus or pick up a form at the Country Deli located at the corner of

Warren and Lilley roads.

suicide.

## Suicide from page A1

He said the case is still under

"We have (suicides) periodically," Sosa added. "They seem to

ommitted suicide a few days arrive, however. after Thanksgiving last year. Sumei Chen, 39, jumped in front of a train on Warren Road

old man shot himself to death,

Services for Cesar R. Figueras,

58, of Canton will be held Jan. 4

in St. Thomas a Becket Catholic

Charnley officiating. Burial will

be in St. Hedwig Catholic Ceme-

tery. Local arrangements were

made by McCabe Funeral Home

He was born Feb. 25, 1940, in

the Philippines. He died Dec. 27

Survivors include his wife,

Figueras Jr.; two daughters.

Jeanette Len, Odette Lorezca;

mother, Josefina Figueras; six

Services for Lennon W. Bun-

don, 85, of Canton were Dec. 23

Rudy Shankle officiating. Burial

He was born April 7, 1913, in

in the McCabe Funeral Home

Canton Chapel with the Rev.

was in Knollwood Cemetery,

New Tazwell, Tenn. He died

Dec. 20 in Ypsilanti. He was a

retired forklift driver for Ford

Survivors include his wife,

Elnora Bundon; three sons. Link

Bundon, Bill Bundon, Rick Bun-

don; seven daughters, Lenore

Walker, Georgianna Ford, Mary

Rose Hurst, Rena Dombrowski,

Nema Coffey, Jane Von Voigt-

grandchildren; 64 great-grand

Services for Elvin Lee Cook,

74. of Garden City were Dec. 28

in Agape Family Worship Cen-

B. Moore and the Rev. J. Earl

nton with the Rev. Mark

children; and 17 great-great

grandchildren

**ELVIN LEE COOK** 

lander, Dixie Kingsbury; 31

brothers; and three sisters.

LENNON W. BUNDON

Motor Co.

Nilda Figueras; one son, Cesar

in Annapolis Hospital. He was a

Canton Chapel.

doctor.

Church with the Rev. George

As for Chavarria, Sosa said be more prevalent during the witnesses saw him on the overholidays when depression sets pass on northbound I-275 "contemplating doing something." He A pair of Canton residents jumped before police could

ironically, at about the same

time that day in an unrelated

As many as five people may have seen the incident, Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske near Lotz on Nov. 29. A 50-year-

Moore officiating. Burial was in

arrangements were made by L.J.

He was born Feb. 12, 1924, in

Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

Christian, W. Va. He died Dec.

22 in Garden City Osteopathic

Hospital. He was a supervisor

for a manufacturing company.

the girls' varsity basketball

season with a 21-2 record.

During the last five years he was

coach at Agape Christian Acade

Survivors include his wife,

Betty; one daughter, Sandy

(Larry) Major; mother, Elsie

Cook; one sister, Emilene

HELEN LAURA WERTANEN

Matt and Allie.

my, Canton, finishing this year's

Cook; one brother, Jerry (Donna)

Watkins; and two grandchildren,

Services for Helen Laura Wer-

anen, 86, of Novi were Dec. 23

n Thayer-Rock Funeral Home,

Jonathan Bomgren officiating

Burial was in Bruce Crossing

Calumet. She died Dec. 21 in

Cemetery, Bruce Crossing, Mich.

Novi. She worked briefly for the

United States Post Office. She

School in Bruce Crossing. She

enjoyed going to Florida and the

upper peninsula to visit her fam-

She was preceded in death by

Wertanen of Novi; one daughter,

Elaine (Michael) Laitila of Can-

Memorials may be made to the

Cystic Pibrosis Foundation, 1133

E. Maple Road, Suite 201, Troy,

her husband, William. Sur-

ton; and five grandchildren.

vivors include her son, Edwin

graduated from Ewen High

She was born Nov, 21, 1912, in

Farmington with the Rev.

Knollwood Cemetery. Local

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### FRANCES URSIC

Services for Frances Ursic 102, of Canton were Dec. 23 in St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton

She was born Nov. 22, 1896, in Austria. She died Dec. 19 in Livonia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Ursic. Survivors include her daughter, Frances Quinn of Canton; nine grandchildren; and 13 greatgrandchildren.

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THOMAS R. WESTFALL Services for Thomas R. West-

fall 38 of Northville were Dec. 30 in First United Methodist Church-Northville with the Rev Dr. Douglas W. Vernon officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. Local arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home. Northville.

He was born Feb. 26, 1960, in Livonia. He died on Dec. 25 in Nerthville. He was a communications-radio technician. He was

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rovidence Home Care. Plymouth Observer %

> Funeral Home, Plymouth. She was born Jan. 23, 1922, in Madison, Wis. She died Dec. 25 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She also worked as a library secretary at East Middle School, retiring in 1975. She came to the Plymouth area in 1956. She was a very active member of First United

a member of First United Scout leader with the Girl Methodist Church in Northville, and assistant fire chief of Northville City Fire Departshe loved family.

He was preceded in death by one son. Survivors include his wife, Sherrie Ann (Atherton) Westfall; mother, Mrs. Luree Westfall of Northville; three sons, Thomas Jr., Anthony, Kyle; and one daughter, Brandie; two sisters, Glenda (Gary) Moon of Plymouth, Susan (Kevin) Kacsmark of Plymouth; one brother. Bradley (Carol) Westfall of Plymouth. Memorials may be made to

JEAN SCHULTHEISS Private services were held for Jean Schultheiss, 76, of Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell

Methodist Church in Plymouth.

She was formerly active as a Scouts. She earned an associate degree from Schoolcraft College. She was preceded in death by

residents of Stonebridge Way

and not many people showed up.

Lieberman added that the

eding of the land is important

McLaughlin and Commission-

er Catherine Johnson disagreed

with tabling the matter because

they said it would be unfair to

Gustafson added, "The only

absolute protection you have

from something like this hap-

pening is if you buy the lot adja-

cent to you. And, you should

always visit the municipality to

find out what the master plans

hold the recommendation.

change," Marsh said.

Marsh urged the commission

"I was promised in good faith

by the township, developers and

the golf course that we can't

Commission Chairman Vic

because it ties in with the plan-

ning of the golf course.

the developers.

her husband, Carl. Survivors include her two sons, Wade (Judy) Schultheiss of Franklin, Mark Schultheiss of Wading River, N.Y.; one daughter, Gail Luise (Walter) Scherer of Plymouth; sister-in-law, Luise Schultheiss Jordan of Eau Claire, Wis.; one sister, Joan (Ted) Dahlberg of Fort Meyers, Fla.; and nephews and nieces. NORMAN B. SCHECK

Services for Norman B. Scheck, 72, of Canton were Dec.

28 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home. Garden City with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. He was born Dec. 4, 1926, in Detroit. He died Dec. 21 in Canton. He was a meat store man-

ager at Byrd's Meats. Survivors include his wife Sharon; one son, Robert; four daughters, Marion Anderson Cynthia Flevaris, Barbara Booth, Linda; four stepchildren, Craig, Steve, Stacey, Delaine; and 10 grandchildren.

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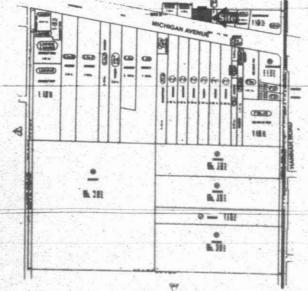
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MI 48083.

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MORRIS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 100 99 0001 000 FROM R-2. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-4, INTERCHANGE SERVICE. Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Hannan and Lotz Roads.



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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

area drivers called or e-mailed the Observer Monday to complain about snow-covered streets. "I'm not going to make it past

Roads from page A1

and thousands of residents were

rendered homebound Saturday,

Sunday and part of Monday

because of unplowed primary

"Some of the roads were basi-

cally impassable," Yack said. "It

was a tremendous inconvenience

Plymouth-Canton Schools

Superintendent Chuck Little

said that while the cold weather

was a factor in canceling classes

for a second straight day Tues-

day, much of the decision was

made because of poor road condi-

"I was out in the western part

of the county along Ridge, Gyde

and Warren roads, and they

hadn't been plowed yet," said

Little. "I was in a four-wheel

drive vehicle and it was difficult

Our buses might be able to make

it, but we have a lot of people

who drive to school and it would

be dangerous. I certainly don't

understand why many of the

Several Canton residents and

roads haven't been plowed."

Voicing concerns

to the community and its busi-

my driveway, and even if I do, when I get to Joy Road, it's a mess," said Wendy Frazier, who lives in the Holiday Park subdivision off Joy near I-275. "We pay enough in taxes to

have our roads cleared," she Brian Jatczak said main roads in Plymouth, Garden City and

said. Ann Arbor were all passable Yack agreed early Sunday morning. Wayne County Road Department spokesman John Roach receive the attention they need said the delay in clearing towned until Monday," he said.

ship roads was caused by several The supervisor said county service varied greatly from area The rate of snow fall, which was as heavy as 2 inches per Canton is one of eight commu hour at times, made it impossinities served by the county's ble for salt and plow trucks to Wayne Yard. The City of Ply-

keep their heads above water, he "We can keep up with 1 inch per hour," Roach said. "This storm was like nothing we've

seen in 25 years." In a storm such as last weekend's, which saw Canton receive

"There was a tangible difference on Sheldon Road north and south of Joy Road," said Yack. "There was a great disparity."
Angry phone calls from resi-

mouth and Plymouth Township,

which fall north of Joy Road, are

served by the Norton Yard in

Businesses from page A1 six vehicles in for repairs at any given time. But the snow

"We went an hour with no customers Saturday," he commented. "It was getting dangerous for to freeze. the employees so we sent them

Saturday and didn't reopen until

Monday.

Blayock said the snowstorm cost him about \$8,000 in lost

While restaurants were suffering. Warren-Sheldon Mobil Gas shop, however. owner Tim Chan said he received enough business Mon-

he said. "I've been on the phone continuously since early this Normally, the shop has five or

"A lot of cars are overheating Chan added. The Mobil station has a tow call (customers) when I can get truck. But most vehicles were to them.

brought in, Chan said. Canton-based Gardner Towing ing, car repair shops were boom- wasn't making deliveries to the Manager Paul Macy said his

fleet of seven tow trucks was snowy roads over the weekend.

"We're taking names and busy Saturday." phone numbers," he added.
"That's all we can do."

Top novels of the 20th Cen-

Here are some selections from the list that are available at the Canton Library:

Tender is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald Bonfire of the Vanities" by Thomas Wolfe

"Cat's Cradle" by Kurt Von-

January is National Hot Tea A: This practice began i

general revelry, to parade a babe January is National Eye cradled in a winnowing basket. This represented the annual Month? The month is designed rebirth of that god as the spirit to promote awareness of eye of fertility. In Egypt and Rome, health and the importance of similar birth ceremonies were Check out these new Web the 14th Century. Celebrated in years! folk songs and illustrations of @ the Canton Library is com-

> immigrants. The source for this informaof Everyday Things" by Charles 0999.

Here are some books on audio tape available at the Canton

The Offer" - Coulter ■ "The Bone Collector"

"Edsel" - Estleman ■ "Sweetwater" - Garlock

Hot topic of the week As we enter the last year of

When thinking over the events that have shaped our world over the last 100 years, you can't even begin to list them in such a

## Group seeks help getting supplies to 'Mitch' victims

newspaper account detailing hardships of Hur ricane Mitch victims, Sharon Hall of Canton sat nearly in tears thinking about the homeless children of the stormdevastated community.

I help the hungry,

shoeless, toyless

children of Hon-

Hall and anoth

er Canton resi

dent. Jan Legel

have taken up a

to donate to hurri-

cane victims. But

they need help to

complete their

The pair is look

ing for someone to

ping costs - to Honduras

need of basics like shoes.

ship the items - or donate ship-

The November hurricane left

6.500 dead, 1.5 million people

homeless and a damage bill of

more than \$4 billion to date. The

so Nicole went to her closet and

picked out shoes to donate

Nicole said she thought the chil-

dren may be injuring their feet

without shoes.

good deed.

ollection of items

He hopes a meeting with county officials can create a solution before the next big snowstorm. of two Girl Scout Weather forecasters are saying troops decided to that could come by Saturday. take action. She thought: "How can

"I don't know if they can modify their plan fast enough to produce results this weekend," Yack "Warmer weather would've said. "But at least they've been sensitized to our situation."

"They didn't realize that we're

**Emergency services** While residents and business-

I 'I was in a four-wheel drive vehicle and it was

difficult. Our buses might be able to make it, but

Roads that provide access to the dents to township officials were

freeways, such as Ford and made about those differences, he

Most of the county's 131 snow not responsible for snow removal

removal trucks were limited to or other aspects of road care,"

-Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent

Yack said.

we have a lot of people who drive to school and

it would be dangerous. I certainly don't under-

stand why many of the roads haven't been

Michigan Avenue in the town- added.

freeway work over the weekend,

Roach said. Normally, each

truck has a specific route that it

continually maintains during a

"It has been an incredibly diffi-

cult process," Roach said, noting

the rate and amount of snow.

plus the very low temperatures.

Primary county roads, which

Primary roads are third on the

made our job easier."

Setting priorities

Tuesday, Roach said.

county would've liked.

ship, are next.

es were snowbound because of include, among others, Lilley, the storm, township emergency Sheldon, Haggerty and Canton services ran smoothly Center from north to south Michigan, Cherry Hill and Ford Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said staffing was increased over from east to west, were expected the weekend because of the to be substantially cleared by storm. Emergency teams were

county's priority list, he added. operate equipment. Fire tankers were used to plow Roach acknowledged that through snowy roads. Rorabachremoval was slower than the er said with the tankers leading the way, no emergency vehicles "I'm sure there were areas

doubled from two to four to help

that could use improvement," he got stuck while making runs. For the three-day period of Friday, Saturday and Sunday the department made 62 runs, a "Michigan and Ford, which are jump of 37 percent from the near the top of their list, didn't same time last year. That

> and 22 for fires. Eleven of the EMS runs were for general illness, including two calls of chest pain. Rorabacher said none of the calls were snow-

included 40 for EMS services

related. Police service calls figures were unavailable by press time. Township Officer Leonard Schemanske said the department's five Jeeps were used for routine

patrols. Staff writers Tony Bruscato and Tedd Schneider contributed

FLOSSIE B. TONDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The mother of three and leader

> Good deed: Tonda Girl Scouts who collected toys, shoes and other items for victims of Hurricane Mitch (not all pictured) included Sarah Anthony, Sarah Mirsky, Brianna Jahn, Kristen Atwell, Rhianon Hall, Rachel Koelzer, Christina Davey, Lisa Foster, Nicole

> Legel, Katie Lebioda, Lindsey Pomazal, Nikki Mersch, Melissa Miller, Jessica Molnar, Katie Eldridge and Heather Quinlan. They were spurred to action by parents Sharon Hall and Jan Legel. When Hall was in the midst filled with items to donate.

of planning her own family's Thanksgiving meal, she said she thought, I am going to start a collection of shoes, baby supplies, toys and clothes. "My kids get happy meal toys

newspaper account said that all the time and they don't think many Honduran children are in anything about it; these kids would love a happy meal toy," Legel read the same front page article and agreed help was On Dec. 4, she wrote an announcement for the "Tonda She explained the situation to School Times" newsletter and her 9-year-old daughter, Nicole, put up collection boxes for shoes,

> the elementary school where her two daughters attend. By Dec. 18, she had collected

Then, she pulled out the original newspaper article and started calling the donation agencies listed that were collecting just three weeks prior. She was out of luck. They

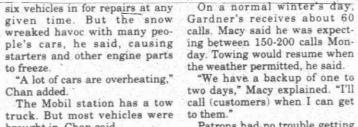
weren't sending any more supplies to the victims; they were on o different drives and causes. Hall was heart-broken, she wanted to help the children and

deadly storm. If you can help by donatingshipping or know somebody who baby items, clothes and toys in can get supplies to the Honduras storm victims, please call the

people that were stricken by the

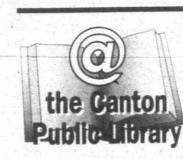
Canton Observer at (734) 459-11 garbage bags and two boxes 2700. .

## starters and other engine parts



Patrons had no trouble getting to Blockbuster Video at Ford and Lilley roads Saturday. Manager Pat Drohan said business was actually up that day

stuck in the garage unable to said of the storm. "With poor "We have 35 cars in the shop," . make it onto the township's weather, more people tend to come in. We were extremely



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## County, Northwest to re-examine snow removal plan

STAFF WRITER

Northwest Airlines and Wayne County officials will meet today to discuss last weekend's winter storm and the county's snow removal plans. Northwest was expected to be operating on a full schedule Wednesday (vesterday).

Airport Director David Katz said county officials will review the plans. "Let's examine it carefully. We're all accountable."

When asked why airlines at Chicago's O'Hare Airport resumed 100 percent of its operations earlier than Detroit, Andrea Newman, vice president of state and local affairs for Northwest Airlines responded: "People need to remember they got hit a day earlier than us. We'll get back, too.

"This is the storm of the decade for us."

Northwest and county officials spent the early part of this week defending their efforts in the aftermath of a weekend snowstorm that left many planes containing scores of holiday travelers sitting in planes on taxiways areas for planes near concourses said. for several hours Sunday.

And there was finger-point-

Northwest officials complained that the snow wasn't cleared by Wayne County in airport taxiways and near concourses, while county officials said the delays were due to Northwest's lack of help at the airport.

Robert Ball, Northwest vicepresident for customer service. was critical of snow removal, stating in one published report Northwest was going to take a "good, hard look" at the county's snow removal plan. "I don't know why the county couldn't

handle the snow." Runways apparently were

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"Our guys did a miraculous

job," Katz said. Wayne County

planned on the snow storm and

had 98 percent of the crews.

snow until 5:30 p.m. Monday.

reporting for work.

Jammed: The airport was still crowded Monday with passengers hoping to catch a flight. Many travelers were still stranded as of Monday morning when this picture was taken outside the Northwest terminal at Metro.

and taxiways were not.

"There's always problems with removing snow from the taxi- first day, half of Northwest's ways," said . "We had a couple of people couldn't get to work. A planes that were stuck to the number of them were baggage ground and problems with jetways freezing and breaking down. It was 30-below. You have

people have to work on." Katz and Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara believe the county did all it could to

clear the airport of snow. "It steams me to hear the criticism when we have a snow storm like this once every 25 bus to help unload passengers years, it happened of a weekend and a holiday and it came quick-

cleared at Metro, but parking should have done," McNamara coats. Northwest felt it was too "You have the (Northwest)

improve on.

president complaining when the

handlers. McNamara believed Northwest could do a better job of freezing temperatures and ice alerting their help of the impending snowstorm and delaying or cancelling flights when they have a shortage of employees to accommodate the

> McNamara said airport officials could have dispatched a

"Many passengers waiting in

ly, and we did all the things we planes were elderly and had no

"Contrast that with Northst, where they had half of their people show up," Katz said. Katz also challenged a claim that crews didn't start clearing

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L. dangerous with the cold weather and slippery conditions. It probably was not a wise decision.' Newman called the runway delays "unacceptable." "You try to figure out what you can do better," Newman said "There's always things you can Katz said county crews and contractors were responsible for clearing 500 acres of cement or 2 million square feet. It takes crews 24 hours to remove 4 inch-

gate at 4 p.m. Sunday. "Northwest had 37 gates in our opinion

that were usable. At that same

time, Northwest was only push-

ing six or eight planes an hour."

They busted their humps with a

Herculean effort every minute of

the day. It pains me to see that

kind of criticism." Two years ago

Wayne County won a national

award from an airline associa-

tion for snow and ice removal.

"That same plan now is no

Crews also alternate which

concourses will be cleaned,

depending on the day of the

week. That plan is agreed to by

the airlines. But a private con-

tractor did not clear the North-

west concourse areas until Mon-

Crews also must be "environ-

mentally-friendly" while clear-

ing snow. With the airlines

good?" Katz asked.

"We had 12 inches of snow.



Weary: This is how many travelers slept throughout the weekend and Monday at Metro Airport.

using glycol to de-ice planes,

middle of the airfield, then

scooped onto a truck and dis

It was clear that passengers

With many flights canceled or

delayed, thousands of passen-

gers spent Saturday and Sunday

night at the airport, hoping for

flights out of town. With Detroit

acting as Northwest's hub, trav-

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"If you shut down a hub, you

tive routes. When Metro was hit

with flooding last year, passen-

gers were re-routed to Memphis

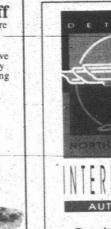
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## High court rules

## Unions win in court employee case

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

The Legislature unconstitutionally stepped on the judiciary's toes when it shuffled members of tw unions from Wayne Circuit Court control to county government control, the state upreme Court ruled.

"The power of each branch of government within its separate sphere necessarily includes managerial administrative authority to carry out its operations," Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. wrote in a 6-1 deci-

"But this time, all three hubs experienced weather problems. Winners were 27 members of That ability to do that (re-routthe Judicial Attorneys Association, who work for the Wavne Friend of the Court and as research attorneys, and 180 members of the Government

> Wayne Circuit judges. Losers were Gov. John Engler and retiring Attorney General Frank Kelley. They were blocked from implementing part of the Legislature's 1996 Public Act 374 combining Wayne Circuit and Detroit Recorder's courts.

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court the employer. The Mallett, in what was one of his Kelly. Supreme Court declared that last opinions before resigning, Dis section unconstitutional but left the rest of PA 374 intact.

Court visitors and users would have seen little difference - at first - if the change had taken place. "But over the long term, purposes of salary negotiations. operation of the courts would have been adversely affected. said Mark Heinen, the Detroit attorney for one of the unions.

Mallett agreed, noting that employment issues concerning all the state's 241 trial courts were in an increasingly unstable

The section making county government the employer would have given it "authority to establish policies and procedure relating to compensation, fringe benefits, pensions, holidays and

That section would have left the chief judge with authority over "work schedules, discipline grievances, personnel records, probation, hiring and termination practices."

The high court's ruling panel which called the act "a units usurpation" of court authority that is "a dangerous incursion by Justices Michael Cavanagh, Sec. 593 of that act made county into the judicial realm" by the Patricia Boyle, James Brickley,

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dents for the 1999-2000 academ- (734) 432-5663. The majority of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, however, there

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case in which the Supreme Court "relied on the inherent powers of the judiciary in holding that the circuit court was the employer of court personnel for

And Mallett quoted founding father Alexander Hamilton in Federalist No. 51 when he argued that security for the balance of powers "consists in giving to those who administer each department (branch) the necessary constitutional means and personal motives to resist encroachments of the others."

But Mallett warned judges against becoming too headstrong. He noted that many county officials had complained o legislators that judges had "thwarted the counties" and "frustrated relations with the and the chief judge retains funding units' own employees, to the detriment of the public.

"conneration communication and accommodation between affirmed a Court of Appeals trial courts and their funding set of circumstances" under Mallett's opinion was signed

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Mallett counseled a course of

the awards stipulate that the are some exceptions as well as

Dissenting was Justice Clif cited a 1975 Livingston County ford Taylor, who said he wasn't convinced the 1996 act violated the separation of powers doctrine. Rather, the act created a 'co-employment relationship" between local units and the

> Taylor, who frequently derides idge-made law," said "legislaive enactments enjoy a presumption of constitutionality. He cited U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall, who said in 1803 that "legislators, having taken the same oath as we take, surely are as committed to fidelity to the constitution as we (judges) are.'

Taylor said the act carefully lelineated the duties of the chie judge and the county: "(T)he employer (county) retains authority with respect to listed fiscally related subject matters. authority over all other person

But Mallett and the majority found the grant of power to the county so broad that there is "ne which the act "does not violate 'the separation of powers doc-

> problem facing road crews. was the sheer amount of snow that fell over about a 24-hour period on Saturday and early Sunday. Winds

## County road crews battle winter storm

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

Saturday's winter storm that dumped up to a foot of snow will be known as the storm that county road crews just could not clear.

Even on Monday, several roads, particularly portions of Inkster and Middlebelt roads, remained covered with snow and difficult for motorists to drive. John Roach, public infor-

mation manager for the Wayne County Department of Public Services, said the county's roads division sent 131 trucks to plow and salt county primary roads, state highways and freeways and township residential

Wayne County road crews normally assigned to main primary - or "mile" roads were dispatched to freeways and state highways to clear those first Roach said. "We had to pull them off of the primary

roads," he said. Roach said the biggest blew between 20 and 30

"Moving that much snow, it is hard to find a place to put it," Roach said. "Moving it from the center lane is one thing, but that is a whole lot different when it is blowing on the road.

"We had reports from some of our drivers that they would plow a road, then when they came back, the whole road would be covered again." Road salt also loses its

effectiveness once the temperature dips below 20 legrees, Roach said. The weekend temperatures ranged between sub-zero and 20-degree tempera-

On Monday, county road crews were working to continue to clear surface

"It will take a lot more work," Roach said. "Some are still in rough shape."

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Snow job

## County, Canton need to talk

anton's dependence on Wayne County
for road maintenance has once again risen up to bite township residents and officials on the butt. This time, the culprit isn't traffic or construction barricades - but snow.

It's understandable when more than a foot of white stuff comes down in a matter of hours, as it did in Saturday's storm, that commuting will be brought to a halt. But it's inexcusable when main roads have seen nary a snowplow by late Monday morning, some 48 hours after the snow began. We're talking about Sheldon, Joy, Warren and other arteries used by thousands of people to get to work and to carry out other necessary business. Even Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, which provide Canton's only direct access to the I-275 freeway, were snow-covered and dangerous.

Canton residents long ago learned how futile the wait for county plowing crews can be. Streets in many subdivisions are cleared by private contractors, with residents footing

But the township has a right to expect its major roads will get prompt attention. And that's the plan, according to John Roach, Wayne County Road Department spokesman. But Roach said a combination of unusual circumstances led to a slower-than-hoped-for response in Canton. He cited blizzard conditions and the fact that county road crews were tied up for longer than normal clearing freeways, which are the first priority. Still, we noticed that major east-west roads in adjacent communities, including Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Livonia, were all plowed by county crews before the Monday morning

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack called the county's response to the storm unacceptable and said it created "a tremendous inconvenience" to the community. We agree. But we also believe the supervisor should more forcefully - and positively - exercise his role as a leader in what is the fastest growing community in the county in pressing for a solution to the area's road woes.

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paign. Judging by this week's inaction, that was apparently more political posturing than real communication between elected officials.

Meanwhile, the helpless, finger-pointing attitude expressed by Canton officials has seeped through at township hall, turning a difficult situation into a public relations disaster. Disgruntled callers to the Observer this week expressed anger and frustration not only from the snow, but from the cold shoulder they get when they call their local government. "They just told me to call Ed McNamara's office," said Wendy Frazier, who lives in the Holiday Park subdivision off Joy Road.

Yack says Canton employees do their best to inform residents. Only when they are deluged by calls, do they refer people to the county, he says. But residents rightly turn to local plaints. After all, Canton residents pay their property taxes to the treasurer's office at 1150

S. Canton Center Road. Hopefully, the situation will improve when county and Canton officials - along with leaders from several other communities - break bread together and discuss snow removal procedures in the next few days. The county can and should do a better job of making its priorities fair and equitable. And Canton officials might get some answers to their questions. That way, when residents call seeking help, they'll come away with some useful informa-

What do you say, Mr. Yack? Mr. Roach? What do you say, Mr. McNamara?

## College is everybody's business

Business people often distributions But if they want the benefits, they should rise above tradition and send a letter to Doug Rothwell on behalf of Schoolcraft munity College's bid.

Schoolcraft is seeking \$6 million in state money to build an Information Technology Center on its Livonia campus.

The money would come from the state Jobs Commission as part of Gov. John Engler's recently-passed program to boost technical education through scholarships and training

The Engler administration got \$50 million from the Legislature for its job training initia-

First, \$20 million will go for 10,000 community college scholarships

Second, \$30 million will go for "at least five new technical training centers, providing the necessary infrastructure and equipment needed to support technical training programs," according to the governor's budget message.

One of the five centers, by law, will go to Focus:HOPE in Detroit. The other four will go to the most impressive bidders.

These are for what the governor calls "gold collar jobs" - those requiring high skills but not a four-year bachelor's degree. These aren't hamburger-flipping jobs.

The University of Michigan economic forecast for the next two years showed that the best way to keep out of the unemployment line is to earn at least an associate's degree

from a community college. Political pressure and newspaper editorials won't impress Rothwell a lot. He is more likely to be impressed by letters from business

people. Schoolcraft has some pretty tough competition for the grants from neighboring Oakland County Community College, Henry Ford Community College and Macomb County Community College.

Macomb Community College is doing a big

usiness blitz of letter writing to the Jobs

Schoolcraft is asking for \$6 million to build a 32,000-square-foot technology center on to the Waterman Campus Center.

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to the economic health of the region. The Michigan Jobs Commission visited

Schoolcraft in October. During the visit, Schoolcraft officials received some positive feedback from Michigan Jobs Commission officials, who dubbed the plan a "strong proposal." Since then however the jobs commission has visited other sites and the competition is formidable. A decision is expected by mid-January so letters need to go out soon.

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Schussing down Sheldon Road

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1999



Slow going: Drivers ride the ruts late Monday morning on Sheldon Road, looking south towards Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Major thoroughfares in Canton were unplowed more than 48 hours after snow began falling Saturday.

#### **LETTERS**

#### Incident a private matter

have been a resident of Canton for over 22 years. During that time, I've read many articles in the Observer, and whether I agreed or disagreed with them, I only responded to one such article over these many years. After reading the article and letters to the

editor regarding an administrator's handling of a situation with a student who had cigarettes at school, again, my first inclination was to ignore it. However, the more I thought about it, I was distressed that your article and the letters to the editor appeared to be written without knowing all the facts. I'm amazed that the letters to the editor were written by people who only had your article on which to base their opinion. I feel your method of reporting was egregious to say the least, and would rival the best of the National Enquirer.

If a parent chooses to divulge personal information to the press, that is his or her pre rogative. However, I, for one, applaud the administrator's decision to keep this matter private and resist the temptation to make any statement to the press, thereby upholding the practice of confidentiality for the student and family. I think if most parents were to experience this same circumstance, they would also appreciate having their private business kept "private."

I'm sure it would be very tempting to respond to such articles, but instead, administrators "bite the bullet" and reserve comment, because they obviously hold the confidentiality of those involved above their need to justif their decisions in the press.

Sonia S. Culver

#### A vow of civility anuary 1999 marks an all time low for

life at this very early stage.

implantation of a fertilized egg."

The last part of that sentence is misleading

and needs to be corrected. When we speak of

an action that effects changes to the lining of

the uterus that could prevent implantation of

a fertilized egg, this is no longer a contracep-

tive but an abortifacient. In other words, this

Unfortunately, because of misleading infor-

mation like this, many people, I am sure, are

not even aware of this possibility of destroying

allowed to develop to the point of delivery.

American politics at the federal, state and local levels. Blind partisanship, vitriolic personal attacks and blatant power plays have replaced civility, cooperation, a focus on important issues and a commitment to public It is any wonder so many Americans are

Show blends into the evening newscast and it is difficult to tell where one ends and the other Why not, as step one challenge our elected

officials to take a vow of civility?

disgusted by politics? The Jerry Springer

Heaven forbid that we should ask them to rcise their own judgment. This would require stepping outside of the comfort zone provided bu the IOU system of party politics.

If we want better government, step two requires us to hold the violators responsible at the ballot box. It would be nice to find a few more good shepherds. We have plenty of

> Mike Gerou Plymouth

Barb Schmid

Canton

#### Contraception or abortion?

& Fitness section of the Sunday Observer of Nov. 29. The first title line states: "contraceptive prevents unintended pregnancies."

The article is about "Preven Emergency Contraceptive Kit." The following statement was made: "It is believed the special dose of progestin and estrogen found in PREVEN prevents/delays ovulation or effects changes to the lining of the uterus that could prevent

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Resolutions for 1999 include being a better person

he subject of many discussions these days: New Year's resolutions. Losing weight and quitting smoking, if I read and hear cor-

rectly, are the two biggies. I don't smoke and at 39 am unlikely to start. I've seen loved ones struggle with quitting, however, and would implore younger people not to take up tobacco. I know some people depend on its growth and sale for their livelihood, but surely we could find them better things to do. Weight loss isn't a major concern,

but I do have a fierce sweet tooth. My regular walking sessions at Laurel Park Place in Livonia will help to keep the pounds off. I look forward to

seeing Plymouth Township neighbor Jack Morrison there; he's a regular on our warm-weather walks in the Lake Pointe neighborhood, too.

One resolution this year is to keep in touch with friends more regularly. Some live as far away as England, making phone calls and visits expensive. Letter writing, I'm afraid, is becoming a lost art, but I'll do my bit to keep it alive. Of course, we have friends as close as Plymouth Township, even within walking distance of our home, and I hope to see lots of

Spending time with family counts for a lot as well. My husband and I finally got to see his sister and her



**POINTS OF VIEW** 

family, north of Kalamazoo, this past year. One of these days, we'll make it out to Los Angeles to see my older brother and then south to San Diego to see my childhood friend, Deborah

I'll turn 40 this year, as will several friends and colleagues. Some have their birthdays before mine in May, and I vow not to tease them too much as I know my turn will come. Both Debbie and the male half of our English friendship, Trevor King, turn 40 in February. Colleague Dave Varga, Livonia Observer editor, and I have our 40th birthdays within days of

Turning 40, even though I've never won the Pulitzer Prize, doesn't really bother me. It's a good age, I think, and sounds younger all the time. The Pulitzer may not come, but I have so many fine colleagues whose friend-

I vow in the new year to talk less and listen more, to think more before speak. Gossip can be hard to resist, but it's important to try. Sometimes, it can be cruel and heartless. I'll go to church, just as before, but try to acorporate more of what I learn into everyday life.

What about you? Any New Year's

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brainchild, are generally doing worse

of all propaganda techniques, the

"bandwagon." Everybody's for it.

Wow, a niece of Martin Luther King

Jr is for it. Baptist clergymen are for

it. (Note well, Bill Schuette.) A bunch

of congressmen are for it. And so on.

straight question: Do you favor state

schools? A little bit of aid here, a bit

there, a tax break here, and pretty

soon you have turned the will of state

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aid to nonpublic and religious

The religious right never will ask a

Glenn then descends to the corniest

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## State aid to private schools involves propaganda use

hey didn't wait until New Year's | the poverty level. Day to start the Great Propaganda War for state aid to private schools. On Nov. 12, state Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, sponsored bill and a proposed constitutional amendment, even though there was no chance of passage in 1998. Both are sure to be reintroduced in 1999.

His constitutional amendment would modify the prohibition against any state money or property being used for private, denominational or other nonpublic schools. It says:

"The Legislature may provide for an educational voucher system to support the attendance of low-income school-age children who reside in cities with a population of at least 750,000 at nonpublic schools that are not affiliated with any religious g or organization."

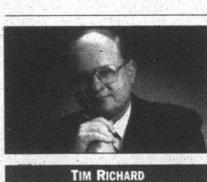
Schuette, formerly a conservative but now part of the religious right, says his program is aimed at "lowincome families in the City of Detroit." The bill portion aims the money at families at 150 percent of

Fascinating. He would target aid to Detroit, and in the constitution, yet. What about Pontiac, Benton Harbor. Flint, Inkster and Royal Oak Township? What about his own district's Lake County, one of the poorest in the

There's no way in the world the Legislature would pass Schuette's proposal without amending it to let other areas dip in their fingers. With experience in both the Legislature and Congress, Schuette should know

Retired state Rep. Maxine Berman of Southfield warned us a couple of years ago that this was coming. First, she said, they start with a private scholarship fund. Next, they offer a Ultimately, they want to break down all the walls to allow private schools to dip into taxpayer money.

Meanwhile, the Mackinac Center's new monster, School Choice Yes, is opening up its propaganda drive Even the title - "School Choice" - is



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false. Its goal is public money, not The idea is to give "tax credits" to people who send their kids to private schools. "No government money is

involved," says Gary Glenn, presi-

Oh, yes, there is. The gimmick is known as a "tax expenditure." The state treasurer doesn't write a check, but money that would fairly become state revenue is yielded up for a prirate purpose

Do you still favor public money for public schools? Then you are a reactionary who "stands in the schoolhouse door" to block poor kids, says School Choice Yes. Glenn equates you with segregationists Orval Faubus and George C. Wallace. It's a propaganda technique known as name-call-

"failing schools." They forget that

charter schools, Mackinac Center's

schools" or "monopoly schools" or events. His Touch-Tone voice mail

#### Ask any kid who has studied propaganda techniques in high school Even "public schools" is a dirty Tim Richard reports on the local term to Glenn's crowd. They're gener ally referred to as "government . implications of state and regional

## Brief confession, peer pressure telling a tale for our times

y mother used to wear underpants on her head whenever she made her special bread or sausage for the holidays. OK. I revealed our family's deepest, darkest secret. Let the new year begin,

Guess what? I used to wear underpants on my head, too.

I don't know why I decided to confess. Maybe like Bob Livingston, the recently resigned speaker-elect of the House of Representatives, I felt it was just a matter of time before my past caught up with me.

Before I go any further, let me say the practice of wearing a pair of CLEAN white Carter's underpants (usually mine) on our heads during bread-baking and sausage-making had nothing to do with culinary perversion.

My mother simply did not trust a leaky hair net to keep her brown follicles or my blonde follicles from contaminating her sweet-tasting bread or marjoram-spiced kielbasa. And like any good little Polish-French girl who loved to help out in the kitchen. I obeyed my mother.

The "underpants" scenario unfolded something like this: - Eight-year-old me: "Mom, can I help mix the"

dough (or sausage)?" Mom: "Sure, honey, go put a pair of pants on your head."

Ten-year-old me: "Mom, why do we have to wear MY pants? Can't we wear a pair of Louie's?" (my brother, who never helped out in kitchen, as if he was expected to!). Mom: "Yours fit. His don't. Go put a pair of

pants on your head." Twelve-year-old me: "Mom, I feel stupid. I'm not ...'

Mom: "Go put a pair of pants on your head." By age 13, I was beginning to suspect few other mother-daughter kitchen combos wore underpants on their heads. However, the phrase "dysfunctional family" had yet to become a buzz word. My suspicions were soon confirmed.

It was just days before Christmas during my freshman year at Ladywood High School. My mother and I, heads encapsulated in underpants, were busy grinding up pork butts for an anticipated two dozen rings of kielbasa when the doorbell rang. "I'll get it, mom," I said in a moment of crazed

forgetfulness. Standing on the porch was my cute classmate and friend, Laura Marson, her perky brown curls blowing free in the wind. The look on her face and her gargantuan pointing finger will



#### RENEE SKOGLUND

remain with me until death "Oh my God, you have underpants on your head!" she howled. "How funny. You do know you have underpants on your head, don't you?" More howling. "Why are you wearing ...?

I slammed the door and stomped back into the kitchen, underpants clenched in my hand. "That's it, mom. Laura saw me with ... with .. with THESE on my head!" I thrust the pants at my mother in an indictment. "I'm never wearing

these dumb things again." If I remember correctly, my mother calmly kept on grinding out the sausage. "Tell Laura her mother puts a clove of garlic under each wing of her turkey before she roasts it."

Laura's family was Italian, and this was my mother's cruelest barb. The line in the sand (flour?) had been drawn: I could either wear pants on my head and continue to help my mother make bread and sausage or I could cave in to peer pressure.

My mother went solo in the kitchen for a few years and eventually replaced the underpants with surgical caps (compliments of my father's gall bladder surgery). Once, when my 24-yearold daughter, Sarah, was 5, her grandmother crowned her with a pair of Carter's during a joint cooking-baking session. Sarah quickly

Decades later. I have taken over the duty of making sweetbread and kielbasa for all the holidays. I don't wear pants on my head. But you know, my bread and sausage don't taste quite like my mom's.

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Do you think it was the underpants?

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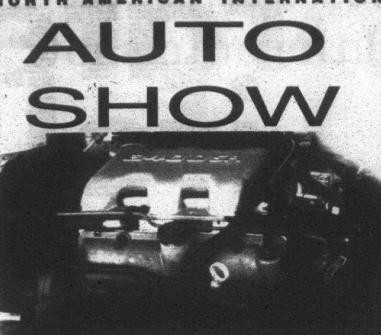
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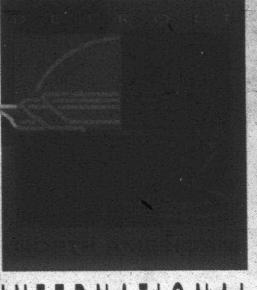


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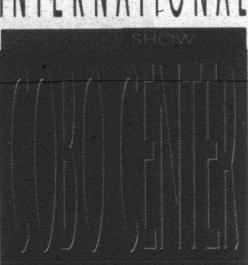
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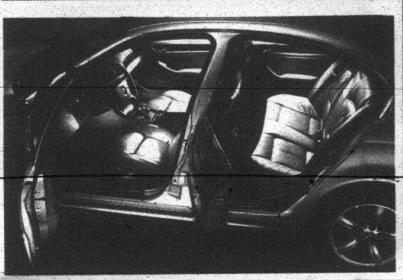


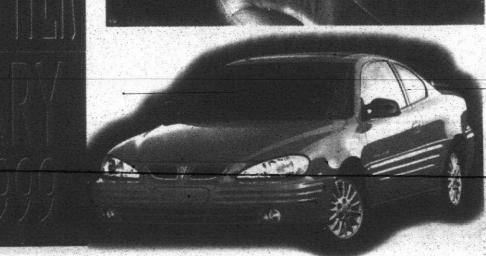


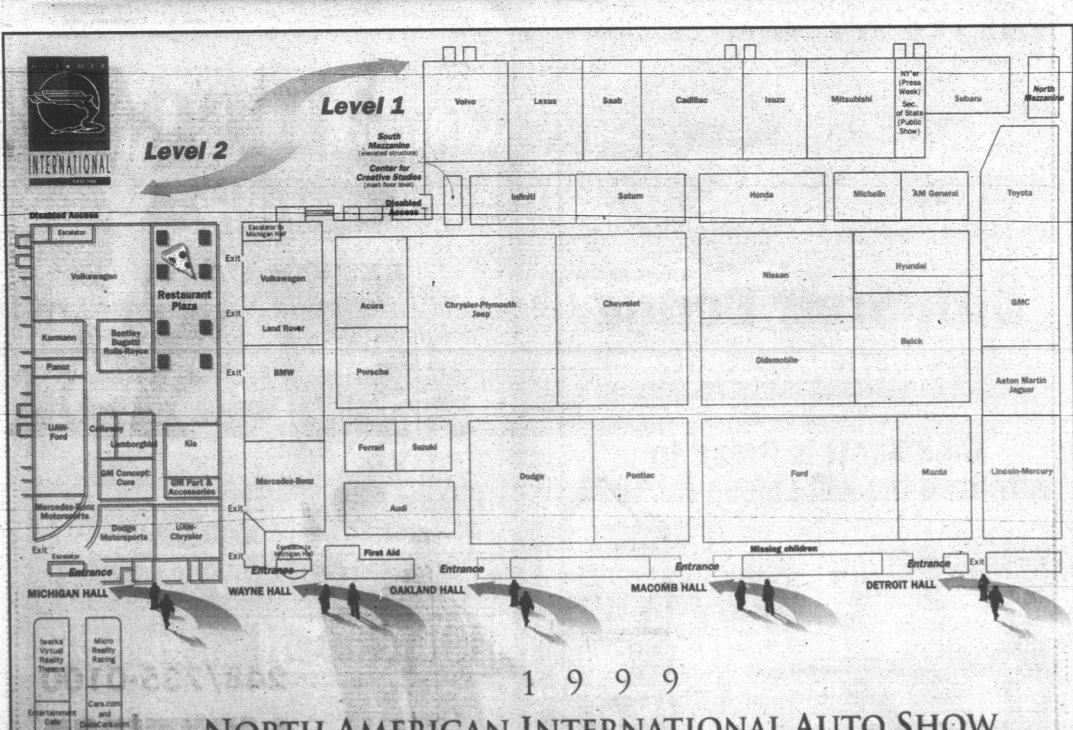












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The displays are almost as fun to look at as the cars at the auto show, including this one by Ford, which totals about 101,000 square feet and includes a bridge, visible in the right part of this

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## Want to be impressed? Attend the auto show

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Like the producers of the old James Bond movies, the officials of the Detroit Automobile Dealers Association try to outdo themselves with

The Ford Motor Co. contributed a lot toward that goal this year by commissioning the construction of the biggest-ever exhibit for the nameplates under its aegis: Ford, Mazda, Lincoln, Mercury, Jaguar and

Aston Martin. Livonia-based Exhibit Works is finishing the Ford (et al.) exhibit this week. Exhibit Works owner Dominic Silvio, a Northville resident, watched his employees swarm over the exhibit Monday as they struggled to recover from the setback of a weekend power outage at Cobo Center. Silvio reported that he and David

Dekker, vice president of

design, plus many other

Exhibit Works employees had been up all night working. Auto show visitors should be careful coming down the steps in the Lincoln exhibit as this reporter almost fell as the hard-to-see steps took him by surprise. Handicapped visitors will have some difficulty around the Ford exhibit and others as well. Many of the automakers' exhibits feature steps, and wheelchair-bound visitors may have difficulty

getting as close to everything as others can.

Ready, set, go

The manufacturers seem to be in competition to have the flashiest display, and some succeed better than others. But, of course, it's a subjective business. For the most part, the exhibits seek to convey an ultra-modern, futuristic feeling.

Subaru appears to be the only exception. The Japanese automaker has created a bucolic setting complete with real trees and tape recorded birds and frogs. Lisa ("It's not a stage name") Ferarri of Birmingham is one of Subaru's tour guides at the

show. She likes the outdoor atmosphere of the exhibit. "I feel like I'm in my environment," she said. "I'm a mountain type of girl."

Some of the manufacturers have created extracurricular attractions to keep visitors interested. The Dodge section downstairs features an array of race cars, including one of Richard Petty's ld cars, and a figure-eight slot car track.

haven't gotten away from the

use of attractive women to

greet visitors and explain the

products. Their attire tends to

match the message each man-

ufacturer seeks to convey. In

an appeal to younger buyers,

Toyota has dressed models

and actresses from Birming-

ham-based Productions Plus

in mini-skirts, go-go boots and

tight-fitting tops. Subaru's.

spokeswomen look like they're

up for a hike in the woods,

while the young women repre-

senting Ford and Kharmann

are tastefully attired in busi-

ness suits or a reasonable fac-

The majority of these

women have been hired

specifically to work the auto

Volkswagen has a similar, albeit smaller, track and will run three miniature radio-controlled Beetles around it.

Other manufacturers, like Subaru and Volvo, have cafes where visitors can rest a spell and have; a cup of coffee. Many have opted to include video. presentations in their displays. Cadillac has created a huge, segmented, eccentrically-shaped screen with a sound system to rival a modern movie the-

#### Attire will vary Open all day However, manufacturers.

The 1999 North American International Auto Show is open to the public 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, through unday, Jan. 17, and 10 a.m. to p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Cobo Center in Detroit.

No one will be admitted after p.m. (or 6 p.m. on the last Tickets are free for people

age 12 and under (when accompanied by parent or guardian), \$9 for people age 13-64 and \$4 for people age 65 and up. Tickets can be purchased at

the door or through the show's Web site: www.naias.com

show. Livonia resident Lisa Shkreli said she was hired by, Ford for two weeks of work as a "narrator/model," as her name tag identifies her. Shkreli's father, Larry, is the owner of Larry's Kitchen of Redford on Eight Mile between Inkster and Beech Daly. Shkreli works there as a waitress when she's not

simile thereof.

Local women

Other local women working the show are Amy Meeker of Beverly Hills and Aaron Frazier of Taylor, both wearing the Toyota mini-skirt.

Kathi Colli of Rochester Hills will pitch products at the Kharmann exhibit, where she wears a gray

#### ductions are planned for this year's North American International Auto Show, including the 2000 Jaguar S-Type, the 2000 Mercedes-Benz S-Class and the 2000 Audi TT at the At the opposite end, small cars with a more global flavor are being unveiled, including the 2000 Dodge and Plymouth Neon, Ford Focus, Toyota Echo and three new Volkswagens, All-American entries include Chevrolet's reborn Impala and Buick's As has been the case the past few years, a number of sport utility vehicles will be unveiled for the first time in

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Oh mamal The Audi TT is powered by a 180-horsepower, 1.8-liter, turbocharged, five-valve engine coupled with a five-speed manual transmission. A Quattro coupe will go Buick seeks to improve on the popular six-passenger on sale in late summer.

> The two-seat Audi TT coupe, first shown as a concept car in 1995, is powered by a 180-horsepower, 1.8-liter, turbocharged, five-valve engine coupled with a five-speed manual transmission. A Quattro coupe will go on sale in late summer.

The focus is currently available in Europe in be powered by GM's venerable 3.8-liter V6 and conthree-door, four-door, five-door and station wagon versions with a wide range of multivalve engines. Focus comes with a fully-independent rear suspension system and sports a stiff, lightweight body to improve fuel economy. Its relatively long wheelwheel drive passenger car it calls a "sport-activity" vehicle. The X5 will be built at BMW's plant in base and high roofline provide a spacious interior. Spartanburg, S.C., which also builds the Z3 road-

#### Jaguar S-type

Jaguar's new S-type luxury sports coupe will go on sale this spring as a 2000 model S-type buyers may chose between two available

Although Chevy is reviving the Impala name powertrains: the new 3-liter AJ-V6 (240 horsepower) and the 4-liter AJ-V8 (281 horsepower). Both decessors, this is one new car with an old name engines have aluminum cylinder blocks and heads that doesn't look much like its older self. Once you and are paired with a new five-speed automatic get past the round tail lights and chrome centerpar in the grille, there's not much here to bring the

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## Livonia company creates mammoth Ford exhibit

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER rechtingw@oe.homecomm

Livonia-based Exhibit Works has created a new 101,000-square-foot display for Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Jaguar and Aston Martin products that debuts this weekend at the North American International Auto Show.

The exhibit contains 200 tons of structural steel,

eight semi-truck loads of plywood, 3,000 square feet of brushed and stainless steel, 2,800 square feet of rusted metal (for the flooring in the truck section), tiered maple seating for 350 people, 2,000 square feet of mountain green river and gray honed slate, 6,000 square feet of European beech, 6,000 square feet of tinted green glass and 1,170 square feet of glass flooring. The two-stery exhibit features a bridge the size

of a football field, a 90-foot diameter theater, an Internet area and two elevators.

It's not only the biggest car exhibit Exhibit Works has ever built but the biggest exhibit ever to be built for the Detroit auto

The exhibit is meant to have a lifespan of at least four years, said Dave Dekker, vice president of design. "This exhibit will do four cities a year for at least four

Exhibit Works employed more than 200 finish carpenters on the project. "Our carpenters are the cream of the crop," Dekker said. By all means give them the credit." Part of the exhibit was built at the Cobo Convention Center where the auto show will be held And part of it was built in the company's headquarters on Merriman Road south of I-96.

Building exhibits is a tricky ousiness because a company only builds one example of each prod uct. "It really is prototype work," Dekker said. "You hardly ever ouild the same exhibit twice.

Therefore, the need to get it right the first time (or at least the second time) is tremendously important if a company like Exhibit Works expects to stay in

The Ford exhibit was built on computer screens at first, but problems in the construction process inevitably crop up and must be dealt with. "As of today," Dekker said in the

middle of December, "we've got a

Even the crates that the display will be shipped in are specially designed. "The crates are as much an art and science as the exhibits are," Dekker said. Unlike most crates, Exhibit Works crates are meant to be packed and unpacked many times. They're each designed to hold a particular piece of the display and often cost \$300-\$400 each.

When Exhibit Works has to get an auto show display ready for the North American International Auto Show, unionized carpenters get plenty of overtime, and engineers work 12 hours a day, seven days a week for three months.

"In this business there isn't much of a Christmas holiday, Dekker said. "You just plain work the hours that are necessary over the Christmas holidays to get it

Neither Ford or Exhibit Works would say what the exhibit costs, but Dekker said it's only a small part of the automaker's advertis ing budget. Yet the Ford account is about 30 percent of Exhibit Works'

Auto show visitors will likely see the same exhibit at the 2000 Detroit auto show, but not necessarily after that, Dekker said.

Sometimes (a display) gets to be inappropriate, or obsolete because the marketing changes." In that case, the automaker hires Exhibit Works to build yet

another one.

## Show has long history

Celebrating its 11th year as an international event, the North American International Auto Show is owned and operated by the Detroit Auto Dealers Associ-

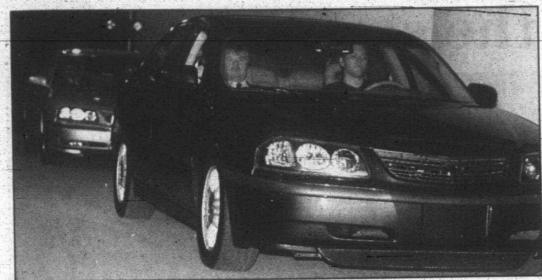
The first DADA-sponsored show, called the Detroit Auto Show, was held at Beller's Beer Garden (located near the Belle Isle Bridge) in 1907. At that first show, there were 17 exhibitors displaying 33 vehicles.

As the years passed, the show became increasingly popular as the demand and interest for In 1965, the show moved to its

present location at Cobo Center which offers one of the largest single-floor showrooms in the In 1989 the show was renamed

the North American Internation al Auto Show

The 1999 NAIAS is the 83rd show in Detroit, making it the longest running auto show in the



Encore: Chevrolet will reintroduce the Impala as a 2000 model this year.

sures have kept the car's weight

This lightweight two-seater is

powered by a 2-liter, four-cylin-

engineers in 40 years of racing

The trend in small-car design

nowadays is to incorporate more

luxury features, and the Focus is

automaker hopes the Escort's

replacement will appeal to single

people under 35, young couples

Already available in Europe,

where it won the car of the year

award for that continent, the

Focus goes on sale here in the

fall. Three body styles are avail-

able: three-door hatchback, four-

Focus has a fully-independent

rear suspension system and a

high roofline to provide more

are a standard 2-liter four-

banger and the more-powerful

"Zetec" version of the same

engine. Manual and automatic

The new Neon incorporates

many standard features not tra-

ditionally found on small cars,

ers" even), Big Gulp size cup

holders, split rear folding seats

intermittent wipers with mist

Optional equipment includes

four-wheel disc, anti-lock brakes,

tilt steering, cruise control

power windows and air condi

tioning. "We're out of the base

ning executive Walt Battle in a

press release. "We've made many

traditional options standard

because the compact customer

The Neon is built at Daimler-

"Echo is the first in a line of

vehicles being developed by Toy-

ota to target the specific, unique

demands of young new-car buy-

ers," said Toyota Vice President

Don Esmond as the new car was

The awards are made by an,

independent jury of 48 journal-

ists who cover the auto industry.

rolled out Monday.

The Volkswagen Beetle and points over two other finalists, Jeep Grand Cherokee were Honda Odyssey and Chrysler

named winners of the North 300M. The Cherokee got 300

American Car and Truck of the points, beating out Chevrolet Sil-

Year awards, respectively, by the verado and GMC Sierra.

demands more."

car business," said Neon plan-

door sedan and station wagon.

Ford Focus

and empty nesters.

Dodge Neon

defroster.

### Production cars from page 3

ratio rack-and-pinion steering type, but plans to put it on sale whose business it covets: "Netsystem delivers nimble cornering in the U.S. later this year. The Gen," as in Internet Generation and excellent response.

Among the options available is gas-powered engine in combinaa voice-activated control system, tion with an electric motor and vehicles every offered in America enabling operation of the prima- five-speed manual transmission by Toyota" (45 mpg estimated) ry climate control functions, the to achieve the phenomenal fuel and "one of the most economical audio system and the telephone economy. Weight-saving meaby voice commands

under a ton. Although the VV is The S-type is built at Castle Bromwich near Birmingham, small, it will incorporate auto-England.

Mercedes-Benz S-Class dual air bags, radio-cassette stereo system, digital instrument Rolled out for the first time at panel and a security system. the Paris Auto Show, the S-Class makes its U.S. debut at the Honda S2000 roadster

The new S-Class, which has shed about 600 pounds by using der, 240-horsepower mill and aluminum and lightweight steel, will arrive at U.S. dealers in the advances developed by Honda

North American International

spring as a 2000 model. The lineup will consist of two around the world. Features V8-powered sedans; the S430 include double-wishbone front and S500. Both are loaded with and rear suspension, a six-speed manual transmission, contoured bells and whistles, including distance-monitoring cruise control leather seats, cruise control, air and keyless operation. A console conditioning, a power soft top, with a fiber-optic data connec- anti-lock brakes and a roll bar. tion incorporates navigation. The car will be built in Japan radio, TV, compact disc player and is expected to be on sale and telephone functions on a here in the fall.

Nissan Xterra

color screen.

Designed to appeal to young people who can't afford upscale SUVs, the Xterra will be built at Ford's contribution. The Vissan's Smyrna, Tenn., plant.

Saab 9-5 Wagon

After launching two new models last year, the 9-3 and 9-5, Saab introduces a station wagon version of the 9-5 in the U.S. this spring. Saab seeks to offer station wagon owners the same performance-oriented driving characteristics and high levels of safety and comfort as the 9-5 provides but with more room and versatility. The new wagon is powered by either a 3-liter V6, or headroom. Powerplant choices a 2.3-liter, four-cylinder light pressure turbocharged mill.

Volkswagen Cabrio

The Cabrio, which traces its transmissions are available. roots back to the classic Beetle Cabriolet, has new styling for 1999. The car comes in two versions; a value-packaged GL priced under \$20,000 and a better equipped GLS. Both come including a radio-cassette stereo with a new 2-liter, four-cylinder with six speakers ("dome tweetengine rated at 115 horsepower.

Volkswagen Golf

The fourth-generation Golf has feature and a rear-window been redesigned inside and out. Exterior and interior dimensions have grown slightly, and the overall structure has been made keyless entry, security system more rigid. The car is powered by a new 2-liter, four-cylinder engine rated at 115 horsepower, or an optional 1.9-liter, turbo direct injection diesel.

Volkswagen Jetta

The fourth-generation Jetta was expected to go on sale by the end of 1998. Available in three versions - GL, GLS and GLX - Chrysler's Belvidere, Ill., plant the Jetta comes standard with a and will go on sale early this new 2-liter, four-cylinder engine rated at 115 horsepower. GLX buyers can get an optional 174. Toyota Echo horse VR6 engine. Later this year, Volkswagen will offer the Jetta with a turbo-diesel engine that gets up to 49 miles per gal-

Honda VV

al Auto Show.

Honda is calling the half-gas. Toyota even coined a word to half-electric, 70-mpg VV a proto- describe these young buyers Bug, Cherokee win awards

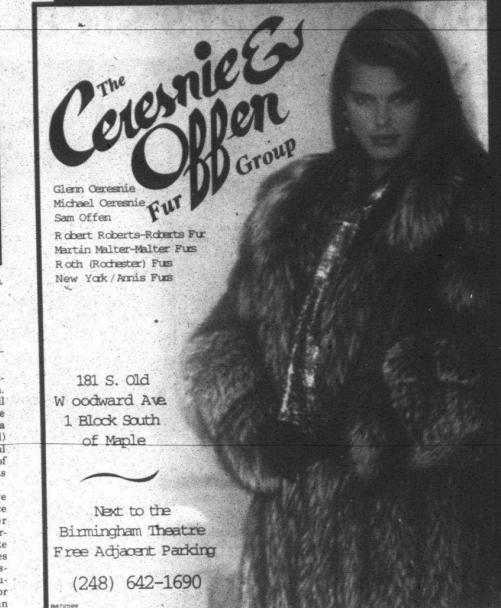
organizing committee Monday at

the North American Internation-

The Beetle finished with 292

car uses a 1-liter, three-cylinder, Toyota promises that Echo will be "one of the highest mileage Toyotas ever built in the areas of periodic maintenance and parts replacement costs.

Many of the car's parts are matic climate control, anti-lock designed to be recyclable once brakes, electric power steering, their useful life ends. Power comes from a new 1.5-liter fourbanger with a plastic composite intake manifold. Other features include a choice of audio systems, center-mounted instrument cluster, and "the interior roominess of a compact sedan within the exterior dimensions of incorporates technological a typical subcompact."



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## Concept cars steal the show, as usual

International Auto Show promises to be another blockbuster year for concept car and truck intro-

In the last 10 years, more than 200 concept cars and trucks have The rear-wheel drive, two-seater made their worldwide or North

This year Detroit's automakers are all introducing concept vehicles - some as many as six.

American debut here

than two dozen concept vehicles range from high-performance, luxury sports cars to environproduce high fuel economy and

A definite theme of this year's concept vehicle offering is "category busters," vehicles that defy ditional categories, but rather straddle two or more segments:

The following is not a compete at the auto show, but a representative sample.

#### Ford Thunderbird

as a 2001 model, drew more auto show Monday than any mate control. other Ford product. Unlike the last Thunderbird, this one follows the recent nostalgia trend the Thunderbird of the 1950s, right down to the porthole windows in back. Like the original, with a removable hard top. "The unbridled optimism and the confident attitude of the 1950s for the charge. comes through in an absolutely modern design," said Ford Vice President J. Mays in a press release. Oddly enough, Ford

Cadillac Evoq

This luxury V8-powered roadster is the first true Cadillac concept car in more than 10 years. comes with a three-piece, retractable hardtop. The Evoq (pronounced evoke) "is envisioned as a flagship model that defines the soul of Cadillac," as This year's offering of more the press release has it. "The name is derived from the fact that the car is intended to evoke the power, emotion and innovamentally-friendly vehicles that tion that has long been a Cadillac signature through time."

#### Mitsubishi Mad Max

Th Mad Max is intended to be a category buster, combining the pigeonholing into any of the tra- attributes of the Japanese company's 3000GT VR-4 grand touring sports car and Dakar Rallywinning Montero luxury sport list of the concept cars on display utility-vehicle. Built at Mitsubishi's design center in Cypress, Calif., the four-door, four-wheel drive vehicle has flexible seating, a twin-turbo, 300-This car, slated for production horse V6 mill and a consolemounted computer that incorpoattention from journalists at the rates the audio system and cli-

#### Nissan Z

Nissan plays on nostalgia with in that it looks a lot more like the unveiling of a concept version of its famous Z sports car.

As Nissan focuses on a sporty image and performance across the concept T-bird is a two-seat, its product line, the Z car, which rear-drive, V8-powered coupe resembles the original 240Z and is being considered for production, would serve as the flagship

Jaguar brings this car to the sion are upgraded to match U.S. for the first time. The engine performance. The Pontiac Aztec XK180 is Jaguar's new vision of a classic roadster. Inspired by



Car star: The Ford Thunderbird concept car, scheduled for production as a 2001 model, seems to attract more

the Jag roadsters of the '50s and Buick Cielo '60s, the XK180 was created to The Cielo is a four-door conof Jag stylists, craftsmen and engineers and is not intended for The brakes, wheels and suspen-

speedometer goes up to 200 mph.

attention than any other Ford offering this year.

showcase the skills and talents vertible with a segmented, retractable hardtop, roof rails and many voice-activated sysproduction. The car is based on a tems. Controls and gauges are shortened version of the super-hidden from view until needed. charged XKR convertible, introduced in 1988. The AJ-V8 mill is back and open from front to Chevrolet Nomad modified to produce 450 ponies. back. (What they used to call "suicide doors.")

The Aztec is a crossover con-

SUV to accommodate the retracting cargo door that slides lifestyle of young people. The yellow Aztec at the auto show is displayed with a matching yellow personal watercraft on a trailer

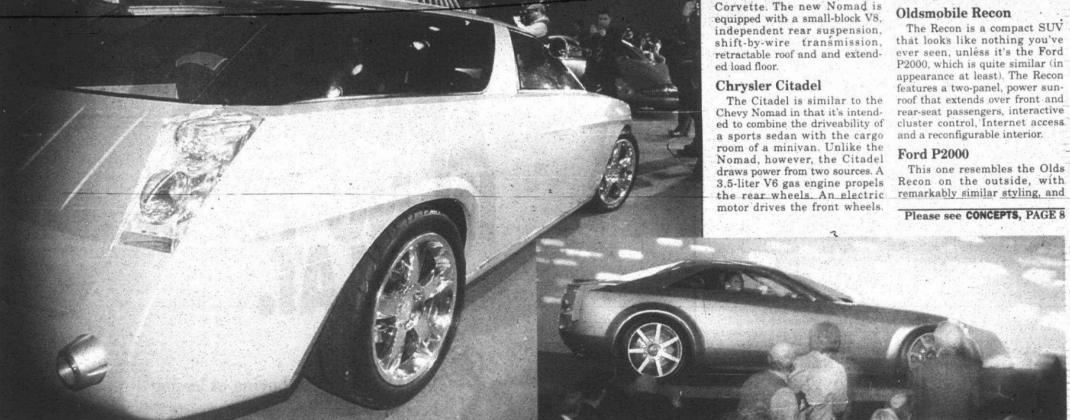
#### The Nomad is another

1950s based on that era's ed load floor.

cept that combines the attributes The car has dual power sliding of a midsize sedan, a van and an rear doors (like a van) and a

#### Jeep Commander

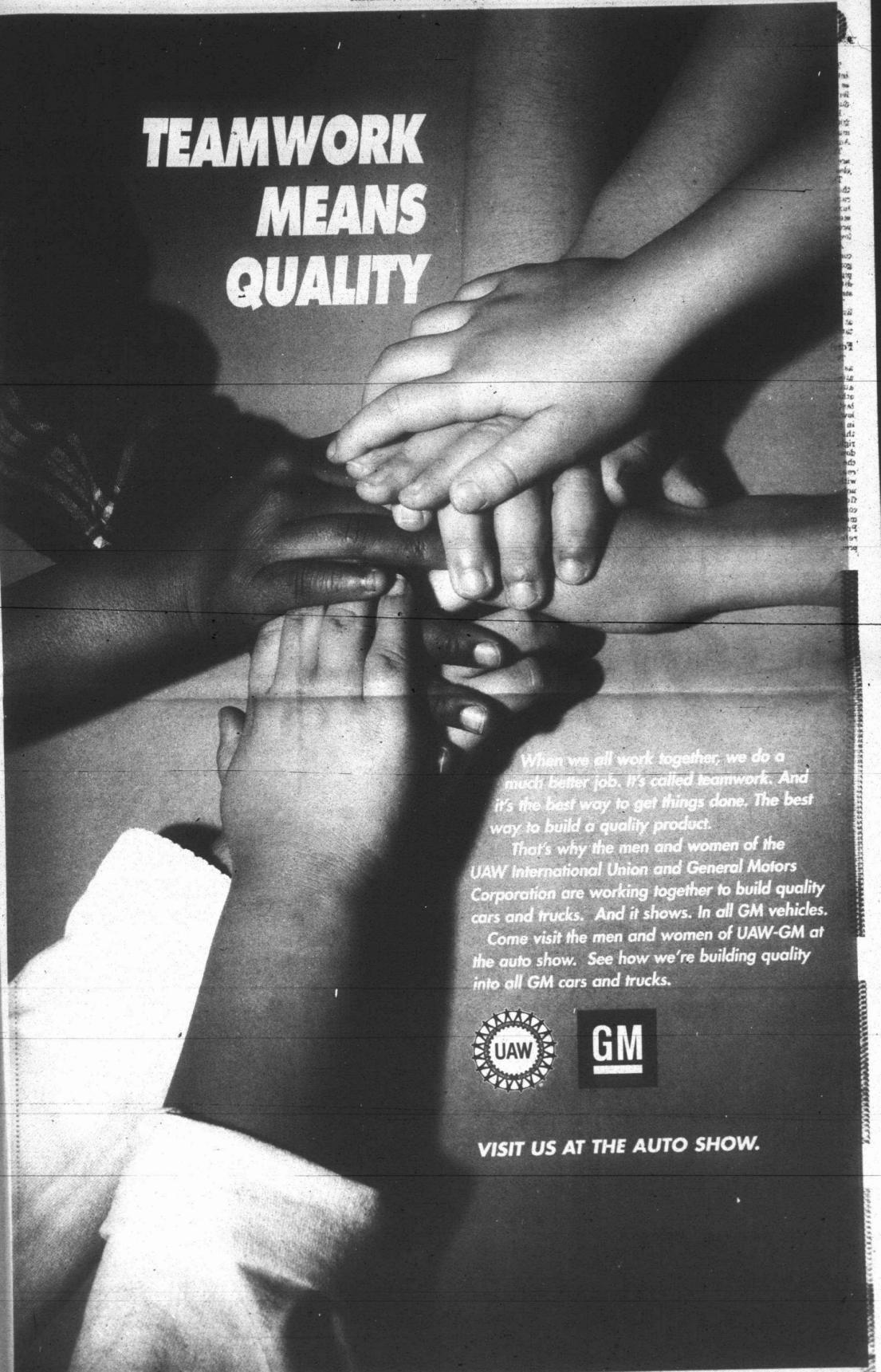
This concept SUV closelyresembles the familiar Jeep-Cherokee but features electricpower to complement the usual four-wheel drive. It carries an crossover vehicle, combining the on-board chemical factory that performance and handling of a theoretically could produce sports sedan with the access and hydrogen from methanol for the flexibility of a sports utility vehi- fuel cells, which generate eleccle. Its looks are futuristic yet tricity for the vehicle's power. reminiscent of the old Nomad, a The technology is unlikely to see Chevy station wagon from the production until 2010, according







Vast array: Expect to see dozens of concept cars at the North American International Auto Show as manufacturers showcase the visible evidence of what they're considering for production in the future. Shown here, clockwise from top left, are the Chevrolet Nomad, a sporty station wagon, Cadillac Evoq, a two-seat roadster, Toyota XYR, an outright sports car, Pontiac Aztec, a miniature SUV, and Dodge Power Wagon, a pickup truck meant to pick up where a similarly names truck left off in the 1940s.



### Concepts from page 7

the Jeep Commander on the inside, where it also features an experimental methanol-to-hydrogento-electricity powerplant.

#### **Chrysler PT Cruiser**

This concept car is different from the others in that it's intended to go into production in time to be introduced as a 2001 model in early 2000. The front-drive Cruiser will be built in Mexico and feature a new 2.4-liter engine with a choice of automatic or manual transmission. To look at the PT Cruiser you'd probably say it's a cross between a 1950s hardtop hot rod and one of today's SUVs. DaimlerChrysler calls it "a segment breaker too cool to categorize.'

#### **Bodge Charger**

The Charger, expected to go into production for the 2004 model year, looks a lot like the old Charger, right down to the gas cap on top of the rightrear fender. It's powered by a 4.7-liter supercharged V8 but has extremely low emissions because it runs on compressed natural gas. Though the original Charger was a two-door coupe, this one is a four-door sedan, albeit with performance bucket seats front and rear.

#### **Dodge Power Wagon**

This futuristic-looking pick-up truck is meant to recall the workhorse Dodge truck introduced in 1946. It's equipped with a 7.2-liter six-cylinder, thrbocharged diesel. Standing taller than the original Power Wagon, the concept's 35-inch tires place its overall height at 77 inches, three inches taller than today's Dodge Ram.

Pick-ups have come a long way in luxurious accommodations in the last several years; so much so that a press release refers to the original Power Wagon's interior as "crude." The new version features "Cognac leather" as the primary interior color and "blonde European ash" wood lining the

#### Toyota XYR sports coupe

This lightweight (2,500 pounds), high-performance (180 horsepower), front-wheel-drive vehicle is powered by a new aluminum alloy 1.8-liter, twincam engine, co-developed with Yamaha, featuring continuously-variable valve timing and continuously-adjustable valve lift, depending on rpm. The vehicle follows Toyota's renewed emphasis on appeal to younger auto buyers. Toyota Vice President Don Esmond stressed the automaker's goal to "re-establish our connection with the young new car buyer" at the company's press conference Mon-

In creating the EB 118, Italdesign, headed by Giorgetto Giugiaro, harkened back to the classic Bugatti touring cars. Therefore, like many concept vehicles this year, the EB 118 looks like something old and something new at the same time. The biggest topic of conversation surrounding the EB 118 will probably be the 6.3-liter, 18-cylinder, 550horse engine, the first of its kind in automotive history. Three banks of six cylinders are coupled into a W shape. Four-wheel drive assures good traction when you put the hammer down.

## Pickups gaining amenities

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER rechtinaw@oe.h

The trend in pickup trucks continues to move away from pure utility and toward luxury as buyers clearly prefer the lat-ter as much as, if not more than, the former.

Just check out the new fullsize truck offerings from Dodge, Ford, Nissan and Toyota. All feature short beds and large cabs seating four or more people. Indeed, Ford President Jim O'Connor told reporters Monday that 70 percent of full-size truck buyers are looking for "supercabs" with front and back seats.

#### Ford

With that in mind, Ford is bringing out two similar vehicles: The 2001 F150 truck with a large cab and 5.5-foot bed and the 2001 Explorer Sport Track, which is nearly identical to the F150. Both are expected to be in the showrooms in early 2000. Asked what the difference is between the two vehicles, an industry analyst who requested anonymity, pointed to the Explorer and said, "Big Bucks," pointed to the F150 and said,

Not to be outdone, Dodge and Toyota introduced supercab pickups this year, too.

#### Dodge

The Dodge Dakota Quad Cab is the same length as its predecessor, the Dakota Club Cab truck, but features full-size rear doors, roll-down windows and a roomy back seat. The cargo box was shortened to reflect Dodge research indicating that 98 percent of truck buyers choose the short-bed option anyway.

Dodge calls the new Dakota a 'compact pickup," but there's nothing compact about the 3.9liter V6 and 4.7-liter V8 engine options.

Expect to see the new Dakota in dealerships late this year.

Toyota will beat Ford and Dodge to the punch by shipping its full-size truck, the Tundra, to dealers in May. The new "Access Cab" features large double doors and "one of the most expansive entry areas in the segment," or so says the press release. And it's the only four-door pickup to feature an exterior handle on each

Amenities include cup holders, a hidden storage compartment, dual contoured captain's chairs, cassette or CD storage space and an eight-way power seat adjustment for the driver.

Tundra locomotion comes from 4.7-liter V8, or a 3.4-liter V6. It will be built exclusively at a new factory in Princeton, Ind.

#### Nissan

Nissan's Frontier Crew Cab truck is billed as "the first compact truck with four full-size forward-hinged doors offered for sale in the United States." Like the Tundra, this Nissan specimen goes on sale in May.

Nissan press releases tout the Crew Cab's passenger carrying ability - two in front, three in back - and freely admit that the bed is 18 inches shorter than the standard Frontier truck. The double-wall bed features inner bed rope hooks, single-handle rear gate operation and a removable tail gate but is 9 percent smaller in volume than competing extended-cab trucks.

The standard engine is a 3.8liter V6. No optional engine is listed in the company's press kit.

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## Good manners ... GW style

atalie and Phil still laugh about their standard lesson in table manners when they were small children. We used to correct them by saying, "Would you eat like that at a state dinner at the White House?"

Of course, rules of civility have changed since 1801 when John Adams took up residence as the first president to live in the White House. Good behavior was a complicated and formal matter. It was so important that Adams' predecessor, George Washington, had taken the time in his early life to record his version of decent manners.

A lot had to do with how to position yourself and others, according to social rank, whether sitting at the dining table or walking in public — their aristocratic mindset was wellingrained. Those aside, here are a few other intriguing rules — paraphrased—that you would need to know to get along in Washington's day.

Don't spit in the fire.

■ Don't warm your feet at the fire, especially if there's meat there.

especially if there's meat there.

Don't clean your teeth with the tablecloth napkin.

Don't make loud noises wi breathing.

■ Don't gnaw your nails.
■ Don't talk while you're yawning.
■ Don't blow your nose at the table

unless you have to.

Don't eat off the blade of your knife.

■ Don't comment on someone's blemishes.

■ Don't dip into the salt dish with a greasy knife.

■ Be discreet about picking lice off yourself or others. Thank them for

doing you the favor.

Don't get close enough to people that you spray in their face while

that you spray in their face while talking. (I think that means, "Give them their personal space.")

#### Tough rules for today

Several of Washington's standards might prove difficult for us to adjust to:

■ Don't joke with people who are sick; it will only make them feel worse. (They hadn't yet discovered that laughter is the best medicine.)

■ Don't hum or sing to yourself in public. (My husband, Don, would be in trouble.)

Don't wear dirty or torn clothes. Don't roll your eyes. Don't go out of the bedroom half-dressed. (Teenagers would never survive.)

■ Don't fuss with your appearance after leaving the house. (That etiquette was still in place in the 1950s; reapplying lipstick at the table in a restaurant was a definite no-no.)

Don't laugh at your own jokes.
(I'd be in trouble.)

■ Don't mock anything serious or make biting jokes. (Letterman and Leno would be in trouble.)

Don't believe disparaging stories about others. (The tabloids and their faithful following would be in trouble):

Don't read in front of others without asking their leave to do so. (This was the 18th- and 19th- century version of channel surfing. Males dominated that arena, too, it seems.)

#### Rules Washington's mom must have written

There are bits of universal, maternal wisdom that apply to all generations. The following advice must have come from Washington's mother:

Don't stuff your mouth with food or talk with your mouth full.

Don't put on airs or act superior with people who don't have the same advantages as you.

Don't hand out free medical

Don't hand out free medical advice when you're not an expert.

Don't pretend to be an expert on a subject when talking with some who is an expert. The corollary is: Don't embarrass people by engaging them in conversations about which you

know they are unknowledgeable.

Reep good company since bad company will reflect on your own rep-

Be gentle in your corrections of o

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STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN

portrays a modern-day version of Ezekiel the Prophet in a skit during a recent meeting of the Novi-Northville Young Life chapter. More than 100 teens crowded into the family room and kitchen of Pam Karaisz' parents home in Novi for the Christian fellowship gettogether.

## Young Life attracts youths

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

As a teenager growing up in Bloomfield Hills, Julie O'Brien couldn't relate to the Scriptures and lessons she heard in church.

"Basically, I didn't see the applicability of anything in the church, nothing spiritually toward me, my life or people my age," O'Brien explained.

The youth group at Kensington Community Church in Troy offered insight into religion.

"They took the time to spend time with me so I could look at my life and see how the message of Jesus Christ can be relevant to me," said O'Brien, a 1994 graduate of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills.

Now, at age 23, O'Brien is taking her feelings as a teenager and using them to help renew teenagers' faith in God. She is starting a Young Life branch in the Plymouth and Canton areas.

Young Life is a nationwide, nondenominational Christian organization committed to reaching the adolescent youth of the community with the message of Jesus Christ.

She is hoping to formally begin a group with students at Plymouth Salem and Canton high schools in the spring. Soon,

O'Brien explained, groups should pop up in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Walled Lake and Farmington and Farmington Hills.

For now, kids who are interested in Young Life in those cities meet with others in neighboring groups in, for example, Novi and Northville.

"The primary goal of Young Life is to connect with kids in a way that's relevant to them and introduce them and walk with them as they learn about Christ and learn about God," said O'Brien, the assistant coach of Plymouth Canton High School's cross country team. "The thing that makes it unique is it ends up being a school thing. It's tar-

geted toward public schools.

"The way it becomes a school thing is kids are able to experience it with all sorts of their friends who go to church, who don't go to church, kids that are in their biology class, everyone."

O'Brien, the director of Young Life in Plymouth and Canton, has met interested students through networking, other Young Life leaders, spending time at high schools and going to the schools' sporting events.

She encourages kids to visit the club, a weekly meeting held at members' homes. The kids get together and talk, play games and share in a short message at the end of the meeting.

"It has a big 'everyone's invited' party time kind of atmosphere,"

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# YoungLife

## Reaches out to teenagers

Young Life is a nationwide, nondenominational Christian organization committed to reaching the adolescent youth of the community with the message of Jesus Christ.

The organization will be reaching out into Plymouth, Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Young Life's activities include weekly club meetings and visits to Young Life Camp.

Julie O'Brien works out of Young Life's Farmington Hills office. For more information about the group, write to the group at P.O. Box 269, Plymouth 48170-0269, or visit the office at 37630 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills. She can also be reached by calling (248) 477-5001.

## 'Community' helps First Step deliver services

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

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When the members of St. Aidan's Church in Livonia provided food baskets and toys at Thanksgiving and Christmas for a 10th straight year, First Step was thankful.

When members of Phi Theta Kappa

at Schoolcraft College delivered 33 food baskets packed to the brim with everything a family could need for their holiday dinner and more, First Step was thankful.

When a 10-year-old Girl Scout made 30 Christmas stockings and cataloged by age and gender the contents, collected by fellow Girl Scouts, again First Step was thankful.

For more than 20 years, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence has been relying on "the community" and grants to support its many programs.

"We have a lot of ongoing support from the community - large workplace agencies like Ford, churches and individuals too numerous to mention," said Judith Barr, associate director of the

First Step Shelter, which provides a safe place for 43 women and children forced to leave their homes because of domestic violence. "The community is very generous. There's a lot of tears around here this time of the year. It's an amazing time to work at an agency like First Step."

Signing up: Christa Knoll and Lauren Bowdell add their

names to the list for future meetings following a meeting

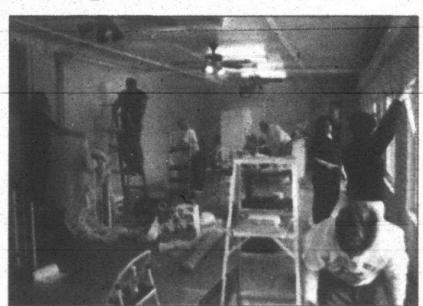
of the Novi-Northville Young Life chapter.

Donations are especially important at the shelter. A former nursing home, the facility has its fair share of maintenance and gepairs, so it was a blessing when members of Suburban West Business and Professional Women's Club came in and remodeled its 40-by-14-foot dining room.

For the third consecutive year, members and family members and friends went to the shelter for the one-day workathon. In the previous years, club members made over two bedrooms at the shelter.

"We went to see them and asked what room needed the most help and they said this room; everybody uses it," said Karen Wilmering, who organized the project. "People think its a wonderful thing we're doing and everyone in

Please see FIRST STEP, B2



Hard at work: Helping make over the dining room of the shelter were Marie Lamberg (from left), Bob St. Clair, Sandy Arrowsmith, Karen Wilmering, Chelsea Lamberg, Dan Lofgren, Denise Allen, Sherri Rogin and Judy Lofgren.

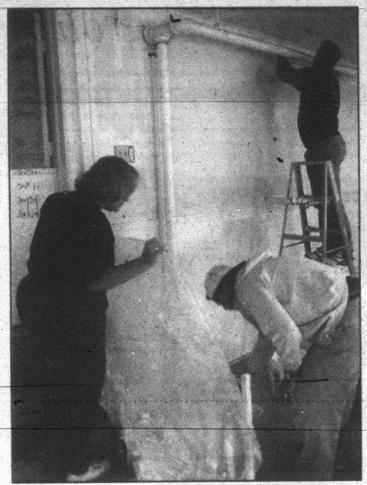
adjusting to divorce are invited 4443.

The group meets 7-9 p.m. thia Koppin.

to join the divorce support group,

sponsored by Schoolcraft Col-

ege's Women's Resource Center.



Careful aim: Marie Lamberg holds a plastic sheet as a shield while her husband, Cliff, applies white spray paint on a railing to stairs leading into the dining

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL TO DEVELOP ROPERTY AS SITE CONDOMINIUMS

BEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a est from David and Shirley Connors For Approval To Develop Property ect is located South side of Powell Road, west of Beck Road and east of

blic Hearing is required by Ordinance No. 83 and/or Subdivision mee No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. (Application No. 1454/1098) Tax I.D. No. 049-99-0035-000.

ions regarding the application may be directed to the Community Development Department, Department of Public Services Building, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the application at it's regular meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is: nouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 734-453-4372. The

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a equest from Johnson Stamping, Inc., to grant a Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow outdoor storage, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at 9120 General Drive. The property is Road. Application No. 1557. Tax I.D. No. 062-01-0018-002.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 15.2 of Zoning nce No. 83. The land is currently zoned IND. Ind

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 g.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on January 20, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township. Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from William J. Pulte/Adam Cardinal Maida, to grant the Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow a Conference Center, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at 44011 Five Mile Road. The property is located south of Five Mile Road and east of Sheldon Road. Application No. 1553. Tax I.D. Nos. 013-01-0001-000, 013-99-0001-

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 6.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83, as amended. The land is currently zoned R-1-E, Single Pamily Residential District.

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#### First Step from page B1

the group likes it because they feel they're doing something durability in mind, McDonald other than giving money."

Colorful scheme Drawing on her talents as nterior designer/owner of About Interiors in Livonia, Wilmering came up with the color scheme for the room, based on a light blue, yellow, mint green and white checkered wallpaper bor-

The four walls were painted in each of the different colors, and a puts back isn't better than cabinet near the kitchen was painted white with its inlaid nanels on the doors and sides done in yellow, blue and green. Wilmering relied on the tal-

ents of "John at Anderson Paint" to custom mix the paint to the match the border, and found bed sheets that were banded in yellow and green and transformed into window curtains, tiebacks and valances by member Mahnoush St. Clair.

"Mahnoush made three-quarters of the curtains while she Bob and daughter Roya, Wilmerwas there," Wilmering said. "She ing, her husband Richard and brought her equipment with her daughter Courtney, Judy and purchases.

To maintain privacy and with Wholesale in Detroit, working on a tight schedule, custom made the six roller window shades and delivered them the night before

the scheduled makeover. The installation of the shades and window treatments was handled by veteran volunteer Cliff Lamberg who "has every tool known to man and the know-how to do what you ask," those in need and meet the grow-Wilmering said. "Nothing he ing demands for services." before. The shades were put up for life and the window treatdomestic violence and sexual ments were put in to stay assault in our community," she because we knew the children

would play with them." In all, the club members kicked in \$600 for the dining room project and spent close to 12 hours working at the shelter.

Manning the paint rollers, wallpaper steamers and spray cans were Lamberg, his wife, Marie, daughter Chelsea and son Connor, St. Clair, her husband Dan Lofgren, Denise Allen, Sher-

ri Rogin, Sandy Arrowsmith, much we appreciate what they overturn."

nonperishable food.

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bish and snow removal, even

At one time, a company pro

vided rubbish removal, but

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their (Young Life's) intent at all.

They're trying to reach out to

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church youth group."

do for us and gently remind Kelly Procailo and Vicki Elster. them that it's an ongoing need all year long," Barr said. Welcome sight

Volunteerism - "people power" - also helps First Step meet the Such work at the shelter doesn't go unnoticed by the women growing demand for services. and children who stay there or First Step itself. The residents More than 300 active volunteers do everything from clerical work were excited the group was comand providing transportation to ing by and First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis, in a letter to nseling clients and working the club, pointed out that Suburon the 24-hour response team for ban West's "contribution increassexual assault victims. es our ability to reach out to

"The whole area of people power is huge for First Step," said Barr. "It's impossible to put \*Community support helps us a dollar amount on the donations move one step closer to ending and volunteerism, but the clients, especially the shelter clients, are overwhelmed by the giving and the feelings behind But the agency's needs don't end there. There's a need for things like painting and building

With ending domestic violence one of its projects, helping redecorate the shelter is a natural for Suburban West. And yes, the members will be back again this year to do more.

stopped when it moved out of "Our members are very dedi-Wayne County; First Step no cated to this," said Wilmering. longer receives funding for food Domestic violence is one of the We want the community how things this group is working to

### Young Life from page B1

she said. "It ends up being a Community Foundation, said they've got 80 to 100 kids who come-one, come all kind of thing. area parents agree and she's are very active," Noricks said. It ends up being really fun."

'Nice, positive thing' Joan Noricks, president of the that the Novi/Northville group their Christian morals and

nonprofit organization Canton that started two years ago,

whether it should be done publicly or in private.

Don't cast blame when you have faults yourself. Don't gossip or use hurtful

Parker from page B1 others, and give thought to of bygone days, we find much that is amusing.

pleased that Young Life has

"What I'm understanding is

come into the township.

However, when all is said and done, it seems the best rules of civility are timeless: courtesy Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's.

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Above all, keep a healthy degree in history and a master's conscience and listen to its wise degree in historic preservation.

Looking back at the etiquette She lives in Canton Township.

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In the midst of turmoil, kids need uncon-"It's not just a denomination ditional love and they kind of thing. It's very focused in can find that in this helping young people develop organization because things like that. of the caring adults in "It's just a nice positive thing. Young Life and how I have not heard anything nega-

they reach out to kids." threatened with their own Kathy McGlone respective youth groups. They may be afraid of it, but that's not -- Canton

tionships with them. As they those who would not go to a build those relationships they communicate how Jesus car

Bill and Kathy McGlone of make a different in their lives." Young Life is nothing new to tee members for Young Life after the United States. It was started hearing about the Novi and 60 years ago by Jim Rayburn, Northville group. They - along who is quoted in Young Life literature as saying "Christ is the Plymouth, Todd and Deb Laird strongest, grandest, most attractive personality ever to grace the Cosens of Plymouth and volunearth. It is a crime to bore anyteer leader Vaughn Lamer of one with the gospel."

Plymouth - work to raise funds O'Brien said there are several for the Plymouth and Canton active Young Life branches in the western part of Michigan "In the midst of turmoil, kids and in Washtenaw County. She need unconditional love and they should know. O'Brien got her can find that in this organization start as a University of Michigan because of the caring adults in student volunteering with the Young Life and how they reach Pioneer High School Young Life out to kids," Kathy McGlone group in Ann Arbor. She earned a degree in psychology and economics from U-M in 1998.

In June 1998, she was hired to gather a team of volunteer leaders and to facilitate the direct ministry with the kids at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools

#### Getting started

o get the ball rolling, a group of teenagers from the area ttended Young Life's summe camp, Castaway Club, in northern Minnesota, in the summers of 1997 and 1998.

"There's been like nine or 10 boys from Plymouth that have gone to camp," Kathy McGlone explained. "They said it's fun to tell about all they learned when they were at camp. They had just a blast. On the other hand, they really learned what a difference Christ can make in their teen lives."

O'Brien's goal is to begin weekly club meetings by the end of the 1998-99 school year. She sees several benefits to joining Young Life.

"First of all, it's not like a club where you have mandatory participation," she said. "It's not like a club where you pay dues. It's very informal. The benefits are kids have a ton of fun. That's any kind of kids - the athletic ones, the super academic ones, the artsy ones, the popular ones. They all have a great, great

"Also, kids get to learn about what I think is a vastly important part of life. They get to do that in a nonthreatening way and in a way that's relative and applicable to their life. They get to do that with their friends. That's a huge plus."

And it's a two-way street and a plus for the leaders, like O'Brien. "They (the kids) get to develop

a mentor relationship with someone who's older than them and not out-of-touch older than them; that's really neat to see," she said. "Those leaders walk with those kids for four years of their high school life and

#### WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

#### Carlson-Kluthe

Brian James Carlson and Catherine Marie Kluthe were married Oct. 31 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lexington,

Ky. The Rev. Dan Noll officiated. The bride is the daughter of William and Mary Kay Kluthe of Edgewood, Ky. The groom is the son of Micheline Carlson of Livonia and the late Gerald Carlson.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Centre College in Danville, Ky. She is a molecular biologist with Transduction Laboratories. The groom is a 1986 graduate

of Catholic Central High School and Wayne State University LaChance to serve as best man, with a bachelor's degree in with Mike Moylan, Dave Carlson accounting. He is a controller at and Don Carlson as groomsmen Book Wholesalers in Lexington. The bride asked Kara Daniel

to serve as maid of honor, with Sara Flatt, Beth Kluthe, Joanna Kluthe, Karen Kluthe and Tessa northern states. They are mak-Kluthe as bridesmaids.

#### **Brazin-Kuchar**

Gary and Susan Sitner of Howell and James and Susan Brazin of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Mechelle Ann Brazin, to Vincent James Kuchar, the son of William and Rita Kuchar of New Lothrop and Jim and Sally Seweikis of Ft. Pierce, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She expects to graduate from Michigan State University in May with a master's degree in clinical social work. Her fiance is a 1989 graduate

a 1994 graduate of Ferris State farmer in Chesaning. Heller Appraisal Service in ing is being planned.

#### Artuso-Cowden

Robert and Sheena Kliza of onia and Mario Artuso

Pinckney announce the engagement of their daughter, April Anne Artuso, to Dr. Daniel Joseph Cowden, the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Cowden of Columbia, Mo., formerly of Bloomfield Hills. The bride-to-be is a 1990 grad-

uate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in audiology and speech and a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a master of arts degree in speech pathology. She is employed by the Detroit Medical Center at Grace Hospital as a speech-language pathologist.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Brother Rice High School, a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Business with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University



A January wedding is planned at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic



of medicine degree. He is employed by the University of Missouri Hospitals as a surgical

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## WRC offers divorce support group People contemplating, in the more information, call the divorce in "The Dollars and walk-in program offered 5-7 p.m. process or having difficulty resource center at (734) 462- Sense of Divorce" on Feb. 23. the third Monday of the month

Attorney Theodore Johnson at the Women's Resource Center, On Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9 will provide and overview of the and April 13, there will be group process of filing for divorce and discussions facilitated by Cyn- what to aspect on March 23, and

April, in Room 225 of the Larson will discuss the legal presentation on helping divorc-McDowell Center on the college's aspects of divorce, while Jacque- ing individuals to develop more

Livonia campus, Haggerty north line Gold, a certified divorce self-confidence as they face the planner and financial consul- challenges of a new life. There is no fee to attend and tant, will discuss money matters

The program is being offered through May. An attorney from the firm of Ellen Slutszky, a clinical psy-Woll & Woll will be available to Tuesdays, January through On Jan. 26, attorney Sandra chologist, will focus her April 27 answer questions about divorce and family law. Clients will be served on a first come, first People also can take advan- served basis. Sign-in will start at

registration isn't required. For and the financial aspects of tage of "Ask an Attorney," a free 4:30 p.m.

## Workshop helps kids in dealing with grief

An eight-week workshop for children ages 5-18 with creative pediatric social worker for "My The couple received guests at a children dealing with the loss of and supportive activities to help Nest Is Best," some workshop a loved one and for the adults them explore their thoughts and participants at first are hesitant costume party at the Bell House who care for them is being feelings about their losses. It about attending, but can hardly before leaving on a tour of the offered by Angela Hospice's "My also will help them learn about wait to return after being part of Nest Is Best" pediatric program. grief.

"Growing Through Grief" will

The workshop will provide According to Leslie Feret, a Feret said.

It will give parents the oppor-

be offered 6-7:30 p.m. Thurs- tunity to discuss the challenges to realize, to their relief, that days, Jan. 21 through March 11, of helping a child through the their fears and feelings are norat Angela Hospice, 14100 New- grieving process, often while mal and that other children are dealing with their own grief.

the group discussion. "Peer support allows children

sharing their same experiences,"

The classes will be guided by aspecialized pediatric team, including a psychologist, social. worker and nurse.

The workshop is open to the public. Confidential free will contributions will be accepted. For more information or to register, call Angela Hospice at (734) 464

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Kaledas

Frank and Wathena Miller of Dexter, formerly of Plymouth, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a surprise family gathering and garden party, given by their eight children.

The couple married Aug. 1, 1938, in Armada. She is the forner Wathena May Burk.

The couple has eight children Wathena Jane Ferris and husband Walt of Livonia, Dawney Menary and husband Earl (Skip) of Potter, Wis., Suzanne Thaxton and husband Hobart (Butch) of Canton, Nancy Comstock and husband Robert of Whitewater, Wis., Douglas and wife Janet of

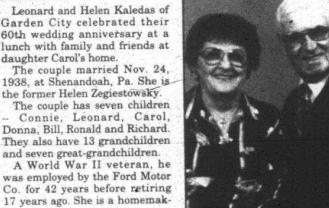
Bourget and husband Paul of Dexter and Deborah Hults and husband Tim of Addison. They also have 17 grandchildren and

12 great-grandchildren.



working for Tishken Products for 29 years. She retired 15 years the Moose and American Legion. ago from Sears where she worked for 19 years.

Their hobbies and interests include gardening and traveling to visit their children, grandchil-

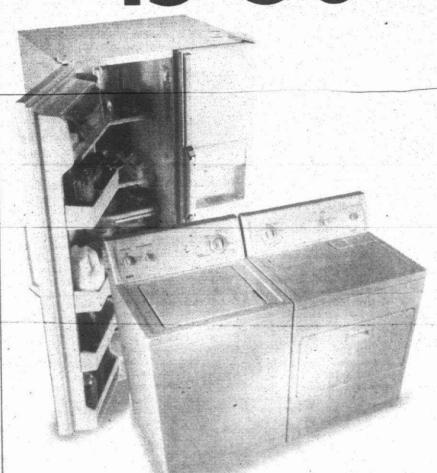


Their interests include working out three times a week at Fitness USA.

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

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. Suburban Singles holds a single mingle dance 8 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. dmission is \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m. For more infornation, call (313) 842-

Suburban Singles holds an after-dinner dance 7-11 p.m. every Sunday in the Bonnie Brook Country Cub, on Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no eans. Ages 21 and up. dmission is \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-7422.

VARIETY, SHOW . The Plymouth Canton Chiefettes will hold a variety show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets may be purhased from any Chiefette or at the door. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students

#### AROUND TOWN

CRAFTERS NEEDED

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 in Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking 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

(734) 432-5603. TRAIN & TOY SHOW The Plymouth "Model Railroad & Toy Train Show," with operating train display, returns 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, and the collectible toy show Sunday, Jan. 17, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, during the ice show. Cost is \$4 r adults, and \$1 for kids 4-12 years old. For more

their form is received

before Feb. 1. For an appli-

cation or information, call

BANCING CUCKOOS The "Dancing Cuckoos," will hold the next meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in Mamma Mia's restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Dinner will be available at 6 p.m. (at your own expense), and the meeting for business and movies will begin at 8 p.m.

information, call (734) 455-

For more information, call (734) 981-2798. FIGURE SKATING Skating classes for katers ages 4 years old through adult, including figure skating and hockey skills, are offered in Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth ownship. Lessons will begin on Jan. 14 and Jan. 16. No experience necessary. For more informa-

tion, call Carrie Brown (director) at (734) 459-

6686, Ext. 1. **PLYMOUTH YMCA** ■ The Plymouth Communi ty Family YMCA is offering lasses for preschool-age children through adult. Classes include: Active Older Adults (ages 55 and up) Water Exercise, Youth and Girls' Basketball Instructional League, Youth Instructional Floor Hockey League, Youth Instructional Indoor Soccer League for ages 5-12, Bumper Bowling for ages 4-6, Flute Classes for beginning through advanced, Youth Golf Lessons for ages 5-11, Introductory Dance for ages 5-8, Ballet & Jazz nbination, ages 8-10, Karate for male and female, ages 8 through adult, Driver's Education, Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer for ages 4-5, Y Pucks and Y Hoops for ages 4-5, Yoga lasses for teen to adult ovice or advanced practi tioner, Step & Sculpt Fitness Class, and Aquatics classes for ages 6 months through 12 years. The YMCA is also offering a Basketball Travel League for ages 8-9, 10-12, and 13-15 years of age plus a Hockey Travel League for

ages 9-12. Call Plymouth Community YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for further information or to register with Visa or MasterCard. YOUTH SOCCER ■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring youth soccer registration the

entire month of January at the recreation office, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for 6-, 7- and 8vear-olds is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for nonresidents. For children 9 and older, cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$75 for nonresidents. For more information, call 455-6620. DROP-IN BASKETBALL

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will hold open gym for basketball 6:45-9:45 p.m. Mondays in Central Middle School. The cost is \$4 per person for a full three-hour session. City of Plymouth residents will receive a discount of \$1 with identification. For more information,

contact the City of Ply-

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mmit Parkway, Canton.

■ 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 audition or for more information, call choir President Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Department at (734) 462-4435.

classes for preschoolers through adults. Classes are offered in student and teen drawing and painting, cartooning, student and teen studio art, high school portfolio preparation, adult oil, watercolor and acrylic. Senior citizens art programs are offered. reschool classes begin Jan. 19. Co-sponsored classes are offered through



Hospital visit: Junior Girl Scout Troop 827 from Gallimore Elementary School in Canton visited the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. recently. They delivered handmade Christmas ornaments to men and women in the nursing unit. Seated (left to right): Emily Kelly, Joslyn DeVinney. Standing (first row, left to right): Vicky DeVinney (co-leader), Joanna McLean, Sarah Johnson, Julie Miller, Maggie Kelly. Standing (in back): Stephanie Romano, Nancy Kelly (leader).

Mercy Health System.

ALPHA COURSE ■ Northville Christian Assembly will begin the Alpha Course 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the church, 41355 W. Six Mile, one mile west of I-275 in Northville. This 10- week introduction to the Christian faith offers answers to the most asked questions about Christianity. It begins with refreshments, and is followed by a large group learning session and concludes in small groups for discussion. To learn more about the course or to reserve a place, call the church at (248) 348-9030, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The course is

register.

■ The Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project (WRAP) will hold a volunteer fair 14, in the WRAP office, 325 Braun Court, Ann Arbor. Members of the board of directors and current committee chairpersons and volunteers will be available to discuss the work of the various committees and answer questions. For more information, call (734) 254-6930.

CLASSES

Event:

Location:

Telephone:

Date and Time:

D & M Studios' "Once Upon an Easel" will begin Canton Parks and Recreation and Plymouth Parks

and Recreation. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY ■ The Canton Public Safety Department and Summit on the Park will be offering a snowmobile safety course this winter for students ages 12-17 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, in Summit on the Park, Professional Development Center. Cost is \$20 for residents, \$25 for nonresidents. If you are 12-17, it is number will also be limited to the first 150 who

required by law to become certified in snowmobile safety to ride snowmobiles off parental private property. Students will be asked to show proof of age before class. A Social Security required at the time of registration. Check-in will start at 8:30 a.m., and class. will start promptly at 9 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and a drink. For more information, call (734) 397 5110.

CALENDAR

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

all ages. Session I is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Jan. 19 -Feb. 18 (five weeks): Session II is on Fuesdays and Thursdays, March 2-April 1 (five weeks). Fee is \$40 for annual pass holders, \$43 for residents, and \$48 for nonresidents. This class is designed for all ages. The five-week class is designed to teach self-defense, but helps develop self -confidence, self-discipline and self-esteem. Students will learn fundamentals, forms, one-step sparring and traditional free-sparring. Taught by senior master instructor Christopher Covert, a sixth-degree

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or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information

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

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between Joy and Ann veterans on active duty (734) 525-0157. **AUDITIONS** 

TAE KWON DO There will be a Tae Kwon Do class 4:15-5:15 p.m. in Summit on the

Park, multi-use room, for

VETERANS MEETING

■ The Vietnam Veterans of America general meeting will be 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11, at 9318 Newburgh, Arbor Trail, Livonia. All Jan. 1, 1959- May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station. are eligible. For additional information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or

■ Whistle Stop Players announce their 1999 spring musical, "The Fabulous Fable Factory." Auditions are being held for ages 5 and up 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, Jan. 10-12, in the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Select one date for the audition. Participation is \$100 PCAC members. \$125 nonmembers. Scholarships are available for those in need. For more

days. Classes begin the

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FORM

ACT fee due upon casting. Cost ACT college entrance examination workshop is information, contact Jen nifer Tobin at (734) 416starting Jan. 16 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is REGISTRATION ■ Madonna University's register, call (248) 370registration for winter 1999 term is in progress

■ The Princeton Review and continues through Friwill be holding free prac day, Jan. 8, for new and tice, full-length SAT and returning students. Office ACT tests starting at 9 hours will be held 8 a.m. to a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednes-The tests will finish at days and Fridays, and to 7 p.m. Monday and Thurstions: The Princeton week of Jan. 11. Students may enroll in day, evening and weekend classes, and ian High School, 7225 Lahser, Birmingham; register from the admission office. Transfer students are welcome. There is no application fee. For more Arbor office at (734) 663-2163 to register for the

> Prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) with a workshop offered by Oakland Univer sity College of Arts and Sciences. Workshop meets on Saturdays for three weeks starting Jan. 9 on the Oak land University campus in Rochester, Cost is \$300.

ter, call (248) 370-3125. ARTS COUNCIL The Plymouth Community Arts Council has a full winter schedule of classes and workshops for all ages:

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Schoolcraft College offers handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball courts available for evening play Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday at Schoolcraft College. A \$35 fee reserves a court and equipment for 15 weeks. Enrollment is limited and courts are scheduled for doubles play. Participants must furnish their own locks and towels. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734)

462-4413. YMCA YOUTH The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is acceptng registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league fo grades three-eight; girls' nstructional basketball league for grades three-six introductory dance, ages 5 8. creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5: active older adult water

offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. Workshop meets on Saturdays for three weeks \$145. For a brochure and to

12:30 p.m. The tests will be held in the following loca-Review, 1220 S. University. Suite 209, Ann Arbor, Mar-Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator. Students must call the Ann

For a brochure or to regis-

director at West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453\*3983.

mation, call (734) 416-4278.

PCCA Plymouth Community Council on Aging monthly 525 Farmer. Guest speaker one-three. Applications are

four. For more information, ■ The Novi Lioness Club will hold a Euchre Tournament 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23, in Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile, between Novi and Taft. Pizza and pop will be available. Center Library, 32777 Five Games begin at 7:30 p.m. Mile. The seminar is open sharp. Cost is \$10 preregis to the public and free. The tered, per person, and \$12 seminar will include saving per person at the door. For extra points, you can donate an item of warm clothing. For more information, call (248) 344-4633. speaker will be Paul Leduc. COURTS

Sunday Health Club is an excellent way to keep those membership fee of \$70, you

members can use three gyms, six racquetball courts, weight machines. the pool and the sauna. An adult must accompany chil dren under 16, and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. The Health Club continues until March 28. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734) 462-4413.

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-SKI TRIP

■ Schoolcraft College EdgeRunner Ski Club is sponsoring a Blue Mountain, Ontario, skiing trip Feb. 5-7. The trip include two-night condo accommo dation, two day/night lift passes, two breakfasts, one dinner, hot tubs, saunas, and more. The club offers this trip at a price of \$159 for members and \$189 for nonmembers. Trip partici pants must be 18 years or older to attend. For more information, call EdgeRun ners at (734) 462-4422.

KIWANIS Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis invites those interested to 7 a m. Tuesday breakfasts at the Water Club Grill, Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275 in Plymouth Township, For more information, call (734) 453-1373.

■ The Medilodge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare and other topics If interested, contact the administrator or admissio

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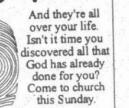
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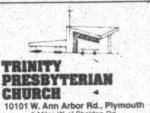
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"Moving On" will be the topic school-aged children The next "Talk It Over" will when New Beginnings, a grief feature Ken Davis 7:30 p.m. Frisupport group, meets 7 p.m. day, Jan. 22, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, Matthew's United Methodist 40000 W. Six Mile. Northville Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east Township. Davis spent 15 years of Merriman, Livonia. The proworking in Youth for Christ, and gram is for people suffering as in the last 20 years has become the result of the death of a loved one of the nation's top motivaone. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as tional and inspirational speak ers. There will be a free will they feel the need. For more nformation, call the church For more information, call the office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Single Point office at (248) 374-Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or

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more information call th church at (734) 422-0149. BOWLING LEAGUE An 18-week Christian-oriented

singlès bowling league is being organized at Oak Lanes, 8450 Middlebelt, Westland, beginning 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. Teams will have three members. Cost will be \$13 per week per bowler and will include three games, first and second mystery game, special gift drawings each month prize fund and end-of-season pizza party.

There is a \$5 entry fee due at sign-up. The first night will include a free get-acquainted pizza party after bowling. For more information, call Oak Lanes at (734) 422-7420.

WOMEN'S AGLOW Beverly Glenn will be the special guest at the Westland/Canton Chapter of Women's Aglow International meeting 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 9, at Auto-Nation USA's Community Room, 39600 Ford Road, east of I-275,

between Hix and Lotz, Cantor Glenn has ministered to others through her musical gifts as a singer and pianist as well as through a word of knowledge and a prophetic word from the Lord, Refreshments and coffee will be served. For more infor mation, call Penni Schwandenmann at (734) 261-5268.

SUPERBOOK OLYMPICS

Canton Free Methodist Church will hold the "Superbook Olympics" for children ages 5-12 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday Jan. 9, at the church, 44815 Cherry Hill, between Sheldon and Canton Center roads, Canton. The afternoon including Bible quizzing, songs, stories, crafts, games and lunch. Superbook Olympics is held the second Saturday of every month. For more information, call (734) 981-

**FAMILY EVENTS** Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford is hosting two events to bring the family.

A children's Saturday workshop for children ages 2-9 will be offered monthly 2:30-4 p.m., beginning Saturday, Jan. 9, at the church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Activities include arts and crafts, creative hands-on snacks, songs and games. There is no-fee to attend but advance registration is required by Jan. 8. For families and friends,

there's Let's Make a Deal Family Time 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. Participants should come essed in their wackiest costume and bring a bag of miscellaneous goodies. To register or for more infor-

mation, call the church at (313) 937-2424. SINGLE POINT

**RELIGIOUS NEWS** 

Northville Christian Assembly will begin the Alpha Course 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the church, 41355 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. This 10week introduction to the Christian faith offers answers to the most-asked questions about

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Jan. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Hagger ty, Northville Township. Women of the Word (WOW) meets 9:30-11:15 a.m. in the lower level of

the church. The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominationa study materials, based on the Book of Psalms and Proverbs. Child care will be available for

more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600. **GOSPEL STUDY** 

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will study the gospel of Matthew

The Tuesday morning women's

Bible study resumes Tuesday,

children through age 5. The

study is open to all women. For

with Scripture scholar Sister Mary Joel Zobro 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 11, in the Prayer/Parlor Room of the church, 39020 Five Mile, Livo-

The series will explore the meaning of Matthew's gospel for committed Christians today. Each session will cost \$5. To register, contact the church at (734) MORNING OF REFLECTION

will hold its third annual Morning of Reflection with Bishop Allen Vigneron 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 16, at the seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit A "gift of encouragement and

on Sundays for breakfast and hope," the morning of reflection Mass at 10 a.m. at the Redford is designed to educate and uplift Inn. Five Mile west of Beech those active in the pro-life movement and those who want to learn more about the "culture of at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 For more information about

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there will be a TLC Storytime on Saturday, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy, Livonia. There will be crafts,

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at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at

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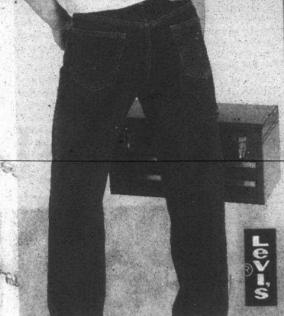
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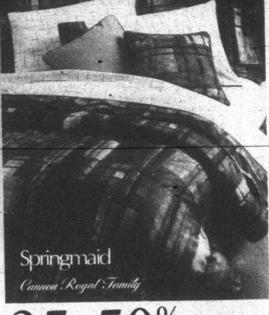


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#### Ambassadors lift USA

Eight members of the North American Hockey League-leading Compuware Ambassadors and their coach, Mike Vellucci, were the backbone of the USA Junior Selects team that captured the five-team USA Freedom Challenge tournament, held Dec. 27-31 in Lake Placid, N.Y.

The Junior Selects posted a 3-0-1 record in claiming the gold medal in the inaugural tournament, competing against other all-star teams from the Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden and

The Junior Selects opened the tournament with a 5-2 triumph over the Swedish squad, thanks to two goals by Mark Mink of the Ambassadors. They followed that with an 8-4 victory over Finland, with goalie Craig Kowalski of the Ambassadors making 33 saves and teammate Pat Brush scoring a goal.

The Czech Republic and the Junior Selects played to a 3-3 tie in the next game, with Brush again getting a goal and Compuware's Troy Milam getting two points. In the gold-medal match, the Junior Selects scored the game's first four goals and coasted to a 4-2 triumph over the U.S. National Under-18 team.

It was the second gold medal captured by this team in six weeks; last November, they won the USA Hockey King of the Hill Tournament.

"This group w guys played very well together and deserved to be champions," said Vellucci, who also had John Shouneyia, Jack Redwood, Pete Broccoli and Andy Burnes from pbassadors on the Junior Selects squad.

#### **CCJBSA** registration

There will be two ways to register for the 1999 Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Associason — by mail and in person.

Mail-in forms compiled by Registrar Bob Bilkie will be sent to past participants in what was previously known as the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League.

The mail-in registration forms will also be available soon at the Plymouth and Canton Township offices plus Plymouth city offices.

In-person registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Canton High School Cafete-

Birth certificates will be required of all first-time league participants.

#### **CCJBSA** meeting

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will hold its regular monthly meeting from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Plymouth District Library.

Persons interested in helping set up and run the coming season in any onor off-field capacity are invited to

#### Soccer sign-up

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Department is taking registrations for spring youth soccer 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday all through January at the Recreation office (525 Farmer in the Plymouth Cultural Center).

All registrations require a birth certificate. Cost for 6, 7 and 8 year-olds is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for non-residents; for 9 yearolds and above, the cost is \$45 for residents and \$75 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734)

#### Family ice skate

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is hosting a family skate night from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 (weather permitting) at Heritage Park Ponds; located behind the Canton Administration Building.

The fonds will be lighted for evening skating and refreshments will be available. No registration is necessary, there is no residency requirements and there is no charge. Call the Parks and Rec office at (734) 397-5110 for skating conditions or information.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 38251 Sehoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

## Whalers bid to host Memorial Cup



The premier event in junior hockey — the Memorial Cup — could be coming to Compuware Arena in May. Plymouth Whaler officials will present their Cup bid to hockey officials later this month.

If the What is and Guelph.

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers are among four Ontario Hockey League teams putting in a bid for the North America's most prized junior tournament the Memorial Cup, held annually in

Whalers general manager and coach Pete DeBoer confirmed that Compuware Arena, which seats 4,300 in Plymouth Township, will make a presentation for the tournament on

Other OHL division-leading teams in the hunt include Ottawa, Barrie

Bids will also be considered by teams in the Western Hockey League and Quebec Junior Majors.

If the Whalers were awarded a bid, they would automatically gain the right to play in the four-team tournament along with the OHL, WHL and Quebec playoff winners.

Last year's Memerial Cup was played in Spokane, Wash.

"The last time we had a chance to bid on it we passed, but now with our new facility and with our community support, we feel we can make a strong

"Our location, being in a major metropolitan area with Windsor and Detroit airports close by, we feel we have all the elements in place," said DaBoer, who will help make the presentation on behalf of the Whalers. "We'll be going before an arm's-length committee, totally independent of any league."

A factor working against Plymouth is that the Memorial Cup was just hosted by a U.S. city and it may return to Canada, which would make Ottawa the frontrunner.

## Whalers struggle on trip

SPORTS WRITER

One of the Ontario Hockey League's hottest teams was snowed under during its latest road swing.

Playing four games in five days, the Plymouth Whalers returned home Sunday night from Oshawa a bit weary, bruised and battered, going 0-3-1.

The West Division leaders (27-8-3), playing without five regulars — all competing at the World Junior Championships in Winnipeg, Manitoba — lost 2-1 to the host Generals in the final game of the trip.

The Whalers finished 3-4-1 during the eight-game stretch without defensemen Paul Mara (U.S.) and Nikos Tselios (U.S.), along with forwards David Legwand (U.S.), Harold Druken (Canada) and Tomek Valtonen (Finland).

All five are expected to return by Friday, including Druken, who played in Tuesday's World Junior Championship final against

"The whole way was bad travel — bad roads, bad trip," Whalers coach Pete DeBoer said. "But I feel the team played a little above expectations given the fact that we were missing five impact players — all at once — and we played close to .500 hock-

In the Oshawa loss, rookie goaltender Derek Dolson stopped 21 shots, while Whaler counterpart Robert Holsinger turned away 32.

Andrew Peters scored the game-winner for Oshawa (19-14-3) with 8:43 to go in the

Each team tallied a goal in the opening period.

Oshawa's Kevin Colley notched his 21st of the year, while Plymouth's Rick Smith tallied a power-play goal, his 14th of the

On Saturday, Central Division-leading Barrie and the Whalers played to a 2-2 draw before 4,092.

Whalers backup goaltender Rob Zepp turned oi oo s wnne Vanderklok made 22 stops.

Adam DeLeeuw scored his 13th and 14th goals in the first and second periods, respectively, for Bar-



Goal-scorer: The Whalers' Eric Gooldy got a first-period goal to tie last Friday's game with Belleville at 1-1, but the Bulls skated off with a 6-3 victory.

Troy Smith scored a short-handed goal for Plythe equalizer from Adam Colagiacomo and Shaun

Fisher at 6:16 of the third period. On Friday, East Division opponent Belleville skated to a 6-3 win over the Whalers.

It was 1-1 after one period as Derek Campbell scored for the Bulls and Eric Gooldy (from Smith and Randy Fitzgerald) countered for the Whalers.

Although outshot 36-31 on the night, Belleville scored five of the next six goals - Kevin Baker (his 23rd), Michael Jacobsen, Randy Rowe, Justin Papineau (his 27th) and Kelly Paddon.

Fisher scored his fifth for the Whalers in the second period from Colagiacomo and Fitzgerald. Smith scored in the second period from Colagiacomo and Gooldy.

Holsinger stopped 19 of 25 shots, while the Bulls' Cory Campbell turned back 30 of

Belleville defenseman Jason Lawmaster (Westland John Glenn) was penalized three times.

The four-game swing began Wednesday before 2,402 in Owen Sound with the host Platers winning 4-2, despite being outshot, 35-24. Owen Sound goaltender Curtis San ford made 33 saves.

After a scoreless first period, Owen Sound outscored Plymouth 3-1 in the second on goals by Wes Goldië (his 15th), Chad Woolard (his 20th) and Joel Ward (his 15th). Platers leading scorer Dan Snyder also beat Holsinger in the third period.

Rick Smith scored for the Whalers from Colagiacomo and Fitzgerald in the second. Left winger Jamie Lalonde added a goal in the third from Smith and Kevin Holdridge.

"I thought all of our rookies stepped it up, starting with Zepp on up," DeBoersaid. "We have an older, experienced teamand a lot of them (rookies) haven't had an opportunity to play as much, but once they got thrown into the fire, they more thanheld their own." The Whalers return to action Friday-

night at Midwest Division-leading Guelph. before coming home for a weekend home stand Saturday with Belleville (7:30 p.m. start) and Sunday against Sault Ste. Marie-

(6:30 p.m. start).

"We have another tough stretch, three games in three nights," DeBoer said. "We gave them Monday off and we were back at it today (Tuesday). Everybody is pretty much returning to health."

## Pointing the way

## Madonna follows Cushman's lead

SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.hom

When Katie Cushman arrived at Madonna University, she was almost immediately christened as the offensive savior for the women's basketball team.

That was more than three years ago. Cushman lived up to that early designation by leading the Lady Crusaders in scoring.

But that was then, when she was a freshman. Cushman is no longer Madonna's designated scorer. Indeed, after leading the Crusaders in scoring her first two seasons on campus, she has tapered off; now, as a senior, she's just one of five players with an average scoring rate in double figures, behind team leader Chris Dietrich.

Has her status diminished? Not a chance.

Madonna coach Marylou Jansen summed it up quite succinctly: "Katie's doing everything better. She's a much better player now than she was two years ago."

Cushman's numbers provide proof. She's ranked in the top 10 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in three categories, but while her scoring average (13.3 points) is just 10th she leads the league in assists (6.1) and ranks second in steals (2.3).

That last figure best verifies where the 5-foot-5 senior

Madonna's point guard

#### BASKETBALL PROFILE

point guard has improved most. "Katie's been an impact player every year she's been here," said Jansen, who is in her third season as coach of the Crusaders. "But when she first got here, Katie just didn't concentrate on defense. She'd score 26 points, and the two girls she'd be covering would

"She's gone from being our worst defensive guard two years ago to our best defensive guard this year.

It hasn't exactly been a sudden defensive turnaround. Cushman's performance against players she was assigned to check was markedly better last season. This season, she's taken that a step further by upgrading her help defense one reason her steal average is so high.

"I think my defense is what I've had to work on most," Cushman said. "I realized you have to play at both ends of the court. I've really worked hard at that, and I think I've come a long way.

Last week, Cushman was named WHAC player of the week for the second time this season after being selected as the Taylor University Tournament's most valuable player, scoring 24 points in the championship game, a 79-74 Madonna victory. Cushman totaled 39 points and seven assists in the two tournament games.

"She's gone from setting up Katie's offense to setting up everyone else," said Jansen. "She's worked very, very hard. Katie doesn't do anything half way.

Cushman's motivation is easy to pinpoint. "The fact that it's my senior year has come into play," she explained. "I

Please see CUSHMAN, C5

#### BASKETBALL

## Borgess cools off Shamrocks to open league

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

It's tough to be hot when you're

Redford Bishop Borgess chilled — literally — Redford Catholic Central, 71-67, Tuesday night in their Detroit Catholic League season

Both teams had limited practice time since their last games Dec. 30. Borgess had a half-hour of floor work plus some film time in an unheated gym — it's own — on Monday while Catholic Central

worked out Saturday and Monday. So that made for a certain amount of rust Tuesday. What made it worse was that the Borgess gym (there was no school Tuesday) was only at a temperature of about 60 degrees by game time.

The visiting Shamrocks hit a frosty 29.7 percent on 22-of-74 shooting. The host Spartans also made 22 field goals, but only took 45 shots to do so.

Please see BORGESS-CC, C3

## Playoff coach sacked

Chuck Donaldson, the oply coach to guide Livonia Clarenceville to a state football playoff berth in school history, has been fired.

First-year Clarenceville athletic director and assistant principal Chuck Sorentino made the decision during holiday break.

The 31-year-old Donaldson, who was 26-20 during his fiveyear tenure, said the move came as a "total shock."

"I really had no idea," Donaldson said. "The only reason I received is that they were looking at the long-term range of the football program He (Sorentino) said without a JV or freshman team, he could see it collapsing in two or three years because of

Despite the Trojans going 7-3 and qualifying for the first time ever for the state playoffs, Sorentine, with the apparent blessings of Clarenceville principal Dave Simowski, decided the program needed to go in a differ-

ent direction. Simowski was unavailable for comment Tuesday night.

"Although it's unpleasant, I feel it's the right decision and the right thing to do," Sorentino said. "Evaluating coaches at the end of each sports season falls under my job. Did I consult others? Yes. Hiring and dismissing

coaches is my job. Sorentino believed the program was in danger of becoming extinct within three years if

Donaldson continued. Clarenceville, a member of the Metro Conference with an enrollment of 468 students, carried only-26 varsity players with no junior varsity or freshman

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"We really don't have a program," Sorentino said. "We had a ... successful (varsity) season, but the hospital, Donaldson, though I'm worried about the big pic- unable to walk along with limit

training. We don't really have the all the basics of a long-term program. We need somebody with some fresh or creative ideas

of building a program because the middle school program and nia Stevenson High quarterback build bridges with the varsity. and Central Michigan University We need to take steps. I know it graduate. "We haven't won any hurts Chuck and it hurts me as state titles, but we've had pretty

Donaldson, who teaches at Clarenceville, contends he made know me know that I can't stand attempts to establish a total pro-

the middle school, two or three tor in his dismissal? times during second semester to draw up interest," Donaldson the more people mention it," he said. "I called kids during the said. "I'm saying to myself, God, summer. But when it comes to football time and they don't show It's been known to happen." up, I don't know what else I could have done.

"You can't force a kid to play football. The kids who want play the utmost respect," the athletic will play. I actually had JV director said. "He's a tremendous tify a JV team. But I was hoping son. If everybody is as couramaking the playoffs would breed

Donaldson's final game at Clarenceville was a 48-28 playoff loss to Capac. The Trojans earned a berth in Class CC-Region IV by leapfrogging four teams on the final weekend. They were the talk of the state

tournament and Observerland. Donaldson's story of coaching from a wheelchair also came to light in both Detroit daily news-

Hired in the spring of 1993, Donaldson was left a quadriplegic just two months later in a car accident. Michigan State Police reports revealed Donaldson, who collided with a Canton police officer during the early morning hours, registered a high blood-alcohol content.

After spending five months in ed use of his arms, began his?

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This past season culminated in

him being named Class CC-Region IV Coach of the Year. "I could see if I was cheating, stealing or abusing kids, or even you can't survive with 25 kids. losing, I would have resigned," You have to bridge the gap with said Donaldson, a former Livo-

> good success and we've been competitive. And people who Does Donaldson believe that

"Every year I had meetings at being handicapped played a fac-"I'm kind of thinking that now maybe it's me being in a chair."

Sorentino said Donaldson's removal was "nothing personal." "I've tried to treat Chuck with the utmost respect," the athletic coaches hired, but 11 doesn't jus- individual and a courageous pergeous as him, the world would be a better place, but we felt it was time as far as making a change." Sorentino, who came to Clarenceville after serving as a counselor for nine years at Dearborn Divine Child, also reopened the varsity boys basketball job, replacing five-year coach Rick

Larson in favor of DC assistant The Clarenceville A.D. said he



Last hurrah: Chuck Donaldson shakes the hand of standout Walter Ragland after an October victory. Donaldson led the Trojans to their first playoff appearance ever this fall; last week, the decision was made to fire Donaldson.

has no particular candidate in it tomorrow (Wednesday) and see what happens."

"What we're looking for is somebody with varsity experience," Sorentino said. "We'll post ing.

"I can't see coming back, I · have some bitter feelings right Meanwhile, Donaldson is not now and I'm really livid," he sure about his future in coach- said. "It doesn't seem like due process."

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 8 Westside at Agape, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Liggett, 7 p.m. Luth. W'sld at Luth. North, 7 p.m. Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m. Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wayne at River Rouge, 7 p.m.

Allen Park at Garden City, 7 p.m. Fordson at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m. N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m. Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m. Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m. Borgess at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 9 Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m.

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 3 p.m. Macomb at Oakland CC, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 7 Aguinas at Madonna, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 erstone at Madonna 1 p.m

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 1 p.m. Macomb at Oakland CC. 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 8 Ply, Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 9 Ply Whalers vs. Belleville

Ply, Whalers vs. Sault Ste: Marie at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Ply, Whalers vs. Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 7 Redford Unified vs. Stevenso at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.n Franklin vs. Dearborn

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Churchill vs. Fam. Unified at Farm, Hills Arena, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Redford Unified vs. Troy

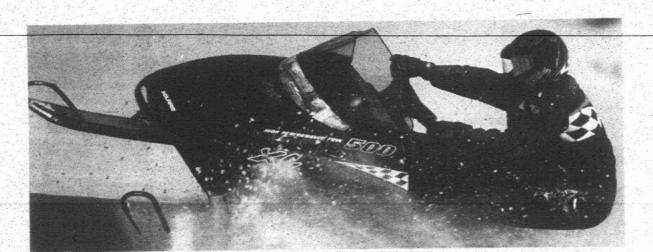
Redford CC vs. Cabrini of Redford Ice Arena R n.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 7

open registration beginning ness hours (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.). St. Agatha at Benedictine, 7 p.m. All registrations must be in per-A.A. Greenhills at PCA, 7 p.m. son at the Canton Parks and Hamtramck at Luth. W'sld. 7 p.m. Rec office, located at 46000 Friday, Jan. 8 Summit Parkway in Canton. Agape at Macomb N. Point, 6:30 p.m. Call (734) 397-5110 for further

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## Shamrock coach collects 700th dual-meet win

Redford Catholic Central's wrestling team has a 3-2 record in dual meets, giving coach Mike Rodriguez 701 career

Rodriguez, 66, is 701-207 in 42 years. 31 at CC. His teams have won seven state championships, the last in 1988.

It's been as long since the Shamrocks have won their own wrestling invitational, which celebrates its 34th year this Saturday. Wrestling-starts at 10:30 a.m. Four-

Bedford is the favorite after finishing second at last week's Goodrich Tournament behind champion Rochester

teen teams are coming, including state

powers Clarkston and Temperance Bed-

The Shamrocks were sixth there

Floor hockey

Canton's Parks and Recre-

and girls in grades 1-5, begin-

ing the week of Jan. 25 at the

y Center. There are no residen-

nild, with registration ending

Jan. 21 or when program is

Clinics are 4-4:50 p.m. and 5-

5:50 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25,

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day, Jan. 27. Games will be

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by the room to see their former coach.

Jeff Pascol, a 1998 graduate, stopped by.

"I had my Visa, was packed and ready WRESTLING

despite having one champion, heavyweight Casey Rogowski, and a runnerup: Brocc Naysmith at 215 pounds.

Mitch Hancock was third place at 160 "No earrings, just long hair," said pounds and Chris O'Hara third at 103. Pascol, a 160-pounder last year, who "If God smiles on us, we might (challooks like he could compete two weight lenge for first place)," Rodriguez said. classes up, especially after the holidays. "We're better than last year but still got

Rodriguez has been in coaching so at the University of Michigan. long, he's now coaching his grandchil-He was an alternate for the 1960 U.S. dren: Brocc Naysmith and freshman Brandon Naysmith, a 160-pounder.

His son, Dave Rodriguez, is one of his Former CC wrestlers frequently stop

and Wayne

a long ways to go."

and 16 at Compuware Sports

Plymouth). No experience is

club director Carrie Brown at

Racquetball league

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at Tuesday's practice. He was easy to recognize because of they had all the say." his long hair at a school that has an ear

code. He wouldn't dare wear earrings around Rodriguez, though.

Rodriguez prepped at Ann Arbor Pioneer and was an All-America wrestler

Olympic Team but was denied entry to he Games, held in Rome, Italy as a ast-minute substitute. Rodriguez said the Russians, dominant in the sport at Chris Kordella, 3:47; 171: Ryan Matheson (CC) dec. the time, had a large say in refusing Randy Slade, 7-4; 189: Andy Conlin (CC) dec. Dan

to go," Rodriguez said. "At that time, Here are results of recent matches,

> REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 35 PORTAGE CENTRAL 34 Dec. 31 at Portage Central

103 pounds: Chris O'Hara (CC) decisioned Kyle Greenberg, 2-0; 112: Curtis Trinkle (PC) pinned Tom Buddenborg, 2:53; 119: Corey Fuller (PC) p. Chris Peterson, 5:52; 126; Ed Lendrum (CC) p. Eric Bouck, 0:49; 130: Kyle Sparks (PC) won on disqualification; 135: J.D. Meisling (PC) p. Jeff Wheeler, 3:43; 140: Mike Hoppingarner (PC) dec. Jay Abshire, 12-4; 145: Troy. Miller (PC) p. Ryan Rogowski, 1:23; 152: Mitch Hancock (CC) won on pin, 3:18; 160: Ryan Zajdel ((CC) p.

13-5; heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (CC) dec. Jim Kir layne, 12-2.

#### **ROCKFORD 43** REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 27 Dec. 31 at Portage Central

103: Nate Roersma (R) dec. Chris O'Hara, 6-4; 112: Craig Shutich (R) pinned Tom Buddenborg, 3:43; 119; Joe Swendrowski (R) p. Chris Peterson, 1:13; 126: Joe Apkarian (R) p. Ed Lendrum, 5:06; 130: Brandon Cook (R) dec. Peter Mazzarese, 10-4; 135; Jeff Wheeler (CC) dec. Tom Nichols, 6-5: 140: Nathan Vanspest (R9 dec. Jay Abshire, 9-2; 145; Jeremy Johnson (R) pinned Ryar Rogowski, :53; 152: Ryan Zajdel (CC) p. Travis Chappell, 5:55; 4.60: Mitch Hancock (CC) pinned Chris Olson, 0:44; 171: Paul Kerekes (R) p. Ryan Matherson 2:34; 189: Ryan Kerekes (R) dec. Andy Conlin, 10-1; 215: Brocc Naysmith (CC) p. Ben Miller, 4:46; heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (CC) p. Sean Czarnopis, 0:43.

## Borgess-CC from page C1

This is the second time the Arena (located at 14900 Beck in ed on Ford between Newburgh teams met in a week. The Spartans beat the Shamrocks, 75-74, in the second-round of the Motor start and Justin McClain scored Each class will run from 9 City Roundball Classic on Tues- 10.

free throws in the fourth quar-

"We did a good job down the

kills clinics and games for boys adults, for figure skaters and attend all four classes. A certifiday, Dec. 29 at U-D Jesuit. cation test will be given at the of Catholic Central said. "They shooting. So did Dan Jess, whose Classes are Jan. 23, Jan. 30 Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, and are played well. They hit a lot of free six points came off two of the open to those 12 and older.

Cost is \$43. Call (734) 459-4875 to register. Class size is to the line 45 times and sank 30 and Anthony Tomey 10. while Catholic Central was 18for-23 in free throws. Curtis

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basket and made a couple of key For further information, con baskets. Allen's three-point play with tact the City of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

58 seconds left gave the Spar-Anyone interested in submitting

tems to Sports Scene or Sports Bishop Borgess went into its Roundup-may send them to sports edidelay clinging to a 55-54 lead tor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, with 5:05 to play and more than Livonia, MI. 48150, or may FAX them a minute off the clock before

Allen wound up with 20 Mims knocked down a shot from points, center Marcuz Young had inside the free throw line and 18, Jones scored 15 in his first the Spartans never trailed from

Nick Moore led Catholic Cen-"They were in the same boat tral with 20 points but it was a us," Coratti said. Borgess scored as we were," Coach Rick Coratti quiet 20 as he had a nippy night

many threes he shot. Matt Loridas scored 15 for the Indeed. Bishop Borgess went Shamrocks, Rob Sparks had 13

Bishop Borgess started strong, Allen of the Spartans protected holding a 20-14 lead after one the margin by making 7-of-12 period, but Catholic Central dominated the second period and led, 36-32, at the half.

We had a chance to pull away stretch," Coach Roosevelt Barnes in the third quarter," Coratti what killed us.'

Kendrell Jones both went to the 37, after Moore hit a triple with 4:43 left in the third quarter. But they committed five quarter as the Spartans hauled hemselves into a 48-48 tie.

Sparks fouled out with two minutes to play and that hurt on every possession after that.

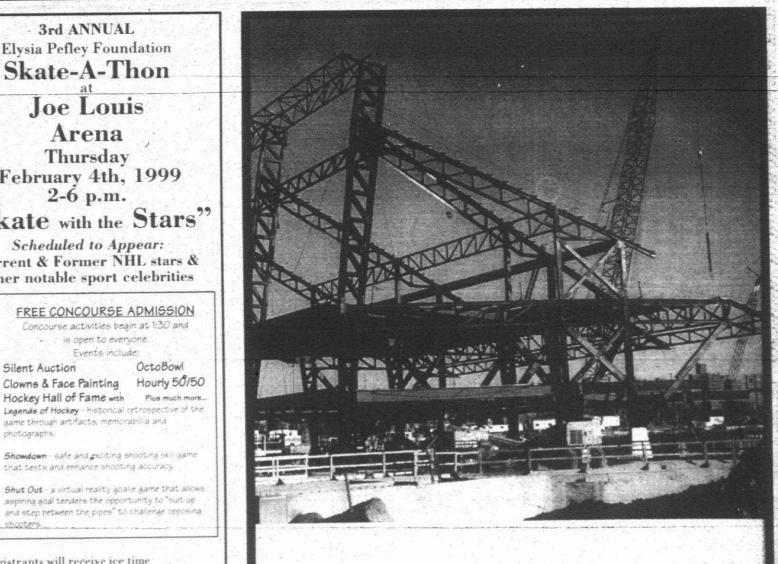
"Allen is showing good leadership," Barnes said. "He's a smart young man. Academically, too. I think he'll make somebody a good point guard in college."

Barnes mixed his defenses effectively, switching between full-court pressure to doubleteams to half-court man-to-man. His Spartans also did a good ob of keeping the Shamrocks

from exploiting their zones. Catholic Central got some effecof Bishop Borgess said. "We ran said, "but we turned the ball tiveness out of disguising its our delay and Curtis Allen and over too many times. That's zone by having its guards play man-to-man or having the man The Shamrocks were up, 45- on top chase the ball-handler. Catholic Central held a 44-41

rebounding edge but was domitans a 67-62 lead. Jones made turnovers and made just one nant in the second half, although s with 1:52 to play to make it basket the remainder of the it had problems making even the "You've got to score," Coratti

said after his team sank to 4-3 Missing their first eight shots overall following its Catholic of the final quarter put the League opener. Barnes' team is. Shamrocks in a 54-48 hole. They 3-3, with two wins over Catholic came back to forge a 58-58 dead- Central (the first a one-pointer lock with 2:32 left but Kahlil in a holiday tournament).



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intensity dips in the third quarter defensive-

ly." Austin said. "We have to learn to play as

hard as the other team, even if we have a

sizeable lead. Garden City show a lot of char-

But the Cougars couldn't sustain that

Bennett's three-pointer with 3:20 remain-

GC pulled to within one, 53-52, with 2:35

"We didn't guard very well on the perime

close." Williamson said. "But we spend too

get back into the game. That's a lot to ask of

them because some of them haven't played a

much energy running and pressing trying to

left on a basket by Jess Webb, but Bennett

ing broke a 48-all tie and gave Churchill the

nomentum into the decisive fourth quarter.

acter. They stepped it up defensively."

came back with two clutch baskets.

nett) cut to the basket."

lot of basketball."

lead for keeps.

## Absent Druken relinquishes scoring leadership

The leading scorer in the Ontario Hockey League is no longer the Plymouth Whalers' Harold Druken, but at least it's still a Whaler.

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games while playing for Team Canada at the World Junior Hockey Tournament in Win-

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his 64 points, on 38 goals and 26 Adam Colagiacomo, with 71 points on 22 goals and a league-Now, while Druken's 38 goals high 49 assists. is still tops in the OHL, his point

The Whalers have six players shutout and a .911 save percenttotal is fourth. The new leaguewith at least 11 goals. Last season's leading point-producer -David Legwand, who was the second overall selection in last June's NHL entry draft - has missed 13 games this season while at the Nashville Predators pre-season camp and playing for Team USA at the World Junior on the Whalers with 39 points, on 18 goals and 21 assists.

Whalers. Now all they need do is rediscover that unbeatable status they so often displayed during the first 30 games of the sea-

Tournament. Legwand is third slumped during the holidays, going 3-4-1 - mainly due to an overjammed schedule (six games, season road games remaining Also ranked among the OHL in eight days, five of them on the with 19 games at home.

nipeg, Manitoba. When he left leader is Whaler teammate leaders is goalie Robert road) with five of the team's best players participating in the Holsinger, who is fifth in goalsagainst average (2.42). Holsinger has a 14-6 record with one men

Those five players (Druken, Legwand, Nikos Tselios, Paul Mara and Tomek Valtonen) have returned and will be in the line-The worst is over for the up this weekend. And they'll be needed, because the Whalers must play three games in three days, starting with a road match Friday at Guelph, the OHL's Midwest Division leader.

But after the game at Guelpl Plymouth has just nine regular-



markand Sharks (Front our from left) Bryan Davisor Kyle Reno, Joey Fava, Joel Majszak, Roman Kahler, Adam Powers, David Onorat second row from left) Shaws imancas (standing), Ryan McKigney, Nick Bargowski Harrison Hall, Ian Barnaby and Jeremy Caiarelli and (back row) assistant coach Steve Reno, team member Austin Kronig, assistant coach Rich Bargowski, head coach Tim Davison and assistant coach Frank Majszak. Not pi tured: Sam Ott and David

## Sharks, JAWS capture hockey titles

tured the championship trophy last month at the fourth annual Farmington Hills Holiday Tournament in the Farmington Hills

The Hammerhead Sharks posted a 5-0 tournament record winning 3-0 against the Ice Cats, 3-0 against the Ice Dogs, 4-3 versus the Hurricanes, 4-2 against the Coyotes and 6-0 against the Ice Cats in the title game.

Strong goaltending by Adams Powers and playmaking by David Onorato earned them co MVP honors for the tournament. Onorato led the Sharks scoring attack with 9 goals and 5 assists. goals and 5 assists, Roman

The Plymouth-Canton Mite Kahler with 1 goal and 4 assists, BB Hammerhead Sharks cap- Joel Majszak with 3 goals, 3 Dec. 26-27. assists. Sean Simancas, Bryan Davison and Austin Kronig each scored one goal.

> Additional helpers were Harrison Hall, Ryan McKigney, Kyle Reno and Joey Fava. Anchoring the defense were Nick Bargowski and Ian Barnaby. Team members Sam Ott and

David Sweirszczyk did not play in the tournament. The team is coached by Time was the tournament MVP. Davison, Frank Maiszak, Rich Bargowski and Steve Reno.

JAWS wins PeeWee B The Plymouth-Canton JAWS,

members of the Plymouth-Can-Other Sharks gathering points ton Hockey Association, were were: Jeremy Caiarelli with 4 champions in the PeeWee B

Ice Arena Holiday Tournament JAWS reached the final with a

2-1 overtime win over the Novi Tigers in the semifinals, with Kyle Blakey scoring the gamewinner. Eric Culps also scored for JAWS.

In the finals against the Livonia Panthers, JAWS won going away, 5-1. Culps scored two goals; Blakey, Chris Green and Ben Laurin also scored. Culps Other team members are

David Bak, Brian Ford, Keith Livonia Stevenson. Jourdan, Tadas Kasputis, David Westland John Glenn's non-Leslie, Joe Lupinacci, Phillip Marsh, Jay Pawlowski, Ian Phillips, Ryan Stamm, Jesse Truan and Scott Weber. Coaches are Keith Laurin, Bill Stamm,

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## Cushman from page C1

ack, so I give it my all every

league," the team co-captain said. "That would get us back to nationals, and that's an oard aren't a necessity any experience that's hard to nger, thanks to the Cruexplain to people." iders' improved depth. "The am we have now, it's hard for Cushman's doing all she can to paint a clear picture to her teammates. Said Jansen: ats) to focus on just one us," said Cushman. "We ave so much depth, they can't able-team one player. Which "That's been a big thing wit her, her leadership. This year she's been a total joy. She's ielps me, because I have so

All of which adds up to more ter," Williamson said. "We didn't contest un and more wins. Madonna shots. It has to become personal and a team akes an 11-4 record into thing to close it off. We also let him (Ben-Thursday's WHAC seasonpener at home against

any other options.

Alan Marszalek and Geoff Beckerleg added quinas College (game time is 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the "Every one of our games have been real

ve been on," said Cushman. The personnel bring more to he table than any other Madonna) team. When we're hot, we're really hot. The mentum picks up and we

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son. I wouldn't change any thing she's done this year." A player with that kind o pirational leadership qua ties can carry a team a long way. But for Cushman and he teammates, it's nice to know she won't have to do it alone.

more season.
"I definitely want to win the

"She's low maintenance an

high fun. I always respecte

her as a player, but now

tions forced the postponement of bot them to a WHAC title and into

the NAIA Tournament. Madon-Aguinas College at 7:30 p.m. tonight na qualified for the NAIA Aguinas at 7 p.m. tonight Regionals in Cushman's sopho-

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## Snowstorm forces a cancellation of hoop games

Bennett boosts Chargers

But it was the play of Bennett, who was

eight of nine from the floor over the final

eight minutes of action, that had Churchill

coach Rick Austin excited. (Bennett's previ-

"John hit some 'threes," but actually most

of his points came from the inside paint

area," Austin said. "John struggled in the

first half from the wing, but then we moved

him to the low post. That turned out to be a

key move because when he gets the ball in

"And he does so many things for us inside.

Churchill led 26-14 at halftime as Garden

"We were not ready to play," Garden City

He gives us some size and he's learning to

City made just six of 25 shots from the floor

coach Greg Williamson said. "You can't turn

it on and off. You have to do it consistently.

But the third quarter was a different story.

The Cougars came out red-hot, hitting 10

Junior guard Brian Harnos scored 10 of

of 13 shots from the floor to take a 40-36

his team-high 17 points during GC's 26-10

That's the mark of a good team."

there, he knows only one thing - score.

rebound. And he knows how to get open."

ous high was 25 against Dearborn.)

otal defensive play.

(24 percent)

School closings due to frigid temperatures and snow played havoc Tuesday with scheduled area high school basketball

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over Garden City.

overall, while GC slips to 2-3.

three-point arc in the fourth.

And why is Hill his favorite?

onds to seal the victory.

get others involved," Bennett said.

'John Bennett's favorite player is Grant'

And for one quarter, Livonia Churchill's 6-

foot-4 junior forward put on a performance

like the former Duke star and Detroit Piston,

scoring 19 points Tuesday night to lift the

host Chargers to a 62-57 boys basketball win

The win improved Churchill's record to 3-2

Bennett, who went inside and outside en

He connected on three shots beyond the

"We were just breaking the press and the

team was giving me good passes and I was

making cuts to the open spots," said Bennett,

who played half of last season on the varsity.

"When you get into a flow it just suits me

"He's a team player who likes to score and

Junior guard Randall Boboige, who added

18 points for the Chargers, made three of

And Eric Lightle's block of a Garden City

shot in the final minute proved to be a piv-

four free throws during the final 31.6 sec-

route to a game-high 27 points, helped stem

a Garden City 26-10 third-quarter run.

One postponement, however did not result in either.

Failure to reclose a main door to Livonia Franklin's gymnasium caused the school officials to cancel the Patriots' non-league game with Milford.

Among other games postponed and yet to be rescheduled: Plymouth Canton at Ann Arbor Huron; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at Flint Valley; Harper Woods Lutheran East at Livonia Clarenceville; Redford Union at

leaguer with visiting Ypsilanti will not be made up according to Glenn athletic director Gerald

The Riverview at Wayne

women's games were originally 6.

The Grosse Pointe University-Liggett at Lutheran Westland Metro Conference game has been rescheduled for 3:45 p.m. Satur-

day, Jan. 16. the Flint Mott at Schoolcraft College game will be replayed metime in February. Madonna University's game with host Aguinas is scheduled for 7:30

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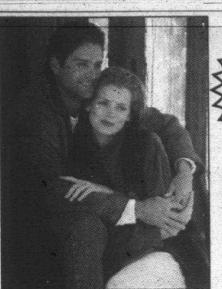
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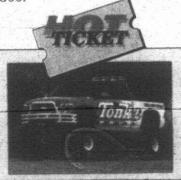
John Travolta stars as personal-injury attorney Jan Schlichtmann in "A Civil Action," opening today at metro-Detroit movie theaters.



Susan Calloway celebrates release of CD with party and . performance, with special guest Michelle Penn, 8 p.m. at \* Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$6 at Ticketmaster outlets for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit http://www.themagicbag.com



Audrey Morgan (top) and Sylvia Carter perform as two wit and wisdom-filled centenarian sisters, Bessie and Sadie Delany in "Having Our Say," 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$26.50 (2 p.m.) and \$24 (6:30 p.m.), call (248) 377-3300.

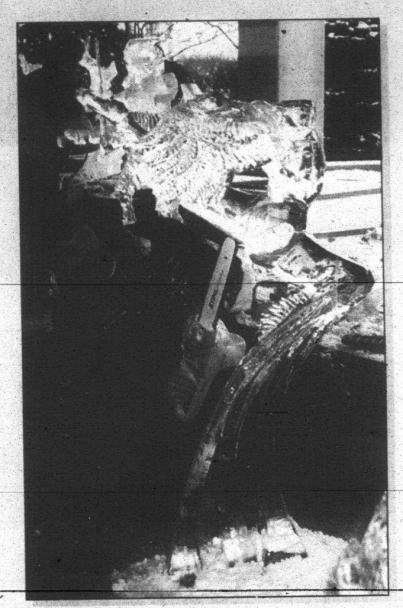


There's lots to see and do at the 1999 North American International Auto Show. Chevrolet's Tonka Truck will be one of the many concept vehicles on display. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, through Sunday, Jan. 17, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Cobo Center in Detroit. No one will be admitted after 9 p.m. (or 6 p.m. on the last day). Tickets are free for people age 12 and under (when accompanied by parent or guardian), \$9 for ple age 13-64 and \$4 for people age 65 and up. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through the show's Web site at www.naias.com.



Judges favorite: "Riding the Grey Winds," an ice sculpture carved by Peter Slavin and Marty Long of Philadelphia, won a Gold Medal in the 1998 Professional Team Competition at the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular. It featured a female figure and four hounds.

O FOR THE GOLD



Figurative fantasy: Ohio carver Aaron Costic took top prize in the professional individual category at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular in Janu-

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

he Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, by its very nature, will never grow old. New ideas by awardwinning and emerging carvers insure the art of creating sculptures from ice remains an exciting spectator sport for the 750,000 visitors who come annually to watch everything from sea creatures to

abstract sculptures take form. The oldest and largest ice carving event in North America, the Spectacular pits more than 100 U.S. and Japanese carvers against each other in Plymouth's Kellogg Park and the Central Parking Structure Jan. 15-17. Sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation, the competitions award \$10,000 in prize money and scholarships. In addition to amateur and professional carvers, students from Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills; Schoolcraft College, Livonia; Henry Ford, Macomb and Monroe Community Colleges, and local high schools will compete.

"The show is really all new every year," said Mike Watts, Spectacular coordinator. "The medium being what it is, it's a fleeting material which is around, depending on the weather, for a brief

Using a power saw to cut a large circle from a slab of ice, Canton carver Ted Wakar warms up for the competitions by creating dozens of sculptures to be placed in front of businesses during the Plymouth International Ice Spec-

tacular Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 13-18. Wakar will compete in the 20-hour professional team category with J.R, Lorentz of Garden City. The two won first place at the Miesel Sysco Food Show in September in Novi. An award winning carver, Wakar and partner Jim Bur, Jr., a graduate of Livonia's Churchill High School, won the world championship in Japan in 1996 and competed at the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan in January. With weather in the sin-

gle digits, Lorentz, Wakar and Bur, Jr. work to fill the refrigerated truck parked behind Wakar's Frozen Images Studio in Plymouth's Old Village with the street sculptures. Bur, Jr., a manager at Bozell Worldwide in Southfield, competes in the professional individual category. "Winning is only a part of it,"

said Wakar, a product manager at Ford Motor Co. and former executive chef at World Headquarters in Dearborn. "For many of us, it's an escape from our day to day lives. It's a way to express an inner part of ourselves. It's baring your soul and opening yourself up for criti-

Spectators never seem to tire of vatching competitors chisel and chainsaw their way through the 300 pound blocks of ice. In the early years, most of the carvers who competed were chefs. A percentage of the competitors still work in the culinary field but more and more professional ice carvers and those who just like to compete are taking part in the

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#### PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

WHAT: A free winter festival featuring ice carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, and high school and college students, a Fantasyland displaying dozens of wild and crazy bugs carved from ice, celebrity charity carving event, a 24-hour light show, a Plymouth Whalers ice skating party, and a warming area in the Masonic Lodge on Penniman. Virtual Engineering and Frozen Images Studio of Plymouth will create a working timepiece from ice. Have Train, Will Travel, a Farmington Hills business, will provide the electric trains running through some of the displays in Fantasyland in The Gathering.

WHEN: Open 24 hours a day from Wednesday, Jan. 13 to Monday, Jan. 18 in downtown Plymouth, For more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or http://www.oeonline.com/plymouthice/

WHERE: Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in down-

POPULAR MUSIC

## Il Hill takes his time for 'Willie Mae'

BY CHRISTINA PUOCO STAFF WRITER

Blues singer/boogie woogie pianist Al Hill has been told for years that he should put his music to CD.

"I just kept saying, 'soon,' " Hill said with a laugh.

Then when he and the Love Butlers' debut CD "Willie Mae" was released late last year, he realized what a good idea it was.

When you make a record, when it takes that long to make, you lose perspective. There were times when I loved the record, times when I thought this was no good, and times when you put, it out and you just don't know anymore," Hill explained.

The response that I've gotten has gone way past what I would have hoped for. Maybe I should hope higher."

More than 500 people showed up to . his CD release party at the Cavern Club in Ann Arbor and he sold 120 CDs that night.

"The people have been just so cool with it. I think it's sincere. It's not just your friends saying, 'Nice job."

Public radio stations including WDET-FM and WEMU-FM have added songs from "Willie Mae" to its playlist. The same for a blues and jazz station in Los Angeles.

It's been a long road for Hill, a lifelong Ann Arbor resident. He attended Pioneer High School before transferring to the first alternative school in Ann Arbor, the Free School, which has since been known as Earth Works and Community High School.

As a sophomore in high school in the early 1970s, Hill and his brothers, who played guitar and bass, collaborated with a drummer friend to perform at readhouses and honky tonks in and around Ann Arbor.

"I haven't really done my own thing until this band," Hill said of the Love Butlers. "I've been in a ton of different bands. The one that had the most notoriety is Jeanne and the Dreams."

In the mid-80s, Hill treated Jeanne and the Dreams as a side project to his Al Hill and the Headlights. But before that project got off the ground, Jeanne and the Dreams took off.

"I ended up doing that band for a number of years. It was only when that folded that I decided to get started doing my own thing and doing some writing. This band is the closest I've ever come to realizing my own musical vision," he explained.

Starting his own band, Hill explained, was also due to technological advances.

"I've always played blues and boogie piano and it wasn't until sometime in the last 10 years that the technology was there to have a decent 88-key piano that I could feel comfortable playing music on. Maybe that's why I played guitar so much.'

In the meantime, Hill's voice was frequently heard on WCSX-FM, the clas-

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Boogle down: Al Hilt and the Love Butlers are celebrating be release of their debut CD "Willie Mae.



Finally on CD: Boogie-woogie piano player / blues singer Al Hill and his Love Butlers have finally preserved their sound on CD in "Willie Mae."

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ic rock radio station "I used to sing a lot of demos for WCSX. If you ever heard 'Isiah and the Bad Boys' when the Pistons were winning, I sang some of that. I did 'Red Wings Be thought they were doing something. I did 'Ballpark Blues

about Tiger Stadium," he said. "I did other studio work and some other people's albums around here. But to do your own record is a whole 'nother ball game. I also produced it ('Willie Mae') which was a hat that I had

Hill and the Love Butlers er pop songs that can take a year recorded "Willie Mae" with engineer Geoff Michael at Big Sky Recording and Solid Sound stu- the road. I'll sing a complete dios for 1- 1/2 years with a verse and have a song by the end revolving group of musicians. of the day." One musician left the band because his wife had twins,

"It took a long time. It took that was because I financed it myself with loans from various people. When I had the money, I vorked on it. When I didn't-have money, I just sat there," he said

with a chuckle. "It started out as a band pro- into B.B. King's club."

ject but before too long it was my own project. I had had a handful of songs that I went in to record. Since it took a year and a half, knows what could happen with there was also some writing going on. It really evolved from Good' when the Red Wings when I started to when it came

There were times, Hill admitted, when he was stumped lyrisome other jingles and played on cally. When that happened, he knew he could rely on his wife Whit, a former choreographer.

"She's pretty quick with them. She's a very prolific writer. I'm the tortoise and she's the hare. When it comes to putting togethor so. Sometimes a song will come out when I'm driving down

"To be honest, this album wouldn't have happened the way another, he suspects, got tired of that it happened without her

over a year and a half. Part of the studio sometime this year. But for now he wants to work Willie Mae" "for awhile." "I have a friend who plays with

Stray Cats. He does side gigs too Oak, Dearborn Music in Dearborn, and he's working on getting me and independent record stores in

"I was just hoping to make a splash with this one. Now I feel like avenues are opening. Who

Al Hill and The Love Butlers, and special guest the Blue Rays, perform at 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 for the 21 and older show For more information, call (734) 213-6000. Other upcoming shows include: 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Thursdays Jan. 21 and 28, at the Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Wash ington St., Ann Arbor. The 21 and older show is free. (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com; and 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at

Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor

Road, Plymouth. (734) 459-4190. "Willie Mae" is available at all Discs'in Ferndale, Switched On in Novi. Flipside Records in Clawson, the Beat Hotel in Berkley, Off the Record in Royal Oak, Repeat the Lee Rocker, who used to be in the Beat stores in Dearborn and Royal

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This year's judges are Dean Carlson of Florida; certified executive chef Roland Czekelios, Vermont, and Dan Hugelier and Joe Decker, chef instructors at Schoolcraft College.

"As an art form, ice carving is in its youth," said Wakar. "I try to utilize the knowledge other artists use while creating something that's challenging to us. If we can perform it properly, we barger. "Then they started to hope the judges will find it as compete and that's when the nteresting as we do."

Lorentz carves ice for a living. J.R.'s Ice Sculptures provides ice punch bowls, sculptures and carving blocks for weddings. bridal showers, banquets, parties, and corporate promotions in the tri-county area. A 1995 graduate of the ice carving program directed by Richard Teeple at Henry Ford Community College, Lorentz shows dozens of photographs taken of a bronze sculpture on which he and Wakar will pattern their carving. As with most of the competitors, they

want to keep the design a secret. "It's real daring because most of the weight of the sculpture is off center," said Lorentz.

**Dueling planes** 

Dan Huntsbarger will be practicing his carving techniques in front of the Moveable Feast in Ann Arbor. Huntsbarger owns the restaurant so no one can complain about the whirring power saw as he carves two World War I bi-planes from 20 blocks of ice. Formerly executive chef and general manager of the Gandy Dancer, Huntsbarger first learned the art of ice carving while a student at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde

Spectacular in January.

Park, New York. He's competed "Seeing the families come out in Plymouth for more than 10 and the kids get excited, is the years and this year enters the most rewarding part of the festiprofessional team competition val for me," said Watts, who is with partner John Hosford. He'll currently in negotiations with practice cold and warm weather the 2002 Winter Olympics Comlesigns in front of the restaurant mittee in Salt Lake City to bring housed in an 1870s Victorian ice carving to the event. "It's the home on weekends until the Plymost interesting and unique family festival in the U.S. in win-"Ice carving was done originalter. I don't know of any major ly for buffet use," said Huntsfamily activity today that's free. We have to start three to four weeks in advance with the street level of ice carving skills carvings. The carvers usually increased. Now, there are compesurprise me with the subjects titions all over the country and they choose to carve. We really lots of talented carvers. I do it

want people to be surprised." because it's quite relaxing, and Michigan residents aren't the for the fun of carving. If you only ones interested in the festival. Last year, the Spectacular's internet site received over While the competitions last 50,000 hits from the United only three days, the Spectacular Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Geroffers six days to view ice sculpmany, Canada, France, South tures, including a Fantasyland Korea, Israel, Denmark, and the displaying dozens of wild and rest of the U.S. crazy bugs. A celebrity charity

"The internet's a boon for us because we can give people directions and a schedule of the er & Eccentric Newspapers, a competitions and events," said Watts. "We had a couple of freak warmings, and were trying to keep it alive. We've been fortunate to have cold weather the Have Trains, Will Travel of last eight years, and support Farmington Hills add to the from the community and sponsors but ice has gotten more expensive, labor has gotten more Central Parking Structure and expensive. We're going to have to raise more money. We're a nonprofit foundation so we're going to be scouring the countryside for new sponsors, and we hope to Watts proudly displays the let- increase the donations we ters and drawings he received receive from the public in the from a class of third graders boxes in Kellogg Park and The from Westview Elementary in Gathering so we can keep the

## Exhibit on Detroiters at work

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The Detroit Historical Muse- um, on the corner of Woodward also features a new interactive um is presenting the first 200 and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural video "Working in Detroit." The years of the city's history in a Center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a Center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a Center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city's history in a center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 viewer selects a character and years of the city of the city

to Factories: Detroiters at work

1701-1901. "No one else tells this story of Detroit's history," said Maud Margaret Lyon, director of the Detroit Historical Museum. "This new exhibit is a dramatic improvement of what has been shown previously

ters at Work" includes the following sections: ■ Introduction - A new interactive map of the Great Lakes region illustrates major explo-The Detroit Historical Museration routes into the area with emphasis on the route used by Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac when he founded Detroit in

■ The First People - Story of the Native American people in the Detroit area before Cadillac, and how they lived. It includes artifacts from the museum's col-

Furs, Forts and Fire - Covers the period from 1701 to 1825 and addresses Cadillac's arrival, the growth of the village of Detroit, the first of 1805 and the Woodward plan to reshape the gan for Detroit in the 1890s. This city, the Moran Trading Post, and french farming techniques. An interactive video presentation "Early Detroiters," features picture of a Detroit landmark a cross section of settlers from and see a corresponding light at

1865 - This section illustrates As the 20th century dawned, the growth that took place from Detroit stood poised to become 1825 to 1865, as improved trans- the Automotive Capital of the portation via steamship and World. This display looks at the train brought more people from connection between Detroit's a variety of cultures to Detroit. A touch-screen interactive called why and when people from many ethnic backgrounds settled in the city. The first industries in the city and the people responsible for them are also profiled.

vidual's role in late 19th century Detroit. Roles of men and women Admission is \$3 adults, \$1.50 for of various ethnic backgrounds are presented Heavy Industry - Using

photos, graphics, large photographic backdrops and artifacts this section shows the national impact and prominence of Detroit's major industries in the 1890s, including the manufacturing of railroad cars, ships, and stoves. A video theater in this area shows an overview of the entire exhibit.

Making Goods for Detroiters Sanders, Kresge's, Stroh's, Hudson's and Parke-Davis, are all Detroit institutions that came into prominence in post-Civil War Detroit. This display explains how these and other famous Detroit products and

businesses were born. ■ The City Where Life is Worth Living - This was the slosection features an interactive street map of the era in which viewers push buttons to light a its location on the map.

City of Commerce, 1825- Ready to be the Motor City -1890s industries and automobile manufacturing, as well as the "From Many Places" explains innovators who helped move the city into the "car culture" -Henry Leland, Henry Ford, and Ransome Olds

In Business for a Century -This section of the exhibit is City of Industry - Displays devoted to Detroit businesses the stories of prominent indus- that have been in continuous operation for 100 years or more.



Stove capital: Workers at the Michigan Stove Company in 1872 pose for a photograph. This image tells just one of many stories in the new "Frontiers to Factories" exhibit, now open at the Detroit Historical Museum. Before it was known as the Motor City, Detroit was known as stove making capital of the world.

## Livonia Philharmonic continues 40-year tradition

The Livonia Philharmonic of education and talent of its mem-Michigan is open to students bers. Participants audition for While it is important to read that members take private lessons, demonstrate competency and who a deep personal interest in musicianship. Rehearsals continue 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, January through May at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Auditions will be held Saturday, Jan. 16. Call (734) 591-7649 or (248) 476-6341 to schedule an audition appointment. big of boggle in the second violin and forth, from conductor to

By THERESA CAVANAUGH

On most Saturdays from September to May, 120 families from 22 communities, travel to Livonia to participate in the weekly rehearsal with the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan. By 8:55 a.m., the family car curls along the drive in front of Churchill High School on the corner of Newburgh and Joy Road. Car doors open and passengers ranging in age from four through 19 step out. Juggling a sheet music in the other, they hurry up to glass doors and maneuver their way inside.

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is based on a youth orchestra program that monic of Michigan strives to was founded in Livonia 40 years teach students to listen and ago. The non-profit organization watch each other. To react to is designed to further the music each other and communicate to

er and Kaylie Newill.

through age 18. It is requested placement into one of three music, to learn what the symbols are, the students are encouraged orchestras or the Flute Choir. to get their heads out of the Unpacking their instruments, score. It is important to instill in

students in the Concert Strings Orchestra, leave their cases scattered about the flour. By 9 a.m. the students find their seat in the traditional arch of an orchestra and they face their conductor, Timario Wilkins. The Concert String Orchestra is rehearsing the "Canon in G" composed by Pachebel. There is a

section and Wilkins counts out, music. Quickly, they scan the "2 and 3 and 4 and," he paces notes, transposing spots on a page into sounds that harmonize them, then, "stronger seconds" he encourages. Responding, the second violins catch up and return a bigger sound. "Great job to third violins on the C sharp, but you guys,"

tle no one sat you down and said, Wilkins points to the first violin section with his baton, "you're 'this is a verb or that is a noun; you just grew up hearing the rushing at 36, take it a little become sentences and you are Instruments and bows are

poised; the cue is given, play communicating. The real study resumes. The students play a few of language comes years after music case in one hand and measures and Wilkins stops them. Addressing the first violins, Wilkins reminds them, "you are playing as one person, stay The Livonia Youth Philhar-

for a sound."

The orchestra plays the opening strains of Verdi's "Aida" with a vigor that belies the early morning hour. The sound is big. One would suspect an adult orchestra is playing. Instead, the Philharmonic includes students whose ages range from 10 through 18 years. Weller is quick to underscore

the students the need to play

beyond the notes and find the

In room G-16, Derek Weller,

conductor of the Philharmonic

Orchestra, makes a dramatic

lunge to his left. The movement

prompts the first violins into

action. Student eyes dart back

Weller has some definite ideas

about how students learn music.

"It's a lot like learning to speak,"

he said. "When you were very lit-

words. Eventually, your words

play or sing musically years

before understanding that those

black dots on a page are symbols

real music in the piece.

and become a melody.

the importance of music education for very young students. Not every child who studies music will become a professional musician," he said. "But every child who studies music will grow to understand something about it and support it as an

Weller is the principal bass. and performs with the Michigan Opera Theater. He also teaches the double bass at Eastern Michigan University, is a sub in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and gives private instruction o students studying the bass, but he keeps Saturday morning open for the Livonia Youth Phil narmonic of Michigan



Strings: Conductor Julia Kurtyka works with students in the Advanced Strings' you begin using it. Music is like Orchestra, including Trae McMaken, Maureen Case and Tara Stanley. language, in that a person can

Julia Kurtyka is Executive form. Director of the Plymouth Symphony and conducts the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan's youngest participants in e Advanced Strings Orchestra. Some of these children began music lessons at the age of two, the instrument is everything, not and some are preteens just dis- necessarily the grade of the covering music, and are beginning string students.

"It is important to provide a solid foundation for young children studying music right from the start," she said. Kurtyka attempt to avoid their children instruments. earning improper techniques and bad posture.

"As most parents of small children know, it is difficult to break small groups. "It can be very a bad habit," she said. "If children learn the wrong fingering come into a group like the Livotechniques it can be very frus- nia Youth Philharmonic of Michitrating for both the child and the gan and be give a large, impos-teacher to reestablish the correct ing piece of music to read,"

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Linda Ignagni the organization's string specialist agrees, "as important as quality instruction is, another key factor in music education is the instrument." With small children the size of instrument. It should fit the child and not be too large or too small for the student."

Ignagni visits each string orchestra every Saturday. She advises parents to provide the spends her time adjusting and best teachers they can in an tuning the younger student's

Often working at the direction of the conductors, Ignagni will coach students individually or in intimidating for students to

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Wilkins points out. "At the first run through the piece is awful and the students insist they can't play it. What is wonderful about music is how it is studied. We break it down into smaller pieces and study it measure by measure. Not only does difficult music become manageable, but the students get an immediate boost of confidence. They end the rehearsal feeling better about themselves because they know even though the piece is hard

they can work it out." The Livonia Youth Philhar monic of Michigan is an independent youth music organization designed to complement existing school programs by developing ensemble performance skills.

Theresa Cavanaugh is immedi ate past president of the board of the Livonia Youth Philharmoni



Festive flutes: Conductor Dennis Carter rehearses with

Flute Choir members Danielle Morton, Adrienne Walk-

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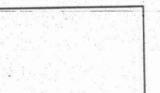
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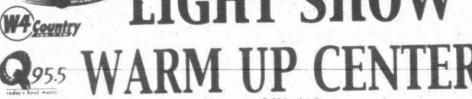


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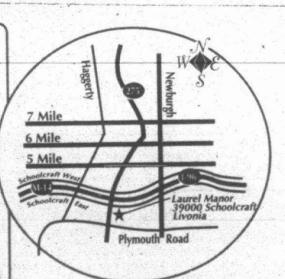
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2538 or http://www.ums.org.

VIDA MILMANTOS Opera singer performs with pianist Tatyana Zat, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park, Free (248) 967-4030

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Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the museum, Warren and Frederick Douglass avenues, Detroit. Limited to 100 people, pre-regis-\$3.25. (248) 424-9022 tration is required. (734) 722-CHAMPIONS ON ICE

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PINK FLOYD LASER SPECTACULAR 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15. State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17 in advance, \$19 day of show; \$22 for reserved seating. First show all ages, second show 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE

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The singer/songwriter and Grammy Award winning compose performs insightful and humorous songs about Jewish events and heroes for families, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$5, \$8 non-members. (248) 661-

Starring Nancy Kerrigan as Sandy, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, \$40, \$27,50 and

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Sunday, Jan. 24, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets \$55, \$40 and \$25. (248) 645-6666. (313) 983-6606 or www.ticketmaster.com

CLASSICAL BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

Presents "National Federation of Music Clubs Day" with performances by soprano Kaye Rittinger, pianist Marian Siatczynski, and an instrumental trio of Sylvia Starkman, oboe. Patricia Snyder, bassoon and Claudia Hook, viola, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at The Community House, 360 South Bates Street, Birmingham. \$2. (248) 475 5978

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Planist Boris Berman begins the DSO's complete cycle of Beethoven Piano Concertos with a performance of the composer's Fifth Concerto for piano, subtitled the "Emperor," DSO concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert, principal second violin Geoffrey Applegate, and acting principal cello Marcy Chanteux will be featured in Handel's Concerto Grosso, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday Ian 8 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Orchestra

Hall, Detroit. \$13 to \$63. (313) LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA An ensemble of seven orchestra members perform classical chamber, jazz and pop music, LSO president Robert Bennett gives a short talk on orchestra operations, conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk talks following the program, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. Free for Friends of Library, all others by

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POPS/SWING

CANTOR STEPHEN DUBOV With pianist Marty Mandelbaum 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Jaffe Hall, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park, Luncheon at noon, \$2.25, reservations by Friday, Jan. 15, (248) 967-4030 GERSHWIN SUNG AND UNSUNG" With American soprano Dana Hanchard and Broadway musical string music students from elementary through high school, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. (734) 591-7649/(248) 476-6341

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE **COMMUNITY CHOIR** Auditions for experienced singers of all voice parts, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and 19, in the Forum Building, Room 530 on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. To schedule audition, call (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS Auditions for ages five and up for the music "The Fabulous Fable Factory," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Jan. 10-12, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth. Participation fee due upon casting, \$100 members, \$125 nonmembers. (734) 416-4278 ZAMIR CHORALE OF

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SANDRA BOMAR TRIO Open auditions for five women, nine girls and one male for Lillian 7. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Hellman's adult drama "The Children's Hour," 6 p.m. Sunday (248) 645-2150 Jan. 10 and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan (vocal/piano/bass) 11, at the playhouse, 1185 CHARLES GREEN Tienken Road, east of Rochester

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(810) 662-8118 LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN Open auditions for the orchestra 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. the Livonia Youth -Philharmonic provides orchestral instruction and performance opportunities for all wind and

theater star Ted Keegan, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$35. (734) 764-2538 or .

http://www.ums.org. STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, as par of the Detroit Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit, Admission charge, (248) 645-6666; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$20, \$28 543-4300 (western swing) and \$34, (734) 764-2538 or

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Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance presents a workshop and dancing with live music by David West and Donna Baird, all dances taught, previous experience and partners not required, 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan 12. at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubbouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 7-8, Power Center for the Performing Arts. 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$14, \$20, \$26 and \$30. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

COMEDY

"HIT MEN OF COMEDY" Featuring D.C. Curry, Arnez J., Sheryl Underwood and hosted by Schucky Ducky, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15. Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Kevin McPeek, Alyce Faye and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 7-9 (\$12); Moody McCarthy, Jamie Lissow and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday Jan. 14-16 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. 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), (734) 261-0555

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Marvellen Hooper, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9 (\$12, \$24,95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday. Jan. 10 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Will Durst, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package) 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday Saturday, Dec. 15-16 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package) and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 SECOND CITY

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

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. A Media Roundtable" with a panel of African American journalists including Chuck Stokes of WXYZ-TV, Gerald Smith of Detroit Public Television, Nkenge Zola of WDET-FM; and Michael Goodin of the Michigan Chronicle, discuss the impact of Dr. King more than 30 years after his death, free with museum admission; \*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 video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a disptay explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby). Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30

a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and chil dren aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) CLIMAX DIVINE

With Beamship and Annie Scream, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 (experimental) CODE BLOOM 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut

St., Mount Clemens. Cover

charge, 18 and older, (810) 913newest exhibit "Racing on the 1921 (rock) Wind: Sailing on the Great TIM DIAZ AND GARY RASMUSSEN Lakes," a historical look at com-8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, petitive and recreational sailing Smitty's, 222 Main St., with hands-on activities, contin-Rochester. Free. Atl ages. (248) ues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 652-1600 (acoustic rock) Wednesdays-Sundays, in the **EKOOSTIK HOOKAH** nuseum on Detroit's Belle Isle. \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. Ferndale \$10 18 and older (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (jam rock)

543-4300: 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8

Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400

Water St., Rochester, Free, 21

and older, (248) 650-5080; 8:30

p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Oxford

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Friday, Jan. 8, Amer's First Street

Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor.

Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

\$5. 21 and older. (734) 213-

6000; 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9,

Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All

ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Borders

Books and Music, 45290 Utica

Park Boulevard, Utica. Free. All

ages. (810) 726-8555 (acoustic

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Mount

Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave.

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5-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13,

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, C.K.

Rochester, Free, 21 and older

Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road,

(248) 853-6600 (blues)

Jan. 7. Blind Pig. 206-208 S.

older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

7. Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave.

(248) 549-2929 (R&B)

With the Blue Rays, 10 p.m.

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**ELECTRIC BOOGALOO** 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Fox With Smokestack and Eternal Groove, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) (734) 996-8555 (funk)

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 7 and Westland, Free, 21 and older. 14, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw (734) 721-8609 (blues) St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (pop) With Catherine and Papa Vegas, **FLOMOJO** 

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Alvin's, With Paper Tiger, 9 p.m. Friday, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 Jan. 15. Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass and older. (313) 832-2355 or Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 833-6873 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com http://www.golddollar.com GORDON BENNETT 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 40 ACRE DONUT

Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main With Spat! and Culture Bandits, St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, New Way older. (248) 543-4300 (rock) Bar. 23130 Woodward. Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 21 and BERGHEIM 34 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Gold older. (248) 541-9810 (rock) Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. G.R.R. 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Memphi cover charge. 21 and old (313) 833-6873 or Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248)

http://www.golddollar.com (electronica) BLIND PIG SHOWCASE With Sleeping on Silver, Swinehearts, Low Frequency Sapphire, and The Zits, 9:30 p. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Blind Pig, 206 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Free 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

(variety) BLOOD FOR BLOOD With Turmoil and One King Down, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$7 in advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

BLUE HAWAIIANS 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

BLUE METRO 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St. Plymouth, Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, New Way Bar, 23130 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 541-9870 (blues) BLUE SUIT 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Lower Town Grill: 195 W. Liberty St.,

Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older (734) 451-1213 (blues) BLUECAT 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21

and older. (248) 683-5458

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Ja 9. Smitty's, 222 Main St Rochester, Free, All ages. (248) 652-1600 (R&B)

SUSAN CALLOWAY Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Michelle Penn, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com or http://www.susan-

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St. Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older, (734) 451-1213 (R&B)

calloway.com (pop/rock)

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9. Hennessey's, 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom, Free, 21 and older. (248) 348-4404/(313) 582-5837

CLASS ACT

Rio Bravo, 240 Town Center Dr. Dearborn, Free, All ages. (313) 271-2900 (rock) LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES

MASCHINA With Gravity Well and Crick, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-SCOTT MORGAN

With Slide Off Saturn and Sublimation, 9:30 p.m. Friday Jan. 8, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older. (7.34) 996-8555 (rock) MUDPUPPY

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Fifth

Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues) MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM

Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free, 21 and older (734) 721-8609; 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Free, 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (R&B) NICK STRANGE AND THE

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Ford Road

BARENAKED 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St. Pontiac. Free, 21 and older (248) 332-6800 (rock) ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St.,

Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older (248) 814-8550 (blues) OPIE'S DREAM 8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan, 7 and 14, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut'St., Mount Clemens.

Cover charge, 18 and older (810) 913-1921 (rock) PEACE AMBASSADORS OF THE EARTH

10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, Free, 21 and older (248) 332-6800 (jam rock) **ROBERT PENN** 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All

ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) R.J.'S BLUES CREW 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

SAX APPEAL 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 644 4800 (000 KRISTIN SAYER BAND 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, The

Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock) RINKING VIOLET Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Two-Faced Moon, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount

Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road,

Clemens. Cover charge, 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock) SPY RADIO 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Alvin's 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or

http://www.alvins.xtcom.com TANGERINE TROUSERS 6-8 p.m. Thursdays in January. The Good Food Co. East, 75 W. Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 362-0886 (acoustic pop); 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Bo's Ristro 51 N. Saginaw St

Pontiac, Free, 21 and older (248) 332-6800 (pop) 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7. Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (rock)

UNFRIENDLYS With Mirror Image, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, Covercharge, 21 and older, (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com

VAL VENTRO 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester, Free, 21 and older (248) 853-6600 (acoustic R&B) VUDU HIPPIES 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Main

(punk)

Street Billiards, Rochester, Free 21 and older, (248) or http://www.wuduhippies.com (alternapop) WATTSON . With Shutter, 9 p.m. Thursday

Jan. 14. Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass

Ave. Detroit. Cover charge. 21

and older. (313) 833-6873 (alt-WILD WOODYS 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8 Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road. Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 (rockabil-

CLUB NIGHTS ALVIN'S

The Sugar Shack, ladies only dance night, 10 p.m. Sundays; The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and DJ Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featur

ing funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

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Williams Street, Pontiac: (248) http://www.ascensionuk.com 333-7849. MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY 'Swing-a-billy" night with dance Jan. 8 - "Picturing Paris: 1850 to lessons from 7-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club the Present," photographs from 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. the Detroit Institute of Arts. through Feb. 21, 208 Wilson \$5. \$3 after 9 p.m.; "Solar" night with DJs Derek Plaislaiko and Hall, Oakland University

Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3005. Keith Kemp on six turntables, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the WANN GALLERY club. \$6. 19 and older. (734) Jan. 8 - "Tribute to the J.L. Hudson Building," a photography CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET show, through Feb. 6, 1250 "Flashback" night with "The Library STreet, Detroit; (313) Planet" WPLT on level two 965-4826. (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk YAW GALLERY

on level three, and techno and Jan. 8 - "A Gathering of Spoons," house on level four, 8:30 p.m. works by sculptor/silversmith Jonathan Bonner, through Jan Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 30 550 N. Old Woodward Ave. p.m. 21 and older; Alternative (248) 647-5470. dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays

CARY GALLERY . Jan. 9 - "Michael Mahoney Paintings and Works on Paper through Feb. 6. 226 Walnut Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Blvd., Rochester: (248) 651-Mac D. Thursdays. Women admit-

HENRY FORD COMM. COLLEGE Jan. 11 - "Art of the Iris," works by various artists, through Feb. 5. Reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday Jan. 14. Sisson Gallery, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (734 845-6487

LYMOUTH COMM. ARTS COUNCIL Jan. 12 - "Japan Revisited," featuring Yoriko Hirose Cronin and Emi Kumagai Watts, through Feb 10. Reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 774 N.

Sheldon, Plymouth: (734) 416mages by Thomas Video, 9 p.m.

IANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN

GALLERY Jan. 14 - "Extraordinary Stitches: The art of fiber & thread," featuring works of 23 artists, through Feb. 25. Reception 6:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 14. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

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Jan. 15 - "Diversity: Victims & Survivors," paintings by Richard Kozlow, selected interviews from the university's "Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories," an archival collection assembled by UM-D Professor of History Dr. Sidney Bolkosky. Through Feb. 14, 4901 Evergreen Road, #1165 AB, Dearborn; (734) 593-

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dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays Through Jan. 9 - Papier-maché in The Shelter, \$6, 21 and older artist Stephen Hansen, 568 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham St. Andrew's and The Shelter are (248) 594-0472. at 431 E. Congress. Detroit: HILBERRY GALLERY httd://www.961melt.com

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ture, works on paper by Yayoi Kusama, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

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film, but instead of a mouse, Meeting him is certain death, so size. Gregg regains consciousof an ape. We first meet Joe at ever gone on the mountain looksix months old, playing a game ing for him has ever been heard

Zoologist Gregg O'Hara (Bill Young, who is in Africa studying Paxton) knows all about the legthe animals on the Pangani end but still wants to explore the mountains. Joe seems to be mountain to research the anusually large for an infant, / wildlife there and see if there's he's already as big as gorillas anything new up there to be discovered. Imagine his surprise Sadly, before Dr. Young can when he meets a 15-foot-tall find out why, tragedy strikes, Tanzanian gorilla. After a wild leaving Jill and Joe both chase through the mountain, in orphaned, their mothers killed which Joe displayed amazing by poachers. Twelve years later, intelligence and creativity, we meet Joe again, but now he's O'Hara finally gets Joe cornered, the legendary Monster of the but the tables quickly turn, as is

literally; he is quite valuable on the endangered species black Gregg convinces Jill that Joe would be safer in California on his wildlife preserve, so they pack up and move to the West Coast. America proves to be a jungle of a completely different type, smoggy, caged and cramped. Neither Jill or Joe like the cages much, but they adjust, lot of attention, including the

a really big gorilla and a beauti-

ful savior who told the gorilla to

it, Jill Young(Charlize Theron),

all grown up and keeping her

promise to her mother to keep

Joe safe. Jill and Joe have a close

relationship, she is quite fierce

in her protection of him, he plays

games (hide and seek is his

favorite) and keeps her from

being lonely. She learns from

Gregg that it's going to be a lot

harder keeping Joe safe, the

group accompanying him up the

mountain also saw Joe. Now

everybody wants a piece of Joe,

Who is his savior? You guessed

put him down.

Serbedzija). Strasser and his team concoct a dastardly scheme to turn Joe to a villain who couldn't be trusted. After a jail break. Joe goes on

murdered both Joe and Jill's

mothers, Strasser (Rade

from a perfect gentleman gorilla ing a screaming woman and a tall building bring his downfall? "Mighty Joe Young" is a touch-

Friends: To most people, Joe (left) is a myth and a legend. To his only friend, Jill (Charlize Theron), he is like and while they do, they attract a a brother, father, protector and companion. And to zoologist Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton, right), he is the most

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Hunter (Patch) Adams was conlaughter. Cousins wrote a popular book describing how he overcame a crippling illness by Brothers and other comedians. Adams wrote his own book

ing to bring mirth to seriously him of "excessive happiness."

"Patch Adams" is one of the what has become a cliche: "Based

The film opens in a mental hospital where Adams is a patient. He doesn't seem

animals. Desperate, Adams gets his roommate to laugh away his

That experience inspires Adams to become a doctor so he can practice his healing methods professionally. At 46, Robin Williams does seem a bit long in the tooth to portray a premed student, but let's face it, he can pull off almost anything.

Rebelling at the by-the-book dean (Bob Gunton).

"If you want to be a clown, join the circus," Adams is warned. Despite threat of expulsion, Adams continues his campaign. He is joined by his roommate Truman (Daniel London). More difficult to enlist is fellow stu-

Along with his studies, Adams establishes a mountaintop refuge where he applies his theo ries to despondent patients. The avenging dean seeks to terminate Adams' experiments and his education by legal means.

humanity as well as the comedy shine through.

bad the filmmakers had to resort Nonetheless, Williams contin-

ues to astonish with his protean brilliance. Good work also is contributed by newcomers Potter and London, as well as a cast that includes Philip Seymou Hoffman, Harold Gould, Harve Presnell and Richard Kiley.

"Patch Adams" is a Universal dent Carin (Monica Potter), an Pictures release produced by aloof beauty who has been Barry Kemp, Mike Farrell, Mar-

#### "I hadn't done improvisations revenge; one bridesmaid is very since I studied in New York pregnant, another is a terrible Kyril Evanoff and Jennifer Beth Kahn star in "Tony n' Tina's Wedding.' attention of the poacher who amazing creature on the planet in "Mighty Joe Young." the sweet guy we all know he is? feat. Who protects the endan-Or does a tragic incident involv- gered animals who don't have a best friend like Jill? The movie states that in the time it takes you to get in your car and drive the run again, this time with a ing movie that successfully to a destination not far from heavily armed police force in brings a deep message in a light home, three entire species will

## Robin Williams as Patch Adams is a sure cure for what ails you

Like the late Norman Cousins, vinced of the healing power of watching movies of the Marx

telling of his adventures in trypatients while he was a medical student at the Medical College of Virginia. His use of bulbous red noses and bizarre costumes brought the censure of the school's head doctor, who accused

growing number of films bearing on a true story." However true it is, the movie provides an ideal vehicle for Robin Williams, who ing, the dismal "What Dreams

occupied by a wild-eyed man intense persuasiveness to win who fears he is being attacked by her over, romantically as well.

teachings of his instructors, Adams tries out his comic shtick on severely ill patients. These are the most appealing scenes in the film, especially his efforts to reach a ward full of ailing children and a dving misanthrope (Peter Coyote). His stunts draw extra dose of feel-goodness. the wrath of the hard-nosed

town, Stars Jon Voight, Scott Caan

Basing the script on Adams' own book, "Gesundheit: Good Health Is a Laughing Matter," Steve Oedekerk has fashioned surefire character for Robin Williams' Olympian talents. Tom Shadyac's direction lets the

One Scrooge-like comment: Too to a Capraesque finale for an

what resembles a prison cell abused by men. Adams uses his vin Minoff and Charles Newirth.

#### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Scheduled to open Friday, January 8 "A CIVIL ACTION" True story about an attorney willing to isk everything to represent several fam-

ilies who seemingly lost their children to

leukemia because of a nearby toxic

waste dump. Stars John Travolta, Scheduled to open Friday, January 15 -"THE THIN RED LINE" The story of an American rifle company during several months of one of the

fiercest struggles of the twentleth century - the Battle of Guadalcanal. Stars Sean Penn, George Clooney, Woody Har reison, and John Travolta. "HILARY AND JACKIE"

Biographical drama about the flamboyant and richly talented cellist Jacqueline du Pre who died in 1987 at the age of 42, suffering from multiple sclerosis. Stars Emily Watson.

"THE HI-LO COUNTRY" ntimate drama set in the post World War II era recounts the enduring friend ships between two men and how that friendship is challenged by their desires for the same woman.\* Stars Woody Harreison. Patricia Arquette and Sam Elliott.

"HURLYBURLY" Dark tale about four malcontents who come dangerously to self-destruction as they struggle to find some greater. meaning in their unfocused lives. Stars Sean Penn, Kevin Spacey, Chazz, Palminteri.

Story about the travails of five high

school football players in a small Texas

"AT FIRST SIGHT" A true story of a blind man who undergoes experimental surgery to estore his sight. Stars Val Kilmer, Mira

Thriller in which an American boat crew

research vessel that has been annihilat

ed by an alien form. Stars Jamie Lee

Curtis, William Baldwin, Donald Suther

finds refuge aboard a secret Soviet

"IN DREAMS" Psychological thriller about a woman who, following a family tragedy, discovers her dreams are the portent of real ife nightmares. Stars Annette Bening

Scheduled to open Friday, January 22 "PLAYING BY HEART" A drama about the sometimes funny, sometimes painful, and always comple ways love can touch your life. Stars Gillian Anderson, Ellen Bursyn, Sean Connery.

Scheduled to open Friday, January 29 "SHE'S ALL THAT" Comedy about sex, style and popularity At a snobbish LA high school the most popular guy sets out to transform a young woman, who knows her own mind, into the prom queen on a bet. He has now idea who he's tampering with. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr., Anna Paquin. Scheduled to open Friday, February 5

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE"

A tragic love story set in the world of

thieves and heroin addicts in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the 1970s. Stars James Scheduled to open Friday, February 12 "MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE"

While walking on a beach a journalist finds a bottle containing a love letter from a man to his wife. She falls in love find him. Stars Kevin Costner, Paul New man, Robin Wright Penn and John Sav-

"SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE" Contemporary love story about a woman with a restaurant and a depart ment store executive who fall in love. But as strange things begin to happen. the man begins to wonder if there isn't witchcraft involved. Stars Sarah

Michelle Geller, Sean Patrick Flanery,

Scheduled to open Friday, February 19 OFFICE SPACE" A frustrated computer programmer and some equally frustrated colleagues hatch a plot which could lead to a very lucrative and early retirement. Stars Jennifer Anniston, Robert Livingston.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 5

"ANALYZE THIS"

A psychiatrist helps a domineering mob boss overcome his various psychological troubles, not the least of which is ordering a hit. Stars Robert De Niro, Billy Scheduled to open Friday, March 19

"I GMA DMIN" Animated musical telling of the story of the patient school teacher and the overbearing King of Siam.

lution that is of the opening band's set. Cow- airing this week, Jones describes was a whole language of a genereasy to keep, boy Mouth generated so much how the ending of his dance comnon-fattening excitement, we've had many new pany's new performance, "We Set chases fans ask when their in studio Out Early... Visibility Was Poor," cabin performance taped that day was was left unchoreographed until blues going to be featured on Back- it got in the studio.

those fever How stage Pass. The answer is this away? about making Sunday, and it's an unforgettable this a year of performance discovery? Visit drummer/frontman , Fred asked him what it was and he halls, galleries the New Orleans-based pop/rock and clubs that offer some new group. Watch LeBlanc fulfill a

best attractions Many of us are much more son for being was to remind othadventurous in sampling the- ers of the joy of living. While he ater, music, art exhibits and reminds us, do your friends a other cultural activities when we're on a long weekend getaway to New York, Chicago, or Toronto than we are when we're closer to ter, get an earful of that distinchome. Let us help you rectify tive Mardi Gras sound with the this glitch before the century ends by introducing you to the best on the arts scene each week in this column and Backstage

Television. Remember last fall when an anticipated traffic nightmare of

band at a local club or sample its new CD entitled "Swaggy Dog." When I suggested that this be a simultaneous Lions game at your year of discovery, maybe I the Silverdome and Barenaked was inspired by the words and Ladies concert at the Palace experiences of acclaimed chore-

favor and remind them to tune

Speaking of the French Quar-

Detroit-based band Bon Temps

Roulle, another example of how

you don't have to travel far to

enjoy a new musical or cultural

experience. You can catch the

'Grease on Ice' tour will stop in Detroit

nationwide are about to see and the rest of the gang. Grease's Pink Ladies and the T-Birds as they've never seen them tainment and The Troika Orgabefore - on ice skates! Award- nization, the 1998 North Ameriwinning choreographer Barry Lather, renowned for his work to Detroit's Joe Louis Arena for with pop sensations Janet Jack-Saturday, Jan. 16 and 2 p.m. son and Paula Abdul, takes the Sunday, Jan. 17. classic stage production to new heights in Grease on Ice, a gritty, high-energy rock musical on ice, complete with dazzling sets that will have all eyes dancing. Fans will jam to familiar favorites in all Ticketmaster outlets includways they never expected with ing Hudson's, Harmony House

scripts I'm used to performing. On the other hand, if you're an open-ended run at Baci working with a director who blocks every word, it gets to feel downtown Pontiac. The show has like a tight-fitting piece of clothbeen playing in New York for 11 ing." "You don't improv Shakespeare," said classically-trained

ing for generations; Tina's old It's an uneasy love between the "It's basically organized mad ness," allowed Joe Corcoran, the show's original producer, in from

> Expecting the unexpected change the continuity, in addition to being a part of an existthe unexpected, director/co-creing, albeit purposely-thin plot Evanoff already knows. "They come up to you and say 'Hey

"Father Mark" is William O'Brien Jr.'s first acting role. He's getting his baptism by fire. "I've got people coming up to me with their confessions. So I listen and I give them penance, like washing the church van."

these characters, because they're

What's the one Well, the early departure paid off a fusion of dance and theatre. around and said, 'yeah, I know restores damaged and deterio- ducer's diabolical ways to get me BACKSTAGE New Year's reso- for concert goers who caught all In a Backstage Pass interview this step'... and I realized this rating works of art, such as a to do the chicken dance.

Blended into the gumbo of the

"I saw one young apprentice with over to the side doing hip hop. I the theaters, LeBlanc, lead guitarist John started showing me these steps. Backstage Pass is a visit to a turn, and you're the critic. I

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His discovery provided a powerful ending to the performance, under the theme of "one man's

performance Thomas Griffith and the rest of Many of the dancers came Harmonie Park studio which

ation of people," says Jones. community is another man's rat an Italian-American wedding

new year's first new edition of

recent project at the Detroit Athletic Club. Later this month, the nilarious off-Broadway smash "Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding" gets a new cast member for a night. This friendly and loving spoof of has invited hundreds of audience members to participate during

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its run in Pontiac. Now it's my days at midnight. Let's make it

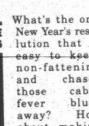


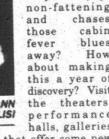
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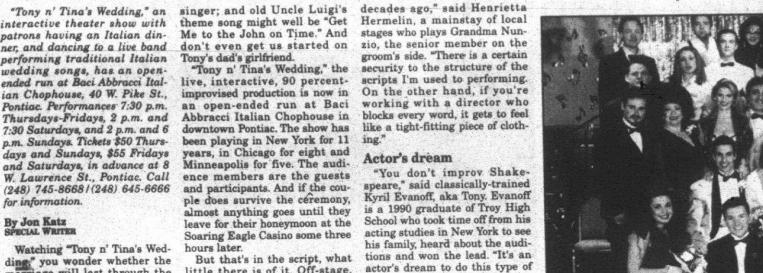
experiences. Believe me, the prophesy from a French Quarter hottest tickets aren't always the fortune teller, who told him as a

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caused fans to set out for those ographer Bill T. Jones, whose venues at around daybreak? work has often been described as

(PRNewswire) - Audiences acters: Danny, Rizzo, Kenickie Brought to fans by Feld Enter can Tour of Grease on Ice heads two performances only 7:30 p.m.

Tickets (\$40, \$27.50, & \$17.50) are on sale new and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and two-time Olympic medalist and Repeat the Beat. To pur-Nancy Kerrigan, who delivers a chase group tickets (20 or more), call (313) 471-3099. To charge by cutting-edge portrayal of Sandy, phone, call (248) 645-6666. and a slick cast of beloved char-



said she was my granddaughter,"

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"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," the

live, interactive, 90 percent-

improvised production is now in

Abbracci Italian Chophouse in

years, in Chicago for eight and

Minneapolis for five. The audi-

ence members are the guests

and participants. And if the cou-

ple does survive the ceremony,

almost anything goes until they

leave for their honeymoon at the

Soaring Eagle Casino some three

But that's in the script, what

little there is of it. Off-stage,

there is a love fest going on of-

forgive us-unbridled proportions.

ner, and dancing to a live band

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Watching "Tony n' Tina's Wed-

ding," you wonder whether the marriage will last through the

Chicken Dance. The Nunzio and

Vitale families have been feud-

performing traditional Italian Tony's dad's girlfriend.

boyfriend is drunk and out for actors and the unknown.

Kyril Evanoff, aka Tony. Evanoff is a 1990 graduate of Troy High School who took time off from his acting studies in New York to see his family, heard about the auditions and won the lead. "It's an actor's dream to do this type of theater," he said. "I love the combination of having set lines and improvising in-between the

The cast: You'll swear that's your grandma on stage in "Tony n' Tina's Wedding." The cast of characters got together for this group portrait. New York for opening night

And as time goes by, that madness may become cult-like, akir to the fervor over "The Rocky cane-aided toes. "One person said producer Corcoran. "You where? With group sales already Horror Picture Show." Over twenty years after its release, audiences still show up to midnight screenings with umbrellas and bags of rice, knowing exactly when to use them.

With "Tony n' Tina," however, the audience can initiate or

Fony, where's that \$5,000 the with it. People even bring gifts. You never know where the action's going to come from."

"The audience can relate to

background for his or her charac- Tony and his ushers are Bishop growth." ter. "There is a history that we Gallagher grads) are two compo-Don wants?' And you just go are given, but we fill in a lot our- nents that endear "Tony n' Tina" memorable experience for its selves," said Hermelin. "I have to its guests. pictures in my purse of my char-"It crosses all lines and barriacter's family, her dog...I even. ers," said the show's local prohave coupons." Guests can expect ducer David Nederlander with Grandma and other family mem- pride. "The Detroit production is

Indeed, the show's universality

ator Kevin Alexander required as well as the localization of the development of northern Oak-

ma Nunzio has to be on her like your neighbors and family," a long run here as it has else-

of the show's one to also offer Kosher nightswhich sold out just like that." queness...and its success.

To prepare the actors to expect as much as they do."

lock at the grandmother and say being booked into next June, the recalled Hermelin. "I said 'Is a no 'My grandmother's just like producers are high on its possible; I only have two grand- that.' This show could have been prospects, and on the area in sons.' And then we went on and a Jewish wedding, Polish, African-American, Irish, any-"Pontiac is the perfect spot for thing. That's the real essence of what we would like to see as why people are so attracted to another theater destination for this show, and why they enjoy it Metro Detroit," said Nederlan-

each performer to compose a characters (it's made clear that land County. There's tremendous If "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" is a

der. "We're very interested in the

doing his walk; I'll just start

struttin', like 'Stayin' Alive' is

"Tony is everything I would love to be," declares Evanoff "He's bigger than life. I'm much more shy than he is. But every bers to come shmoozing during the first one to have an African and after the Italian dinner; it's American lady in it, and the first now and then I'll catch myself

## P.F. Chang's China Bistro balances Yin and Yang

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD SPECIAL WRITERS

Dining at Somerset Collection South in Troy uncovers Yin and Yang at P.F. Chang's China Bistro that opened late November. Formerly occupied by Sebastian's, P.F. Chang's has a dra-matic new menu and decor, both inside and out.

On the exterior, bonsai trees and two eight-foot Ming horses greet diners: Entering from within the mall, the feel is like an art gallery.

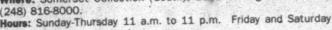
P.F. Chang's specializes in dishes from five major regions of China (Canton, Szechwan, Shanghai, Hunan and Mongolia). Before getting into the moderately-sized menu, there's plenty of eye candy to admire for 215 diners at booths, tables and the semi-circular, contemporary bar inside the front entrance.

High energy is the hallmark of P.F. Chang's with its open kitchen and exhibi-

Specialty dish: Chef Roy's Favorite Chicken with oyster sauce and scallions,

served on a bed of fresh steamed rice, is one of the items you'll find on the menu at P.F. Chang's China Bistro.

tion wok cooking. Yet



P.F. Chang's China Bistro Where: Somerset Collection (South), 2801 W. Big Beaver, Troy (248) 816-8000.

until midnight.

Menu: In a casual, yet upscale atmosphere, dishes from five major regions of China balance the Yin and Yang principles of fan (rice, noodles, grains and dumplings) and t'sai (vegetables, seafood, poultry and meat) dishes.

Cost: Moderate with lunch \$6-8 and dinner \$8-13.

Reservations: not accepted except for two captain's tables, seating 8-18, that can be reserved at 5, 7 and 9 p.m.

Parking: Complimentary valet Credit cards: All majors accepted.

large back-lit disks and custom hand-blown lighting fixtures.

Back-lit terra cotta soldiers, replicas from the Ming Dynasty dating back to the 11th century B.C. flank the walls. Two hand-painted 12th century B.C. narrative murals depict life in that period. Contemporary music says new-age.

P.F. Chang's merges authentic Far-Eastern Chinese cuisine

Palace of Auburn Hills.

Wood is front-of-the-house complement to Executive Chef Ted Teeter, a 1982 graduate of the culinary department at Oakland Community College. He was restaurant chef at Bo's Brewery & Bistro in Pontiac, before leaving to train at P.F. Chang's in Las Vegas for his current position.

Teeter is responsible for chefs

Your dining experience begins with a server, who not only takes your order, but is skilled in tableside service. Servers learn your preferences with a few brief questions, then begin by introducing you to P.F. Chang's and

deliberately chosen," noted Operating Partner Dean Wood. "We believe P.F. Chang's concept is unusual and complements the unique stores in the mall."

Wood, now a Rochester Hills resident, was raised in Troy and before joining Chang's was Food & Beverage Director for the

P. F. Chang's China Bistro is the brainchild of Paul Fleming (P.F. in the name) who consulted with Philip Chiang of Beverly Hills, California, to develop the authentic Chinese menu served first in 1993 at its original location, Scottsdale, Arizona. There are now 22 locations nationwide.

working four double wok stations and a host of other kitchen staff who cut, chop and plate fresh, uncooked ingredients for each wok station. There are no steam tables. Each dish is cooked to order - even the fried rice. That's really unusual.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Taste of China: Operating Partner Dean Wood at P.F. Chang's China Bistro at Somerset Collection South in Troy.

Trio Sauce, a medley of rice wine vinegar, chili oil, soy sauce, garlic and scallions. To this bowl at the table, the server adds chili paste, hot Chinese mustard and perhaps a little plum sauce to suit

To experience more tableside service, order the signature Chang's Chicken in Soothing Lettuce Wrap appetizer or the Dan Dan Noodles as a main

Among other appetizers are Northern Style Short Ribs, no sticky sauce, and more like dry rub which can be accented with house-made five-spice powder.

Shrimp dumplings are steamed tender and served with ginger chili soy sauce.

Lemon Pepper Shrimp and Beef a la Szechwan are winners. For the latter, beef is twice cooked with celery and carrots, resulting in a crispy texture and true to the menu billing "unlike anything you're used to.

There's no kid's menu at Chang's, but lots of things kids like to eat such as noodles and five chicken choices.

In addition to a full-service bar, Chang's has an ambitious wine list organized by the latest concept, a progressive wine list

night Feb. 7 to be eligible for the

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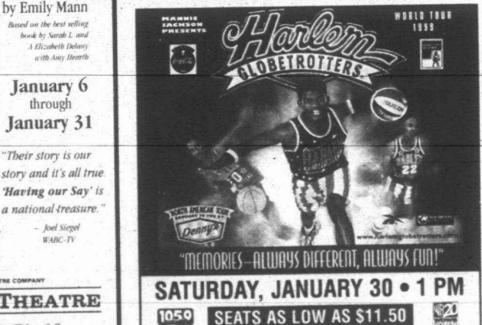




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