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3 charged in robbery, murd

The wife of Canton resident Gary Urban says she is "relieved" by the arrests of three men for the murder of her husband. One of the, defendants worked at the Dearborn Heights restaurant managed by Urban.

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

Three Detroit men have been charged with murdering Canton resident Gary Urban Nov. 10.

Lance Ray Rodgers, 20, James Erick

Lee, 21, and Vernard Meadows, 20, are currently being held without bond in the Wayne County jail.

Each faces first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery charges. Rodgers also has one count of felony firearm

Heights. Linda Urban, widow of the Canton man, said she's pleased with the arrests.

against him.

"I'm relieved that they are off the streets," she commented, "so that nobody else's family has to suffer that kind of tragedy."

Meadows, Rodgers and Lee face up

The Detroit men are scheduled for a

preliminary examination Wednesday

at 20th District Court in Dearborn

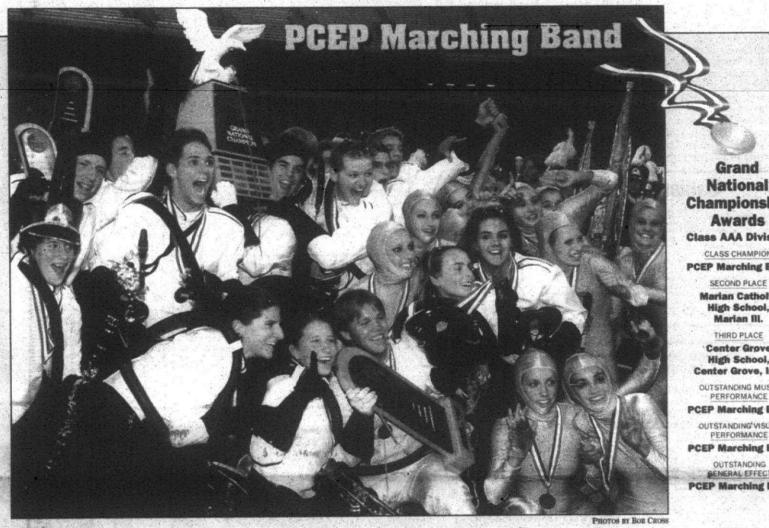
to life in prison if convicted of the felony charges.

Gary Urban closed the Dearborn Heights Ponderosa Restaurant where he worked as a manager at about 10:25 p.m. on Nov. 10.

Before he could get into his car, police believe a man robbed him and shot him seven times in the back with a .25-caliber handgun.

Somehow, Urban was able to go back inside the restaurant and call 911. A

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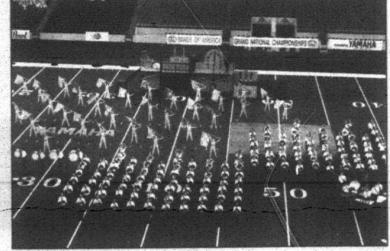
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the New York Yankees are baseball's team of the '90s, then the PCEP Marching Band is the high

ence I ever had," said drum major Julie Scott of Canton, "It made every bit of work we did worth it. It paid off in the end."

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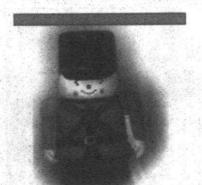
"It was pure joy. Things just



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school band of the decade For the third time in 19 years, the 220-member marching band beat out

o other bands from across the country in being named the Grand National Champion during competition at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis last weekend.

The championship trophy, like those won in 1990 and 1991, joins hundreds of other trophies, plaques and banners in the music room at the Park's Phase III.

clicked well," added Joe Fournier, a senior trumpet player from Canton. "The magic was in the air."

Band students were still flying high this week as they basked in the glory of knowing they are champions.

"It was the most incredible feeling walking off that field. I was just so excited," said senior tuba player Tim Strand of Plymouth. "We worked really hard for this. I can't describe the feeling in words."

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A hockey rivalry is born



STAFF PHOTO BY PALL HURSCHMANN

Facing off: Plymouth Salem High School students Melissa Horste (from right) and Amanda Coffey, both 15 and from Canton, join their friends while cheering for their team during introductions at Tuesday night's first ever hockey game between Salem and Plymouth Canton High School. Additional photos and game coverage are on Page A4 and in today's Sports section, C1.

Evicted conservatory looking for new home

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

The Southeastern Michigan Arts Conservatory has been evicted from its Canton home.

That was the decision of 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald Nov. 9. He granted a motion by township attorneys to evict SMAC for fail-

ing to pay its rent. "It doesn't surprise me," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said. "They were there illegally and the judge agreed."

Conservatory Director Jeff Myers was disappointed in the decision, but didn't plan on appealing. He said SMAC will leave the former Arnoldt Williams Music Store by Saturday's midnight deadline.

"We tried to make it work," Myers said of the conservatory's financial relationship with Canton. "But in all reality, it will probably be the best situation for us.

A lawsuit was filed against the conservatory and Myers in August by Canton. The township is trying to collect more than \$40,000 in back rent it claims SMAC owes

Canton leased the building, which sits just north of Ford Road and west of Canton Center, from the Williams family from Aug. 1, 1998, to July 31 of this year for \$150,000.

The idea was to use the former music store as a teaching and performing facility for music, dance and other artistic disciplines.

As part of an agreement with SMAC, the township agreed to pay half the lease. Myers was responsible for the balance in a graduated monthly payment system, Yack said

While the Williams family has been paid in full, the Canton Township Board of Trustees authorized a lawsuit against SMAC in late August to recov-

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Report: Three thieves hit

was arrested Thursday for

breaking into his ex-wife's home

Police reports said the man

kicked in the front door of the

home in the 1700 block of

Longfellow shortly before 6 p.m.

When confronted by his 54-year

Canton Police tracked the man

A Canton juvenile was arrest-

ed Sunday for attempting to

steal a camera and film from

Meijer on Ford Road, police

Watching on surveillance cam-

eras, loss prevention officers saw

the teen conceal the items. She

then went through a check out

station and paid for a basket

without paying for the film and

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detained the juvenile until Can-

ton police officers arrived. She

was later released to her par-

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COP CALLS

An estimated \$700 worth of plywood was stolen from two nes under construction Fri-

According to township police reports, witnesses saw three people taking the lumber late that evening. Two of the suspects are thought to be women while a third was described as a white male age 35-40, 6-feet tall about 180 pounds. The man, reports said, was wearing a cowboy hat.

The plywood was lying unsecured in front of two homes. A total of 100 sheets were stolen and loaded into a 1994 F150 truck, reports said. Police are investigating the incident. The homes are in the Bayberry

Park subdivision. **Peeping Tom**

A 30-year-old Canton woman

was the victim of a peeping Tom early Monday morning. The woman, a resident of the 8600 block of Honeycomb Circle, observed a man masturbating tside her home at about 3:15 a.m. Reports described the man as 30-35-years-old, 5-foot 8-inch-

es tall and about 200 pounds. The woman noticed a black bicycle with an orange seat nearby that could've belonged to the the incident is related to two similar incidents in Canton recently Anyone with information, please call Canton police at (734)

man, reports said. Police think

397-5344. Felonious assault

A 25-year-old Canton woman was arrested Friday after

threatening her brother and mother with a knife. The woman told her brother to leave their Windsor Woods

Apartment home, reports said. When he refused, she grabbed a knife and allegedly said, "Leave or I will kill you." Moments later, reports said,

the 25-year-old locked herself in the bathroom. Police arrived on the scene a short time later and were able to get her out. After being handcuffed, she struggled with police and was eventually placed in restraints. She was taken to Canton's

Police Department without further incident. No injuries were reported from the incident Home invasion

A 35-year-old Plymouth man

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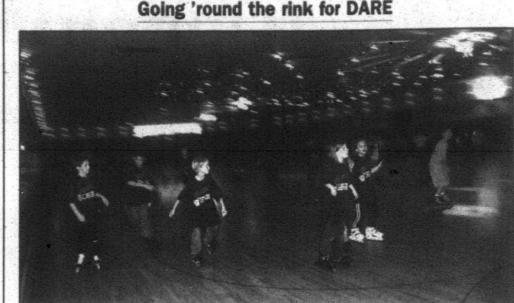
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Skate-A-Thon: Fifth-graders from eight area schools Saturday participated in a Skate-A-Thon at Canton's Skatin' Station II to benefit the DARE program. Students collected pledges throughout the community before strapping on their inline skates. The 1999 Skate-A-Thon was expected to push the 10-year total raised by the annual event to \$10,000.

Gas leak closes Canton Center

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

A construction crew punctured

an underground gas line north of

Ford Road and adjacent to the

between Ford and Hanford roads to allow for repairs until 3 p.m.,

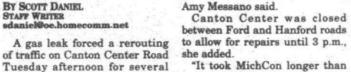
make repairs. Rorabacher said the depart-

ment was alerted to the leak by Canton Center was closed a resident's 911 call. He immediately called MichCon No injuries were reported Businesses and homes in the

area were not evacuated. "It did affect business," Gold's Gym General Manager Gregory

Balteff said. "We were absolutely dead for three hours." The gym, which sits on the west side of Canton Center

across from the party store, is usually busy from noon to 3



normal to close it up," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. "because it was a dual feed line." It was a 1-1/4-inch high pressure dual feed line, said Mes-

Sunlight Party Store at 11:53 sano. It took MichCon workers a.m., MichCon spokeswoman about an hour to turn gas off to

p.m., he added.

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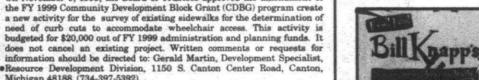
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announces the established of the Jeffery L. Cardinal Scholarship. the station's third general manfrom 1974 to 1982. This was a time of great change for the sta- Lansing. tion as it switched frequencies increased its power to 200 watts. It was also a time of financial turbulence for the station.



need of curb cuts to accommodate wheelchair access. This activity is budgeted for \$20,000 out of FY 1999 administration and planning funds. It does not cancel an existing project. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, nent Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton,

Michigan 48188, (734-397-5392). TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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(ew Millennium

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENT On November 9, 1999, the Board of Trustees approved the amendment of

Medicolegal investigator Mark Hulet deals in morgue mysteries

At death's door

BY SCOTT DANIE STAFF WRITER

Death is no stranger to Mark

Not that the Canton resident has gone to the great beyond and come back to talk about it. But as a Wayne County medicolegal investigator, it's his job to help determine the cause and

Each day, Hulet travels to the scene of fatal accidents, ho cides and other unnatural deaths seeking to gather, chron-icle and interpret physical evi-dence left behind, or in clues shown in the faces and bodies of

Mark Hulet "It can be dirty and it can be stinky, but it can also be very interesting," said Hulet, who has no desire to sit behind a desk. "I enjoy getting out in the field, meeting people and finding out how people died." It's a job he has been doing for the better part

of two decades. And doing quite well. Hulet was recently named a "Diplomat" of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investiga-tors. It's a distinction shared by just 150 other

ssionals around the country. He hopes one day to earn the board's highest honor as a "Fel-"It's something that'll show I'm good at what I

do," said Hulet. The investigators group began a little more

than a year ago. Its purpose is to standardize the way investigations are conducted. "When people go to a scene," said Hulet, "we want them to look for the same certain things

and investigate the scene the same way." sistency and attention to detail are vital in

his work for several reasons. "A lot of what we do," he said, "ends up in court. So we have to be precise in what we do." That precision also aids the county's chief med-

ical examiner in determining cause and manner of death "We attempt to assist our doctors the best that we can," Hulet said. He began his county career in 1983 as an autopsy techni-cian. "Techs" do the bulk of dissecting and prepare bodies for further examination.

Hulet said it gave him a solid foundation for his current "I always worked with the investigators closely. But it took several years before I felt comfortable that I did a good

job at the scene." The Central Michigan University graduate became an investigator himself after two year as a tech.

"You can only have so much fun in there," he joked Deaths as a result of vio-

lence, failed medical procedures or deaths in public places all fall under the medical examiner's jurisdiction. The morgue averages 10 autopsies each day.

Hulet's job generally starts with a telephone call from police. He tries to gather the incident's basics, such as

when, where, name and age of the victim. It's then out to the death scene

A notepad, camera and gloves are main pieces of equipment Hulet takes with him. "The crime scene is the domain of the police department. The body is the domain of the medi-

al examiner. We try hard to work hand-in-hand with them." Hulet gives officers a preliminary cause and time of death in the field.

"You can get fooled. But we can usually give them a good idea of what happened to the per-

Afterward, Hulet must gather the victim's personal effects such as jewelry, watches and money. It's critical to correctly identify and tag the person before transporting him to the morgue in

downtown Detroit, said Hulet. "It's one of our most important jobs." It's not uncommon for the Canton man to con duct three or four investigations in a shift.

On the Job: Medicolegal investigator Mark Hulet of Canton explains bones and other artifacts in a case at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office to a class of emergency medical technicians from Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital Once the body is at the examiner's office, Hulet easures height and weight, double checks the He spent a solid week working on the tragedy. measures height and weight, double checks the tag and places it in a cooler. His final task is to

ite à report. Like any other job, some days and some case are tougher than others.

In August 1987, for example, Hulet was part of a team that processed the Northwest Flight 255

crash scene near Metropolitan Airport. More than 150 people died. "When you work a plane crash like that, one is

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Hulet has investigated other "notable" deaths. He's worked on serial killer cases and another

that involved Jack Kevorkian. Most of the time, he's able to set personal feelings aside and do his job. But it's not always

"I try not to become emotionally involved," said Hulet, a father of two. "But when it comes to children dying, it's the hardest thing for me to do."

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"It is our honor to recognize Jeff for his years of service to The scholarship is named after WSDP, the Plymouth-Canton Schools and the community. ager. Cardinal served as GM said Keith. Cardinal is now a freelance writer living in East

Each year WSDP also presents from 89.3 to 88.1-FM, and the John Seidelman Scholarship and the Bonny Dore Scholarship. All three awards will be presented at the station's annual ban-"Jeff's leadership was critical quet in May.

Student radio station plans new scholarship

ton Community Schools, er Bill Keith.

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by Tad Williams "The Icarus Hunt" by Timothy Zahn

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Try this marriage of fiction and printed page Devil's Rim" by Sam Brown

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"Bride for Donnigan" by

Hot topic of the week

Nov. 19 in Lansing. The capital city sparkles with hospitality en the streets of downtown Lansing's business district for this celebration of lights, music and holiday cheer. Included in the festivities are an electrical light parade and the lighting of the

Silver Bells in the City,

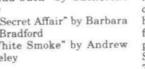
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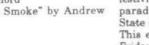
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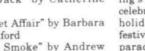
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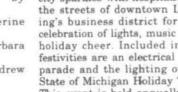
tape available from the library: The Midnight Club" by James Patterson "Biting the Moon" by

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Conservatory from page A1

ry on Oct. 5, but Myers filed for hapter 11 bankruptcy protec-

tion to stop the move. MacDonald, however, agreed with the township that the filing shouldn't protect SMAC from

eviction. Yack said the township will continue to pursue the back rent as well. "It may take some time," he

added, "but we want to be made Myers, meanwhile, is scram-

bling to find temporary homes for the conservatory. A Canton church will hold

some of its functions. Myers had hoped to move classes to the Plymouth Community Arts Council building on Sheldon Road, but that organization's board reject-ed the idea by a unanimous vote.

"It was completely legitimate and understandable given the \$39,000.

er \$42,000. political situation they're in," Additionally, the township planned to evict the conservato-good sense."

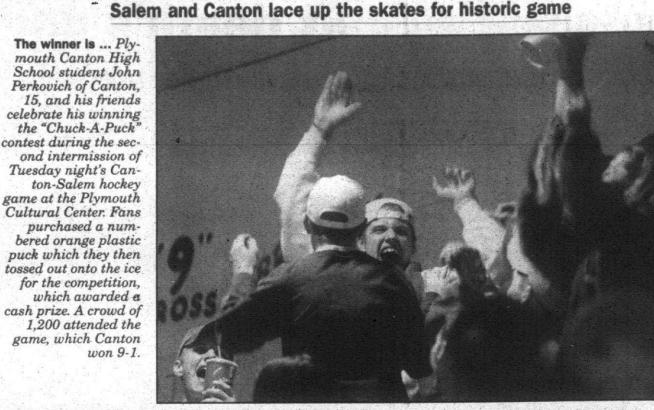
good sense. The conservatory will move into its "permanent" home in Canton in January. The facility, on Canton Center Road, will actually have more useable space and cost 50 percent less than the Williams building, according to Myers.

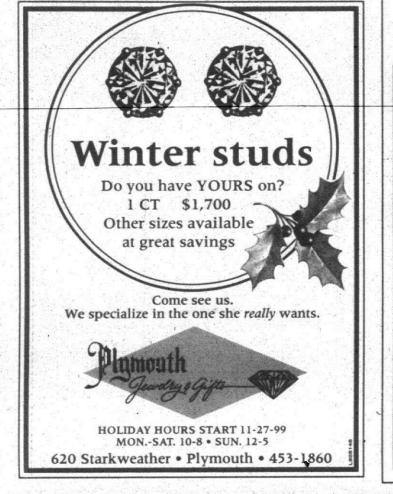
"Every aspect of it will be bet-ter," he added. As for the conservatory's financial troubles, Myers said he

has dismissed bankruptcy pro-ceedings. He's confident that all of SMAC's creditors can be repaid in "six months to a year." According to court documents the conservatory owes \$304,500 to creditors. The bulk of that,

\$200,000, is in the form of loans from Monroe Bank & Trust. Janice K. Williams of the

Williams family is also owed







Opening ceremonies: Canton High School student Justine Blazer sings the national anthem prior to the game. At left, team captains Mike Thackaberry of Salem (left) and Jeremy Majszak flank Plymouth-Canton Hockey Boosters Club president Kathy Lash, who threw out the ceremonial first puck prior to the start of the first game of the inaugural season for both hockey teams.

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Consultant will examine city, suburban bus systems

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

A consultant is expected to be hired within the next two weeks workers compensation claims with the implications a merger will bring to the systems.

putting together a contract to Mobility Authority for Regional expected to be approved by the Regional Transit Coordinating Council, which governs the city and suburban bus systems and includes representatives from

the city of Detroit, and the coun-Macomb.

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to examine the two bus systems and insurance claims. It will in metropolitan Detroit along examine the advantages and disadvantages of a merger

Wayne County Executive Financial consultant KPMG Edward McNamara said the con-Peat Marwick of Detroit is sultant will give a professional opinion of the finances of the two study the bus systems of the systems. "They'll be looking at Detroit Department of Trans-portation and the Suburban economies to be gained," McNamara said. "(The bus systems) Transportation. That contract is have two labor contracts, two different pay scales, and different kinds of transportation vehicles. "They'll look at whether or not

it (a merger) makes sense." Dan Dirks, SMART's general manager, told the Conference of ties of Wayne, Oakland and Western Wayne Friday that the last detailed analysis of area bus systems, such as labor contracts, consortium of 18 communities.

Any merger that does not maintain quality or quantity of ervice for SMART customers will not be considered, Dirks

"If it means we have to cut service, you're not going to see it happen," Dirks said. But DDOT and SMART were working to coordinate operations, Dirks added. DDOT and SMART have joint fares and transfers, and expect to coordinate radio operations, scheduling and timetables

Oakland County Assistant. Deputy County Executive Gerald Poisson said: "If it's a merger, we'll look at a merger. If it calls for a different form of governance, we'd look at that, too."

Poisson expects the contractual work will cost above \$100,000 and under \$400,000. The RTTC Peat Marwick will examine systems was completed 20 years has not scheduled a meeting yet the business issues facing the ago. The CWW is a legislative to discuss the contract, Poisson

Plans approved for road repairs

of Wayne County's 43 communiimprovement plan Nov. 5 calling for repairs in 2001 to Beech Daly in Redford, Merriman Road and Six Mile Road in Livonia and

Wayne Road in Westland. The plan must go to the Governments, the regional planning organization that distributes the federal funds, for its approval. Federal funds will pay

for 80 percent of each project. Each year engineers rate the condition of each of the county's 700 miles of paved primary roads and develop a prioritized list of roads for improvements. Projects are selected on a "worst first" basis until the county's annual share of federal funds -about \$13 million — is obligated. Once projects are approved for

A committee of representatives design and engineering work. The list includes the following Wayne County:

Beech Daly, Six Mile to Grand River, in Redford, \$870,000 available Merriman Road, Seven Mile Southeast Michigan Council of to Eight Mile Road, Livonia, \$1.7

> million Six Mile Road, Farmington to Merriman, Livonia, \$700,000

Wayne Road, Cowan to Joy, Westland, \$650,000 Wayne Road, Cherry Hill to

Ford, Westland, \$750,000 Also slated for 2001 is the reconstruction of Seven Mile Road between Merriman and Middlebelt using state transportation economic development

funding, the county begins enjoyed its largest road construc- ads or call (734) 595-ROAD.

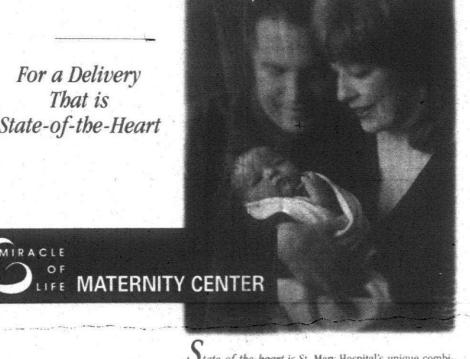
tion season, making repairs to 72 miles of roads, nearly twice ties and county engineers roads and the estimated federal the county's average annual approved a transportation funds available in western rate. That means nearly 50 percent of the 156 miles of road county engineers rated in poor condition at the beginning of the year have been fixed The additional work was possible due to a \$60 million road improvement bond program initiated in 1997 by County Executive Edward McNamara. "This is the kind of construc-

tion season we could deliver every year if the necessary funding was available," McNamara said. "Unfortunately, not enough of the state and federal gas taxes find their way back to local governments.

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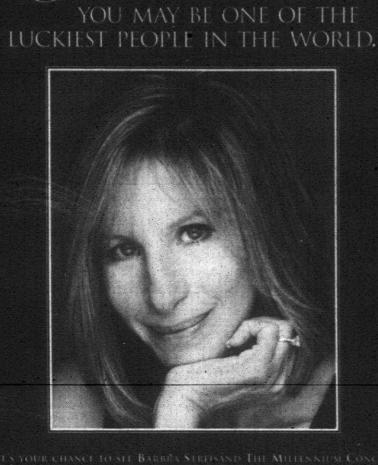
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police detective arrived noments later. Urban told him what happened but couldn't lescribe the killer. He died at about 10:45 p.m. at

Garden City Hospital of multiple Dearborn Heights Police Lt.

Bob Niemczewski said Urban operated with his attacker. at was shot anyway. "There's no such thing as a

illing that makes sense." he dded. "But this was really Meadows worked at the Pon-

erosa as a dishwasher. Niemczewski said he had knowledge of when Urban made bank

Police searched the homes of the Detroit men over the week-

Award at a recent board of edu-

Welch is noted for providing

leadership, organizational skills

to benefit PCEP's programs and

cation meeting.

community

Gary Urban

were arrested Monday.

end, Niemczewski said. They "I'm proud of my men." he added.

school year for students from in a much greater partnership

Welch was instrumental in Welch scheduled volunteers to creating the High School Parent school year. She designed a par may-have.

bang," added Todd Bonner of Canton, also a senior tuba play-"The goal wasn't getting first place, but doing our best. But, in our own minds, we wanted it." And the pressure was on, considering the marching band finished second last year and was expected to win it all this year. "The whole weekend people

heat, and none of us wanted to believe it," said band director Dave McGrath. "Our goal this year was to raise our standard. But when you finish second. there is no place left to go than

clean performance and it was together musically, but it lacked spark," admitted McGrath. "We eased the tempo on Saturday for the semifinals and it was more emotional, but not quite as clean.

of both worlds. It was amazing, they peaked at just the right time. I don't think they could have done it any better.

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nts in their final performance. performance and outstanding One judge kept noting the "standard-setting performance" of the Plymouth-Canton marching

"We tend to have an identity as a group that puts on shows that go against the norm," said McGrath. "We tell a story and are theatrical. The performance level is above and beyond the typical high school band."

McGrath said the most emotional point for him was perform ing for 800 parents and alumni in an empty RCA Dome after the championships. "We had tremendous support

he said. "Watching their faces, and the faces of the kids ... the realization set in. It was just amazing. "We could tell by the reaction

of the crowd it was a totally awesome performance," said Liz Adams of Canton, who watched as her 14-year-old daughter Adrienne performed as a member of the Color Guard. "The kids were confident, and they really nailed it. I'm proud of all of

Plymouth-Canton became the first marching band to win the Class AAA championship-while capturing all three caption awards for outstanding music

performance, outstanding visual

eral effect. And, it's the first and to win five of six awards while going on to win the Grand National Championship.

moved," remembered Natalie Korona, a sophomore tenor sax player from Canton. "I remem-bered all those practices in the rain, and it was worth it. And, it was great for the seniors to go out like that."

band director do next year to improve on L 's year's performance?

second, our design team asked that very same question," said McGrath. "But, after we got over our fear, we did it and brought the kids a better product to per-

what hard work does for them, and I don't expect them to let " he added. "We're not losing that many seniors. And, after winning a national championship and knowing we'll be going to the Fiesta Bowl next e strong.

"When they announced PCEP, we were all in shock, nobody

So, what does the fifth-year

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employed by the restaurant for several months, has a 1998 armed robbery conviction. "We screen (potential employ ees) as best we can," said Knape. "We call their references and screen social security history." "They came in during the PCEP volunteer is Extra Miler

Sally Welch, a volunteer at the ent volunteer programs at the Assistant Principal Sharon Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, was also a key player in Strean said, "Mrs. Welch is the Park, received the Volunteer in organizing the hepatitis B first parent to organize other Public Schools Extra Miler immunization program held this parents. Her work has resulted

both Salem and Canton high with parents." schools and efforts on numerous projects be present on each of the 14 days Involvement Committee last of this program. She helped schedule 1,200 students as to ent survey and compiled a list of She was cited as being an time, dates, and locations where parents who could answer quesactive volunteer who, while help- they would receive their immu- tions that other PCEP families ing to facilitate many of the par- nizations.

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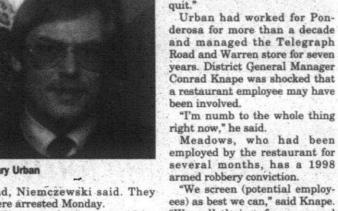
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THE THE T middle of the night and stayed until it got done. They just didn't

On the move: Band members march through their show, "Thought Crime: Music for an Orwellian Era," Saturday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

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And the judges agreed, giving

number one. McGrath said the winning per "Friday afternoon we had a

Nature lovers question reason for controlled hunts

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Nature lovers fear that the controlled deer hunts scheduled to take place in three metroparks - Stony Creek near Rochester, Kensington in Milford and Hudson Mills near Ann Arbor - are a backdoor attempt to introduce sport hunting to Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority land.

HCMA officials, however, insist the hunts are a herd management tool, aimed solely at reducing the number of deer there. The critters have so overpopulated the parks that they ive there in numbers 2 1/2 to almost six times what HCMA officials believe the land can sup-

The first controlled hunt, in Stony Creek Nov. 5-7, was a success, Dave Moilanen, chief of interpretative services and public relations, told the HCMA board at a meeting Nov. 11. Thirty-three bowhunters took 37 deer, generating some 1,380 pounds of meat to be distributed to food banks and charities. Most ortantly there were no accidents. Safety was the highest priority, Moilanen said

As a result, the board made no plans to alter its deer culling program. Another controlled archery hunt is slated for Stony Creek Dec. 3-5. Muzzleloaders will be used Dec. 10-12 and Dec. 17. Shotgun hunting is scheduled for Dec. 18 and 19. At Hudson' Mills, bowhunting is set for Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11.

Marksmen at Kensington

At Kensington, the most overpopulated park, rangers trained as marksmen will conduct deer hunts over bait piles at night sometime in mid-January. Aerial infrared surveys will be conducted before and after to update the deer population counts.

Activists reacted sharply to the report of the first hunt. The strongest statement came from Ann Arbor resident Robert Parnell, a self-described wildlife photographer and nature lover.

"It seems this hasn't been about facts, it's about politics and money," he said. "The three hunting organizations on the Wildlife Advisory Committee (the HCMA-appointed panel that recommended the herd management plan) are from the (Department of Natural Resource's) Hunting and Fishing Task Force. This task force has a stated objective to, 'Where possible, expand opportunities to hunt and fish in urban parks and recreation areas.' And further on says ... 'take any actions necessary to bring about the completion of this vital mission.

"It seems that what this is really about is the HCMA playing ball with the DNR so that it can continue to receive financial favors from the DNR."

One grant referenced by Parnell was actually turned down by the DNR, but HCMA Chief Planauthority has indeed received two grants from the DNR this year - one for a playground and lake access site, the other for development of a picnic area. Neither was related to hunting. In fact, Duncan, who handles grant application writing for the HCMA, said the DNR has never asked or pressured the metropark authority to open its lands to hunting in return for

Conflict of interest?

grant money.

Livonia resident Noreen Owens, a member of the Metropark Deer Preservation Council, said she believes the presence of three hunting organizations on the advisory committee constitutes a conflict of interest. Those organizations the DNR, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Michigan Bowhunters Association - also had representation on the Hunting and Fishing Task Force, a panel appointed by Gov. John Engler to promote hunting

activity in Michigan. Owens asked that the make-up of the advisory committee be

revised. Northville resident Judy Brock, also a member of that council, explained her group did not intend to accuse any member of the HCMA board of impropri eties. She explained that when council members found an Internet Web site containing the recommendations of the task force and that they included expanding hunting into "urban parks," they believed there was a "hidden agenda" among those three hunting groups. And she contended those groups could stand



to benefit financially from the promotion of hunting. Carol Halstead of Hartland told the HCMA board, "Nonethal methods should be given a chance. As overseers of our metroparks, you decisions-makers should be protecting the parks resources ... you should also be wary of hidden agendas." "Your criticisms are fine," HCMA Chairman William Kreger said in response, "until you start making out that we are cutting deals with the DNR. There is no proof of anything like that ... I object to the innuendo

handed dealing. I love the deer and I couldn't shoot one myself, but if we are guilty of anything, it is that we waited too long." Denise Mogos, public relations director for HCMA, noted that the committee membership also included representatives of the Michigan Humane Society.

that there has been some under-

Audubon Society, Natural Areas Council, Botanical Society and Botanical Club. Several of the

members were wildlife biologists. "There were meetings in which the Humane Society said, 'We can't go along with the killing of deer.' There were meetings where the hunters said. 'Our members won't go along with bringing in a sharp shooter. Everyone was an equal footing. I don't remember any meetings where anyone said, 'Gee, we got everything we wanted," Mogos said.

Hunts a success

Craig Mortz, executive board member of Metro Wildlife Management Base Inc., a consortium of Michigan conservation organizations, and John Spehar, also on that board, rated the first weekend of hunting a success. Along with the hunters, they said some 70 to 75 volunteers donated their time to manage the hunt and process the meat for food banks.

Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger covered the costs of the food processing. They helped organize the hunt with the CMA, from training the hunters to selecting the blinds which were used as the hunting





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Airport makes changes to avoid a winter disaster

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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lion with C.E. Pollard of Detroit. The county intends to execute also allow for better air traffic a Ford Motor Credit Municipal

Deicing used to be completed They expect the opening of a On Nov. 4, Wayne County near the airport's gates. Work That should help Northwest Air-

third de-icing pad later this commissioners also approved the crews used to move equipment lines, which is Metro's principal month near the end of the air- lease of five snow blewer trucks from gate to gate, which took carrier with more than 70 perport's runways will make planes with 18-inch brooms for \$1.9 mil- time, according to Detroit Metro cent of the airport's 31 million Airport spokesman Mike Con-

annual passengers.

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The Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration had issued an advisory

earlier this year that stated that

airports in cold-weather cities

should build deicing pads if

planes face long taxis from gates

to runways. Accumulated ice and

snow can affect the lift of air-

help prevent air traffic tie-ups

similar to those created during

the Jan. 2 snowstorm when

many planes containing scores of

holiday travelers remained on

taxiways for several hours.

While the de-icing procedures

were not attributed as a cause

for the airport delays, the snows

and winds were attributed to

Northwest's flight crews inabili-

The third pad was built at a

to 10,000 gallons of deicing fluid.

That fluid, glycol, will be recy-

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Co., a firm that paid Metro

\$50,000 for a three-year con-

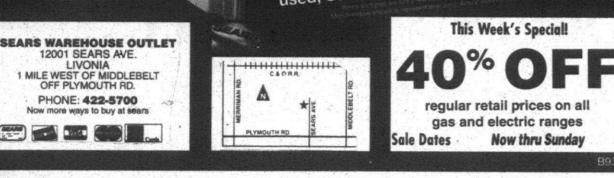
ty to get to the airport.

The three pads also should

The new pad will help clear those gates "Gates will remain available

for other flights," Conway said.

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House

of such residency rules. That doesn't sit well with Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, chief snonsor of the bill He will attempt in conference committee to get the bill restored to something closer to his original version of Senate Bill 198, according to legislative aide William Sulli-

Bennett unhappy with residency bill compromise

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

City employees would no longer be required to live in town by city charter or municipal ordinance, but such residency requirements could be subject to collective bargaining, under a compromise struck by the state

Rep. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, author of the compromise, said the purpose of his proposal is to preserve "home rule" and local control of the city governments while at the same time addressing the concerns over residency requirements. "They (unions) said (city offi-

cials) wouldn't discuss it. Well, this now forces it to the bargaining table," Kuipers said. If finally approved, the compromise will mean city residency requirements will be a topic in union negotiations. If it is important to workers, unions will be able to trade off other benefits to get rid

Opposed to compromise Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy,

is adamantly opposed to the "The freedom to choose where you want to live is a fundamental civil right," Gosselin said.

Which means the issue isn't settled vet. "I anticipate Bennett will be

on the conference committee. because he's the sponsor. Typically, they put the committee chair on it too," Kuipers said, explaining why he thinks Gosselin will have a seat at the table, too. "I'm asking to be on the committee, but I don't know yet. If they restore it to the original version or something close to

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Detroit and Pontiac. such rules are unfair, many city officials are arguing hard that cities should have the right to set their own rules, and not be subject to overriding state law.

Bennett's bill would have done just that, tossing out local requirements for residency. The only exception would have been for "on-call" employees, like parttime firefighters. Since cities rely on such part-time employees to respond from their homes when called, cities would still be allowed to require that they live in town. And Kuipers agreed with that

But Kuipers said he is also strongly supportive of local control, the rights of cities to set their own rules. His compromise would put the issue into collective bargaining. The only exception in his verbiage is when married couples are employed in different cities which both have resit, they are in for a fight from idency rules. Then, even if

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residency could not be required. Sullivan said Bennett is not satisfied with the compromise. although "it's better than what we have.

allowed in collective bargaining.

Not a major issue

Still, residency is not.something that will be a significant issue for most employees, he explained. If only 10 of 100 employees

care about the issue, aides predicted the unions would more likely concentrate on other issues, like pay and benefits.

Kuipers denied his version was just an effort to move the issue from the House floor to onference committee.

"Many (lawmakers) came up to me to say thanks for coming up with something they could vote for," he said. Kuipers said the issue was the

subject of intense closed door discussions on the final day of session Wednesday, Nov. 10, before the Thanksgiving break.

"I knew I was involved in a big issue when the mayor of Detroit called to say he wanted to meet While many city worker's feel with me," Kuipers said. Dennis Archer came to see him in his Lansing office the day of the

> The issue is one of special importance to Rep. David Woodward, D-Madison Heights. While many older urban areas are getting rid of residency rules, one of the cities in his district. Hazel Park, just approved a new residency rule in the last election. The vote was 70 percent in favor of residency.

He said he believed the compromise found the middle ground, addressing the concern of employees while allowing cities the right of "self-determination.

The House voted 82-26 on final passage. The conference committee will likely be named after lawmakers return to session Nov. 30.

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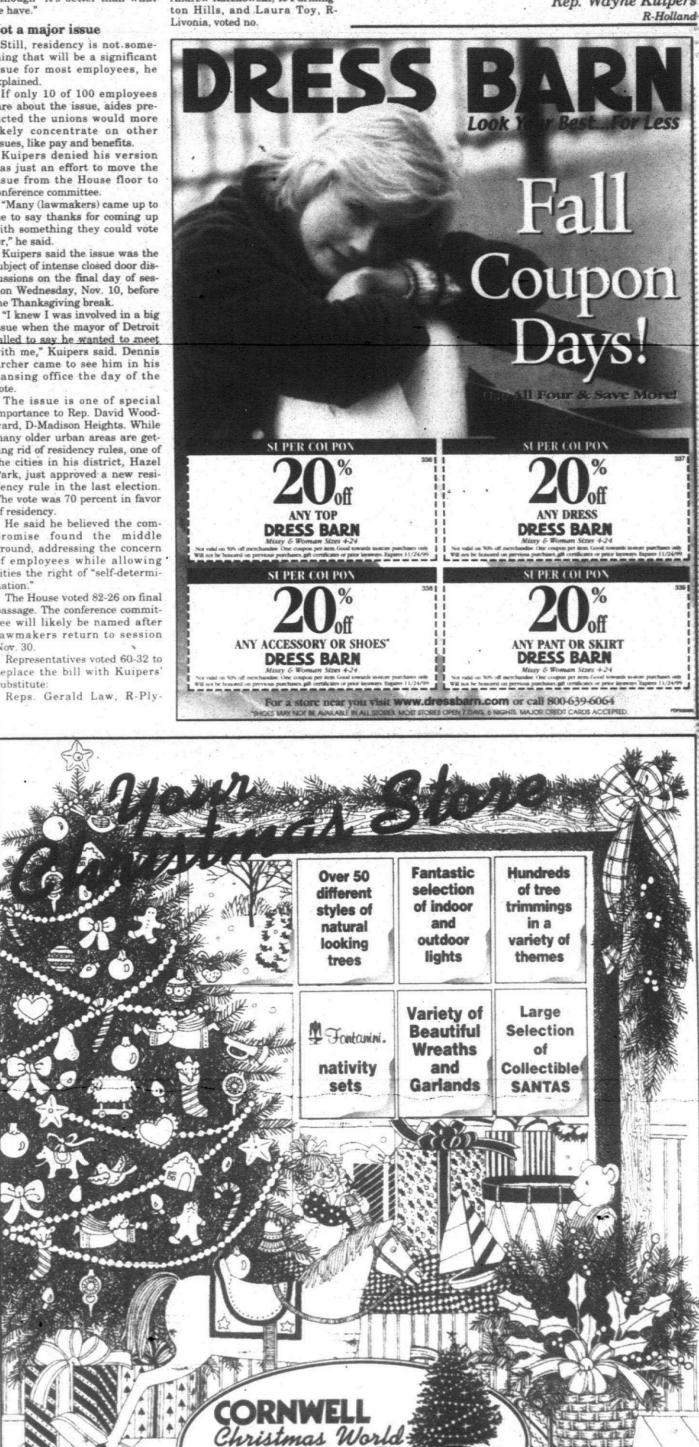
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Defendants who have already pleaded guilty to a criminal charge in Michigan will no longer be able to waste taxpayers' money by using public defenders to file frivolous appeals ... or justice after plea bargaining will be reserved for the rich, depending on which side of the issue you listen to.

State senators voted 24-13 to pass House Bill 4625 Nov. 10, to limit a defendant's right to a court appointed attorney to file an appeal after having pleaded guilty to a charge.

The House has already approved the measure, sponsored by Rep. Judson Gilbert, R-Algonac. Considering that Gov. John Engler has pushed hard for the measure and that his staff did much of the research used to support the proposal, Engler is expected to give the bill a quick signature. Only a few technical glitches are slowing the bill and will have to be cleared up by the legislature in December, the governor's office said Nov. 15.

But critics are strong in their condemnation of the measure.

"I believe this bill is unconstitutional," said Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, during the Senate debate. "I believe this legislation reinforces what the general public already believes about the criminal justice system. That is, if you are poor, you don't get justice, and if you have money and resources, then you have the right to justice and you often get it. I think that's a terrible message for the Legislature of the state of Michigan to be reinforcing."

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, objected more strongly.

"We are setting up a two-tier system with this legislation. If you have money, then you automatically have a right to appeal and you have a right to have leave to appeal, because you have money and you can hire an attorney ... Ninety-seven to 98 percent of criminal defenders would have no ability to file an appeal on their own, they would have to have competent legal counsel. So that means only 2 percent might have the ability as a jailhouse lawyer, to file a competent appeal which is not thrown out on a procedural basis in front of the Court of Appeals. So in effect, you're eliminating all appeals on behalf of indigent defendants who cannot afford to hire an attorney."

Virgil Smith said the state supreme court is already wrestling with the very same issue in a case known as People v. Bolger. He warned that if the court eventually rules opposite the legislature's decision, Michigan's court system could then get hit with a backlog of appeals.

"We're stepping into treacherous waters ... There is not a state in the union which does not allow a right to appeal criminal cases. This in effect would accomplish that goal by taking away the right to have an attorney. We don't have the guts to confront the issue directly and deny all appeals of any criminal convictions made by a guilty plea in this state. But we will go around the back door and try to knock out 98 percent of them by denying them the right to have an attorney. This is a dangerous piece of legislation," he conclud-

Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Hudsonville, argued that the bill follows the wishes of Michigan voters, who approved wording ending automatic appeals in criminal cases. Van Regenmorter contended that when a judge takes a guilty plea or a plea of "no contest," court rules already require that the judge make sure the plea is being entered voluntarily. A judge can't accept the guilty plea unless he or she is convinced the charge is accurate and that the defendant understands it as well as the potential sentence. So there are already built-in protections for those who plead guilty, he argued.

The Michigan Chapter of American Civil Liberties Union has taken a position opposing the bill, but it is supported by the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

"This is only after the defendant has pleaded guilty, has admitted that he did the crime he's being charged for," Tom Robertson, spokesman for PAAM, said. "Where's the injustice in that?"

He argued the bill has enough safeguards built in to protect defendants' rights. For instance, he said, they will be able to get court-appointed attorneys if the sentence goes outside state-set guidelines or does not match what the defense attorney and prosecutor agreed to. There may be cases in which conditional plea bargains are struck, in which a defendant pleads based on evidence over which the admissibility is still in dispute. If an appeal to a higher court is already agreed to before the plea bargain, the defendant could keep his appointed attorney, Robertson said.

Those safeguards should avoid abuse of defendants' constitutional rights, he said.

On passage of the bill: Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, voted no.

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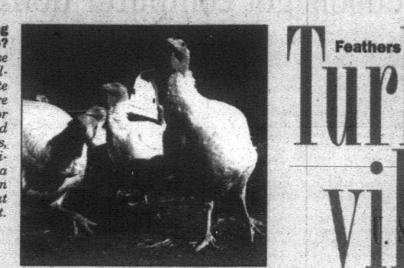


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y at family farm

You looking at me? These Broad Wilford White turkeys are known for their broad breasts, compliments of a special corn and oat diet.



BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER rskoglund@oe.h comm.net

Let's talk turkey. Ready? *ERRR, ERRR, ERRR, UT, UT, UT, GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE!

Just trill your tongue at the 4,500 turkeys awaiting the ax at Roperti's Turkey Farm on Five Mile Road between Levan and Farmington in Livonia and you'll get quite a response.

And if you're brave or foolish enough to wade through the flock of plump, beady-eyed broad Wilford whites, don't wear anything with buttons below the waist. For turkeys, pecking off buttons is considered a sport.

In a small, cluttered turquoise and pink office, owner Christine Roperti and her new daughter-in-law, Ferida, keep busy taking orders over the phone, often repeating the same phrases over and

"We carry 15-18 pounders and 19-23." "No, ma'am, I don't have any 10pounders. They'd be too bony."

"Ma'am, you could freeze my turkeys for 12-15 months and they'd still taste like fresh.

"All our toms are gone."

"Delicious."

Farm girl

Roperti grew up on the 5 1/2-acre farm, which her father and mother, Thomas and Mary Roperti, Italian immigrants from the Calabrese region in Italy, started in 1948. The family leased 240 acres and maintained a herd

of 40 dairy cows along with the turkeys. They also grew their own feed.

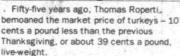
They milked the cows by hand and sold the milk to Twin Pines Dairy, Roperti recalls her father working from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. "Oh my gosh, it was hard work."

Roperti's older brother, Fred, was in the Army in the mid-1950s, leaving his 10-year-old sister to drive the tractor to their fields on the northwest corner of Six Mile Road and Haggerty. Her father would follow in a truck

"I was my dad's boy," said Roperti. Roperti took over the farm in 1988, shortly after her parents died. Today, with the help of her two sons, Tony Skrabut and Fred Roperti, and her husband, Wesley Bates, she operates a thriving landmark business.

But there's no mistaking who's boss, said Ferida Roperti with affection. The business remains a sole proprietorship. Deservedly so, Christine Roperti has

Remembering when . . .



Roperti had been a turkey farmer for five years and wanted a return on his investment. After all, he had 1,600 beaks to feed, and turkey feed was \$3 a ton.

He started out with just 25 turkeys. Today, his daughter Christine, raises 4,500 birds, which she sells for \$2.35 a pound.

come to be known as "the turkey lady." A turkey's life

The fledgling turkeys arrive at Roperti's farm the first week in August. They're shipped from Holland in a large semi-tractor trailer, stacked in five layers of cages. They weigh about three or four pounds. "They're all legs," said Ferida Roperti.

Fed a diet of corn, wheat, and oats mixed with a mash concentrate, the turkeys soon triple their weight. Roperti starts processing turkeys for special orders Oct. 1, when many of the birds have plumped up to 12-14 pounds

The largest tom she dressed last year topped the scales at over 42 pounds. This year may be a record-breaker. "The weather has been real good, so they're eating a lot."

Roperti doesn't freeze any of her turkeys until after Christmas. Freezing, she tells her customers, doesn't alter the taste of her hand-raised birds, known for their broad, juicy breasts. "All the taste, the juice and the gravy, comes from what the turkey has been eating. The secret is not fresh, it's what they've been fed."

Roperti's oldest son, Tony Skrabut, is the last person the turkeys see in their short, happy lives. "He's the killer. He kills every single turkey," she said.

Skrabut dispenses the birds six at a time. The process is simple and efficient. The birds are hung upside down by their feet and zapped by an electric knife. After their necks have been slit and the

Get a grip: Christine Roperti shows off her turkey-nabbing technique. She's had plenty of practice of putting wing-locks on birds determined to run away. blood drained, they're put in scalding

hot water to loosen their feathers.

Then comes a tumble in a featherpicking machine, followed by a final picking by hand. Heads and feet are then chopped off and the birds are gutted. Finally, they're packaged and weighed and ready for the customer.

Ferida Roperti says her mother-in-law never fixes turkey for Thanksgiving. "We have filet mignon, lobster tails, scallops, and shrimp - just because you're so sick of turkey by that day.'

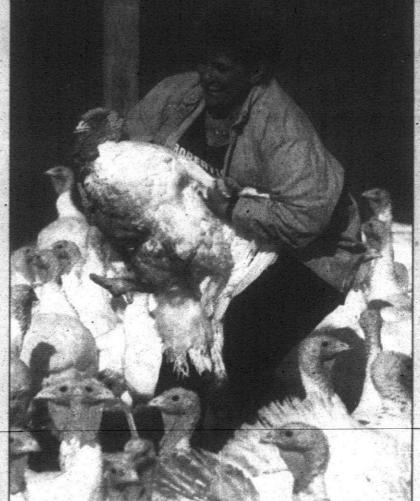
In addition to processing fresh turkeys, Roperti sells a few smoked birds. She soaks them in her own brine recipe, then smokes them over apple, cherry and hickory chips. "These are to die for," said Ferida Roperti.

Roperti and her turkeys will be together for many more years. She's proud of what Roperti's Turkey Farm has become and grateful for the community's support.

The city has been very good to me. I plan to be here for a long time.

Roperti sells her turkeys for \$2.35 a pound. Smoked sell for \$3.69. To place an order. call (734) 464-6546.





The Observer & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999

Parents get jail terms in sex assaults on kids

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

After hearing from two young girls about how they felt about being sexually abused by their own parents, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Prentice Edwards sentenced a Plymouth couple to prison.

John Bittenbender, 44, and his wife, Kathaline Mae, 41, were sentenced in court Tuesday after earlier pleading guilty to abusing their daughters.

"The two daughters spoke before sentencing, describing how terrible they felt because their father abused them, and how disappointed they were because their mother allowed it to happen," said Daniel Less, assistant Wayne County prosecutor who was in court when the sentences were handed down. "John Bittenbender's sister spoke out against him, too. It was very emotional." John Bittenbender, in a pre-

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

the Cable Communications Staff

Shefferly, Yack

of October 26, 1999

All ayes present. Expenditure Recap General Fund

Golf Course Fund

Community Center Fund

E-911 Emergency Fund

Special Investigative Fund Federal Grant Funds

State Projects Fund Bldg. Author. Constr. Fund

Water & Sewer Fund

7:30 P.M. All ayes present.

7:40 P.M. All ayes present.

7:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Tim

Yack; Absent: None

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Navs: None

State of Michigan

Trust & Agency Total - All funds

munity Improvement Fund

Fire Fund

Police Fund

Cable Fund

The daughters spoke ... describing how terrible they felt because their father abused them, and how disappointed they were because their mother allowed it to happen.'

Daniel Less, assistant prosecutor

arranged plea bargain, was sentenced to 10-15 years in prison after pleading guilty to three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree.

Kathaline Bittenbender, who pleaded guilty to one count of engaging a child in a sexually ive activity, was sentenced by Edwards to 2-20 years in

Both will receive credit for time served in the Wayne Coun-

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 9, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of

Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the

Staff Present: Ager, Durack, Machnik, Rorabacher, Zevalkink Members of

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the agenda as amended to

add Item G-9 Resolution to Indemnify Wayne County and a closed session for

discussion of pending litigation. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Minutes of the

regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Abstain

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

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Supervisor Yack declared the Public Hearing open at 7:15 P.M. to consider

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the Public Hearing at

Inc. for a new Class C liquor license with Sunday Sales Permit, Official Food and Game Permit, Dance and Entertainment Permit, Outdoor Service

Permits, and Additional Bar Permits to be located on Haggerty Road, south of Ford Road be considered for approval "Above All Others". It is the

or roru road be considered for approval 'Above All Utners'. It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance, contingent upon approval by the Board of Trustees of site plan, re-zoning and special land use. All ayes present. Supervisor Yack declared the Public Hearing open at 7:35 P.M. to re-consider

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the Public Hearing at

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to adopt Resolution #5 for the Tonquish Creek Storm Sewer Special Assessment District 1996-2. All ayes

RESOLUTION #5

Tonquish Creek Storm Sever Special Assessment District 1996-2 Charter Township of Canton

County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall in said Township on the 9th day of November 1999, at

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

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett, and supported by Burdziak.

hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

Roll No. 1996-2" and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No. 1996-2." 2. Said Special Assessment Roll No. 1996-2, in the amount of

\$1,962,850.00, as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the

3. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into ten (10) equal

the rate of six (6%) per cent per annum, said interest to be payable annually

on each installment due date; provided, however, that if bonds are to be issued by the township in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments, then said installments of special assessments shall bear

interest at a rate equal to one (1%) per cent above the rate of interest borne by said bonds to be issued by the Township.

by said bonds to be issued by the Township. 4. The assessments made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township Clerk's warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the

assessments therein accordance with the directions of the Township Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amount

5 All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the

same are berehy rescinded. Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack;

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canfon, County of Wayne, State of Michigan at a regular meeting held on

November 9, 1999 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the

minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

County of Wayne I. Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor of Canton Township, being duly sworn, deposes and states that on this _____day of _____ 1999, the Special Assussment Roll for the Koppernick Corporate Park Special Assessment

Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed.

assessed as the same become due

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Said special assessment roll shall be designated "Special Assessment

prepared for the purpose of defraying a part of the cost of certain improvements as described in Exhibit A attached

ents, the first installment to be due on December 1, 1999 at

TERRY G. BENNETT, Township Clerk

TERRY G. BENNETT, Township Clerk

Minutes of a regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the

Resolution #5 for the Tonquish Creek Storm Sewer SAD 1996-2.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that the request from Electropolit

the request of Electropolitan, Inc. for Class C Liquor License.

rs Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin,

Canton was held Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Cent

ty jail, where they had been held since February in lieu of

\$950,000 bond each. During the couple's preliminary examination, prosecutors and police officials said the father had been abusing his daughters for nearly 10 years while his wife took pictures. One of the daughters reportedly had a baby fathered by John Bit tenbender, which died shortly

after birth. The Bittenbenders' teenage boy was reportedly not molested by his parents. There were allegations by police that other female enagers were sexually abused while at the Bittenbender home.

Last July, the Plymouth couple avoided a probate court hearing when they voluntarily gave up their parental rights to two of the three children. The third, at the time of the charges, was con-

human service agencies and schools will receive new computers and software, thanks to greatly enrich our program by IBM and United Way Community Services. For the past several years, oriented program." United Way Community Ser-

vices has received the donated IBM as part of a national computer donation program with tribute the computers and soft-Gifts In Kind International, the ware to agencies and schools. world's leading charity in prodict philanthropy. Among the computers being

distributed throughout the netropolitan area include 10 Young Explorer Fun and Learning Computer Systems to the Plymouth Canton School District.

"We're very excited that the Plymouth Canton Kinder- agencies and schools making acy programs; support for the arten Child Care Program has een chosen to receive the IBM Explorer computers," said

More than 17 metro Detroit puters, along with the training uman service agencies and that will be provided by United Way's Team TECH staff, will providing the children the opportunity to learn in a play

Schools get computer donation

Gifts In Kind coordinates the program with the local omputers and software from United Way organizations across the country which dis-Since 1991, IBM has given \$40 million worth of computers nationwide to qualified local area nonprofits through its annual United Way computer grants program.

This year, United Way Community Services received 34 computers and additional software packages tailored to the the requests. The 34 computers included five ThinkPads, 15 IBM PC 300 GL Computer Sys-

The total value of the donation is more than \$66,600. In addition, United Way Community Services' Detroit Team TECH staff will help set up the computers and provide training for some of the agencies and school program recipi-

ents. A national program, Team TECH brings together the resources of United Way, AmeriCorps VISTA and IBM to expand the capacity of nonprofits to use information techpology

The IBM technology grant is intended to support agencies which provide services in the following areas: Youth education opportunities; job training and employment; community and family services; adult literdisabled and disadvantaged and early learning and adult learning programs.

For more information, call

Peggy Kaczmarek, extended tems and 14 Explorer Systems, (313) 226-9273. sidered an adult. day coordinator for Plymouth which are specially geared to Since then, the children have Canton schools. "The IBM com- teach young children. been living with relatives in the area. REQUIREMENTS District 1996-2 was prepared pursuant to the Resolutions of the Townshi This section sets for the regulations which shall apply to signs. 29.004 Section 4. SIGNS PERMITTED WITHOUT REQUIRING A SIGN board adopted on the 9th day of November, 1999 and to my best judgment confirm in all respects to the directions contained in such Resolutions and Statutes of the State of Michigan. Such action was taken in compliance with PERMIT This section sets forth what signs are permitted with a sign permit. Public Act 188, of 1954, as amended 29.005 Section 5. SIGNS PROHIBITED IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS This section sets forth signs which are considered to be unsafe THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor dangerous, hazardous or an attractive nuisance, and therefore not permitted Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____day of _____, 1999. without a variances Notary Public, Wayne County, My commission expires: SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND REQUIRING A 29.006 Section 6. EXHIBIT A DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS SIGN PERMIT This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, the type TONQUISH CREEK STORM SEWER periods of time, sizes, placement, allowable number of signs and which SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1996-2 for the Tonquish Creek Storm Sewer Special Assessment equire permits SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL (R-6). 29.007 Section 7. District 1996-2 consist of design and construction of a detention basin with a restricted outlet to the Tonquish Creek along with storm sewer to serve MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (MR) AND MOBILE HOME PARK (MHP) ZONING DISTRICT roposed industrial lots. There are an estimated 741 feet of 72-inch storm sewer, 320 feet of 66-inch storm sewer, 685 feet of 54-inch storm sewer, 625 This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, the typ feet of 48-inch storm sewer, 352 feet of 30-inch storm sewer, and 352 feet of size, period of time, placement, allowable number of signs authorized with a 15-inch storm sewer along with the detention basin, the restricted outlet and all appurtenances. Project also includes acquisition of land for the detention SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN OFFICE 29.008 Section 8. basin, 3% fee for selling bonds, and a contingency. DISTRICT, (0-1), AND MID-RISE (MRD) AND HIGH-COST ESTIMATE FOR TONQUISH CREEK STORM SEWER RISE DEVELOPMENTS (HRD) This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, the type SPECIAL ASSESSMENT size, placement and numbers of allowed signs, and exceptions. 29.009 Section 9. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN ALL \$ 106,000.00 Engineering Design: Construction Contingency 974,506.24 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, RP, LI-1, LI-2, GI) 146,183.7 15% Construction 28,500.00 Construction Testing: This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, type, size, Land Acquisition for Detention Facilities: 590.850.00 and placement of signs. 9.09 Acres @ \$65,000 per acre 29.010 Section 10. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICTS (RA, RR, RE) 8,000.0 Permit/Inspection Fees: Permit Bonds: 5.000.00 This section sets forth details, including but not limited to, type, size, 1,500.00 Printing/Advertisement Fees Attorney Fees/Bond Costs: 60.000.00 placement and location of allowable signs with permits in agricultural or open space recreational use and golf courses. 29.011 Section 11. NON-CONFORMING SIGNS Contingency for Other Than Construction 42,310.05 \$1,962,850.00 This section details what constitutes a non-conforming sign, the owner's onsibility and the Township Board's remedial options thereto. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the request of Sanper Corporation to transfer stock in a 1999 Class C licensed business located at 43327 Joy Road, Canton MI 48187, adding Michiyasu Yakamoto as 29.012 Section 12. RE-ZONING SIGNS IN ALL DISTRICTS This section sets for the requirements for an application for re-zoning ugh issuance of fifty (50) shares from the Corporation (Ster or amendment to a Consent Judgement or Planned Unit Development. 29.013 Section 13. CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNS WITH NATURAL), be considered for APPROVAL; it is the consensus of this legislative body Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution in MATERIALS This section sets forth the definition, compliance, illumination and area support of National Family Caregivers Week November 21-27, 1999. All ayes of signs made of natural materials 29.014 Section 14. PORTABLE SIGNS This section sets forth who may use portable signs, their size, Motion by Ben nett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution for the extension of the final approval of the preliminary plat for Cobblestone Ridge ent, and limitations of such signs ubdivision No. 3. All ayes present. 29.015 Section 15. GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS SPECIAL SIGNS Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the Waiver and Warranty Deed for (part of) parcels 71-117-99-0001-000, 71-076-99-0009-000 and 71-07-99-This section sets forth size, number, and limitations for use of special signs by service stations and for which permits are required. 29.016 Section 16. DIRECTIONAL SIGNS 0008-702. All ayes present. This section details size, message and placement and permit Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to that Wally Baker and requirement for directional signs. 29.017 Section 17. ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS Michael Gulkewicz be reappointed to serve three-year terms on the Recreation Advisory Committee beginning January 1, 2000 and expiring on This section provides for enforcement of the Sign Ordinance 29.018 Section 18. PENALTIES December 31, 2002. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that \$20,000 be re-programmed from the FY 1999 CDBG Administration budget for a new This section provides for the penalties for violation of the Sign activity to survey the need for curb cuts in existing sidewalks in the Canton 29.019 Section 19. CONSTRUCTION NON-APPLICABILITY, APPEALS community. All ayes present. This section provides for the application of the Sign Ordinance, and the Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that \$40,000 be re-programmed from CDBG Account #274-666-930-9800 (Harrison Drain) to ability of the Zoning Board of Appeals to modify the Ordinance CDBG Account #274-666-890-9800 (Housing Rehabilitation) in order to meet 29.020 Section 20. REPEAL This section provides for the repeal of all conflicting ordinances current and anticipated applications to the housing rehabilitation program. 29.021 Section 21. SEVERABILITY This section provides that the Ordinance is severable and if any portion All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the budget of the Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the FY 1999 Community of the Ordinance will remain valid. Development Block Grant program: 29.022 Section 22. SAVINGS CLAUSE \$426 000 00 Increase Revenues This section provides that the repeal and amendment provided for **Increase** Appropriations \$426,000.00 herein shall not abrogate or affect any acts committed or done, or any This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from penalty for forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or \$708,556.85 to \$1, 131,559.85. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Board of Trustees of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this the Charter Township of Canton does hereby move, effective immediately, to-allow enforcement on Summit Parkway for traffic enforcement on private 29.023 Section 23. EFFECTIVE DATE This section provides for publication of this Ordinance. *Note: A summary of the First Reading of the Amendment to Ordinance property, in response to their request and in compliance with Local Ordinance No. 68. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby move, effective immediately, to allow enforcement at Fox Meadows Condominium for traffic enforcement on 120(C) will be published within the Minutes of this meeting in the Canton Observer on November 18, 1999. A complete copy of the Ordinance i available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI during regular business hours. private property, in response to their request and in compliance with Local Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the creation and filling of the position of Mechanical Inspector in Building & Inspection Ordinance No. 68. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the FCC Form 394 Cable Franchise transfer request to transfer the MediaOne cable franchise and telecommunications permit to AT&T conditional upon Federal Communications Communications and Ludius Discussion and Statement and Ludius Discussion and Ludius D Communications Commission and Justice Department approval of the MediaOne/AT&T transaction. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for a Broadcast Top

Dresser to the Weingartz Company in the amount of \$9,500.00. All ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish for First Reading of the Sign Ordinance 120, for publication in the Canton rver on November 18, 1999. All ayes present. 29,000

FIRST READING SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 120

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE CONFIGURATION, FABRICATION, LOCATION, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFIGURATION AND FABRICATION REQUIREMENTS: PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE LIMITATION AND VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND

29.001 Section 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SIGN ORDINANCE

OF THE NUMBER OF SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

This section states the purpose of this Ordinance. 29.002 Section 2. DEFINITIONS This section provides a definition of words, terms and phrases used in the Ordinance. 29.003 Section 3. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND PERMIT

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the creation and filling of a Clerk I position to be shared between the Clerk and Treasurers' offices which is budgeted in the budget for the year 2000 (101-215-705-0000 and

Road Streetscape Project and, pursuant to Wayne County landscaping permit requirements for said project in the Canton Center Road right-of-way (Ford Road to Glengarry Boulevard), Canton Township agrees to the following requirements: A) Canton Township will maintain the permitted caping materials at no expense to Wayne County; B) Canton Township indemnifies and saves harmless Wayne County and all of its employees against all claims, suits, and judgements of every name and description arising out of the operation covered by the permit or the issuance of the permit; C) Canton Township authorizes Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk, to sign the permit on behalf of Canton Township. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to move to a closed session for the

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

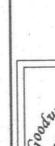
The above is a synopsis of action taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 9, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 23, 1999. THOMAS J. YACK. Supervisor - TERRY G. BENNETT Clerk Publish: November 18, 1999

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wish to pursue undergraduate or master's programs to advance their careers. "They can get off work and take a class or two," Pursell said. "It puts students on the fast track." Pursell, a Plymouth resident and a former congressman,

Center. EMU opened the 11-classroom

Virtual University starts winter term registration



Services. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the reclassification of the Programmer/Analyst position in the Public Safety Department to Systems Administrator, All aves present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a 2000 Ford, Super Duty F-250 XL/Super Cab four-wheel drive pick-up vehicle through Jorgensen Ford, 8333 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan who was the lowest qualified bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$27,466.00. All ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approval retaining the firm of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. for issue lobbying through December 2001, for a cost of \$4,000.00 per month. All ayes present.

101-253-705-0000). All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Canton Center

purpose of discussion of pending litigation at 8:50 P.M. All ayes present.

EMU Livonia campus: 'Perfect fit for western Wayne'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYR

Carl Pursell thinks Eastern Michigan University is the perfect fit for western Wayne Coun-

An EMU regent, Pursell looks at EMU's new Livonia campus at Six Mile Road and I-275 and sees opportunity for working parents and those workers who

joined other EMU officials in the dedication Tuesday of EMU's 12,800-square-foot facility on the fourth floor of the Cambridge

Here is a list of graduate and undergraduate programs offered at Eastern Michigan ersity-Livonia:

College of Arts and Sciences: Master of arts in com tion, master of public admin-

College of Business: Graduate certificate in human resource College of Education: Doctorate and master's in educa-

tional leadership, master of arts in elementary education. and master of arts in secondary education: College of Health and

facility in May, but Tuesday was graduate degree programs in the official dedication to promote educational leadership, sec-

EMU programs in Livonia Human Services: Bachelon science in nursing, master of

ence in nursing, and bachelor's of science in hotel and restaurant management College of Technology: Mast of science in computer-aided design/computer-aided manafacturing, master of science in construction managemen master of science in engi

neering management, master of science in quality, master of library science in technol gy and bachelor of science in facturing Non-Credit: professional

human resource management.

ondary education, construction and public administration. Noncredit training through EMU's Centers for Corporate Training also is available.

Currently the facility houses grams. David Wagner, manager expects that enrollment figure will double, considering the campus' location near the freeway.

EMU President William Shelton said the new facility "promises an outstanding academic experience." EMU is changing to es. meet the students needs in an age of information technology, Shelton said.

EMU Provost and Vice Presilent of Academic Affairs Ronald Collins said the university will partner with business, industry and government workers. "We're treading in the midst of farreaching implications in education," Collins said.

expected to have a high demand also has computer ports for lapbecause some registered nurses tops, Dahl said. don't have a four-year degree, Wagner said. Programs offered there will work well with Schoolabout 200 students in 14 pro- craft College, Wagner said. "Nursing could be a good fit, of continuing education at along with hotel and restaurant EMU's Detroit Regional Center, management," Wagner said. "There is also a demand for teacher certification (in western Wayne County)."

Tuition is \$107 a credit hour for undergraduates; \$157 a credit hour for graduate level cours-

Carolyn Dahl, dean of continu ing education, said studies by the Board of Regents showed a need for business and education programs in the area. For this reason, the facility features a

corporate setting. "When working adults go back. they don't look for a traditional university environment," Dahl said. They generally prefer a

EMU's nursing program is work environment, so the facility

Schoolcraft College President **Richard McDowell believes many** of Schoolcraft programs "will fit nicely" with EMU's.

"(EMU's facility) will allow our students to stay here and study here," McDowell said. McDowell said Schoolcraft has no problems" with Eastern's presence in Livonia.

"They will provide opportunities to people in this area. McDowell said.

Pursell also believes the two institutions will complement each other as will EMU with other community colleges. including Washtenaw. "The name of the game is choices," Pursell said. "A lot of good programs will be offered here, so (students) don't have to go far." For information on EMU-Livo

nia, call (734) 542-4EMU

serves as a central access point for courses provided by Michigan's community colleges.

Winter semester offerings have expanded to more than 150 courses, all bearing the credit and credentials of Michigan public community colleges. The list includes such courses as where. accounting, chemistry, English

composition, government, math and QS-9000 quality standards. It also includes a variety of comand the Microsoft Office packages. Courses are offered via the World Wide Web and are transferable to all 28 participating

community colleges. "The biggest advantage for the student is convenience -- being able to do course work when it's convenient," says Michael Wahl, executive director of the Virtual Learning Collaborative that brings the community colleges

MVU's executive director of ment Corporation.

The Michigan Virtual Univer- instructional technology, Kirby

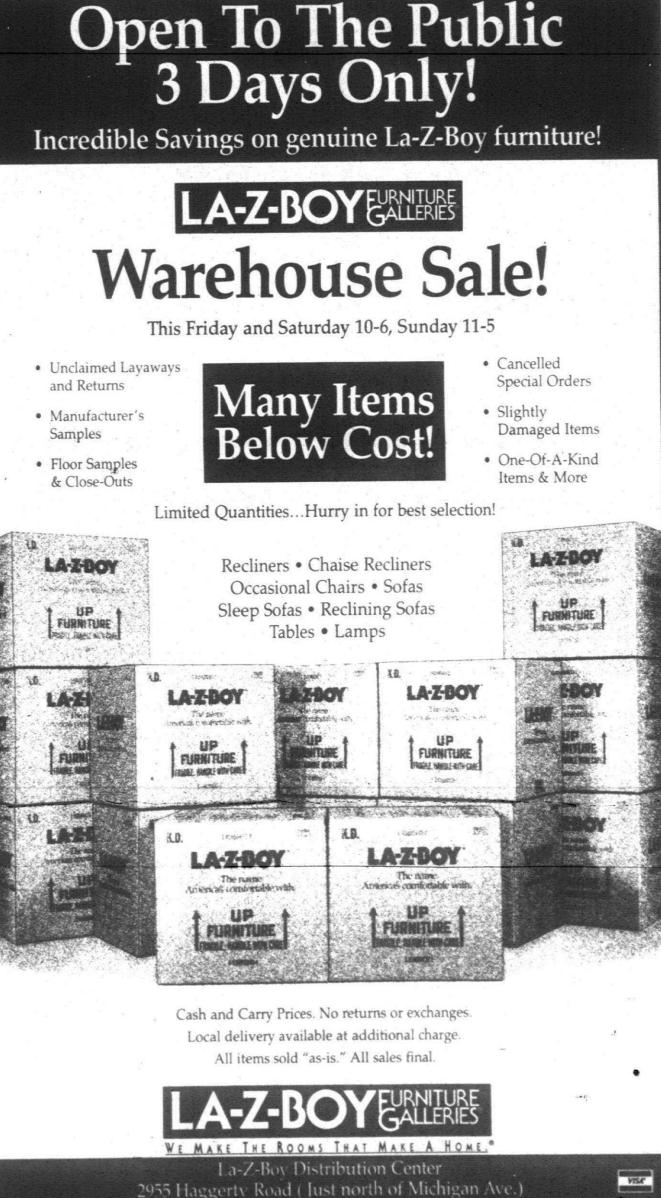
puter topics such as interactive tab. Courses begin in January Web programming, networking and are available to anyone who registers at any of the 28 participating Michigan community col-

> Community colleges providing winter classes through the Michigan Virtual University include Oakland Community

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College and Schoolcraft College. Michigan Economic Develop-

OBITUARIES

CAROL ANN SHERWOOD

Services for Carol Ann Sherwood, 74, of Plymouth Township were held Nov. 16 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Daniel J. Murphy officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born Dec. 26, 1924, in Minneapolis and died Nov. 14 in Plymouth Township. She was a omemaker who came to the Plymouth community in 1946 from Minnesota. She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary in. Northville and loved gardening and working in the yard.

Mrs. Sherwood was preceded in death by her husband, Robert. Survivors include her brother, Daniel (Barbara) Christensen of Canton; one friend, Alexandria Johnson of Plymouth; and one niece, Janet Roberts of Carmel, Calif

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

ELAINE C. ASSALONE

Services for Elaine C. Assalone, 53, of Canton were held Nov. 9 at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. She was born Oct. 2, 1946,

Flushing, N.Y., and died Nov. 7. She worked as a office clerk for an automotive company

She was preceded in death by er husband, John. Survivors include her daughter, Loretta (Galen Huren) Assalone; one son, Anthony; and two grandchildren, John and Julia.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

IRGINIA L. ANDERSON

Services for Virginia L. Ander son, 68, of Canton were held Nov. 15 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton, with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

She was born April 23, 1931, Detroit and died Nov. 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. She was a homemaker

Survivors include her husband, Arthur E. Anderson; two sons, Richard Anderson and Steven Anderson; two daughters, Linda Dempsey and Laura Anderson; one brother, Gene Twarog; and five grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Local arrangements were | 18 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, | her mother, Beier Luella. Surmade by McCabe Funeral Home, **Canton Chapel**

PATRICIA M. WINK Services for Patricia M. Wink,

, of Bloomfield Hills (formerly of Beverly Hills) took place Nov. 16 at Holy Name Church, Birm ngham.

She was born Oct. 1, 1927 Shaker Heights, Ohio, and died Nov. 10 at Woodward Hills Nursing Home in Bloomfield Hills. She attended the University of Detroit. She was a member of Thomas More Church, the eague of Catholic Women. The Village Club and The Oakland Hills Country Club. She was a upporter of Mary Reparatrix Retreat Center and enjoyed playing tennis.

Survivors include her husband, William J. Wink Jr.; two daughters, Judi A. Duerr of Canton and Caqrol A. Schaegger of Ypsilanti; one son, William J Wink III (Karen) of West Bloom field; and five grandchildren, Jason, Joshua, Lindsey, Collin and Hanna Memorials may be made in

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SYBILL E. PHILLIPS

Services for Sybill E. Phillips, 81, of Plymouth were held Nov.

Plymouth, with the Rev. Steven B. Schafer of Mount Hope Congregational Christian Church. Livonia. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. She was born April 14, 1918,

Albany, Vt., and died Nov. 15 n Livonia. She was a cashier a cafeteria at J.L. Hudson's and a member of the Eastern Stars. She was preceded in death by

er husband, Norman A Phillips; her parents, Dwight Dow and Kathryne Dow PIlls ury; and one son, Norman E hillips. Survivors include her laughter, Joan (Ron) L. Handser of Livonia: one sister. Mi red Larkin of Burlington, Vt one brother, Robert Pillsbury o Burlington; three granddaugh ters, Rhonda (Chris) Weber Marilyn Handloser and Kathryn Handloser; one grandson, Greg Handloser; and one great-grand-

daughter, Ashley Weber. Memorials may be made to zhelmer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100

hfield, MI 48076

JANET ANN RIGGIERO Services for Janet Ann Riggiero, 56, of Plymouth were held rection. She was born Mar. 8, 1941, in

Fremont, Ohio, and died Nov. 12 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker and a member of Our

Lady of Good Counsel Catholic She was preceded in death by

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Ohio: two daughters, Regina (Daniel, Jr.) Paradiso of Huntngton, N.Y., and Annette (Peter) Dyke of Los Gatos, Calif.; one sister, Joanne Crockett of Clyde, Ohio; two brothers, Jeff Beier of Eaton, Ohio, and Jerry Beier of Green Springs, Ohio; and five granddaughters, Domini Par diso of Huntington, N.Y. Michela Paradiso of Huntington N.Y., Chiara Paradiso of Huntngton, N.Y., Giavanna Paradiso Huntington, N.Y. and Camryn byke of Los Gatos, Calif. Memorials may be made to

osephine Ford Cancer Center Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place 5A. Detroit, MI 48202 or in nass cards

vivors include her husband

Anthony Riggiero of Plymouth;

father, Roman Deier of Tiffin.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

CARA M. MITCHELL

Services for Cara M. Mitchell, 36 of Canton, were held Nov. 18 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Jack Quinlan of St. John Neu mann Church officiating

Detroit and died Nov. 15. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her hus and, Larry D.; one daughter, uren M.: three sons, Larry I ., Eric W., Logan L.; parents Mary Young, Paul Young; one brother, Patrick A. Young; and arents-in-law, Dianna Mitchell and Lawrence Domogala.

FLORENCE PANATTONI

Services for Florence Panat toni, 84, formerly of Plymouth, Sacred Heart Church in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., with the Michael Dillon officiating.

She was born on Nov. 27, 1914 Laurium, Mich., and died Nov. 13. She earned her bachelor's gree in speech and secondary lucation from Northern Michian University and her masters gree from the University of

She continued her graduate work at Columbia University and later studied the year-round chools in England. She began ner teaching career in Menonmi nee, Mich., moving on to Manistique, Mich., and then continuing in Northville. In 1973, she was appointed assistant supertendent of the Northville Pub-School District. She became the president of the State of Michigan Speech Association 'and received a life membership and Distinguished Service Award for her unique contributions to speech and general eduation

Both the state House and state enate honored her accomplish nents with a joint resolution of achievement further recognizing her efforts in education. She served as president of the Delta She was born April 25, 1963 in Kappa Gamma-Alpha Nu Chapter. She also served the state of Michigan as the state consultant for year-round schools and tal-

ented and gifted programs. Survivors include her three sters, Marie Criger (Marvin) of lew Symrna Beach, Fla., Carolyn Cladwell of Littleton, Colo. and Dorothy Sincock of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999

New home Chamber, Canton grow together

t's a big step forward and welcome one at that. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will break ground on a new office - space that it owns instead of leases.

The chamber will build a 2,500-square-foot office on a one-acre, undeveloped parcel at Hanford and Canton Center Road. The proper ty was owned by Community Federal Credit Union, with its branch office on the adjacent parcel. The chamber bought the land for \$117,000 and will secure a mortgage for construction

A new building is still a few years away, said Ryan Ambrozaitis, the chamber's executive director. The organization's building fund has about \$20,000 left after the property purchase. It will launch a capital campaign for a down payment and construction costs and will eventually secure a mortgage, he said. The chamber's building committee expects to have a timeline for construction after its Nov. 30 meeting, Ambrozaitis added.

The chamber has been leasing space at the Canton-Ford Crossings office complex, less than a half-mile from the new site, for about 10 years. It has been seriously seeking a permanent home for the last four years, although Ambrozaitis said the goal has really been around for more than a decade.

Permanency is one benefit of the change. Not that the chamber was going to pack up and leave in the near future, but nothing says you're committed to an area like property ownership. The chamber - which is 27 years old and has grown to 470 members - has already put down solid roots in the community. Ambrozaitis expects membership to top 500 by the end of next year, a significant achievement when the chambers across the country are losing members yearly, on averNot that the Canton Chamber of Commerce was going to pack up and leave in the near future, but nothing says you're committed to an area like property ownership.

A permanent home will give those roots a chance to flourish.

The new office, which will be designed to fit into its residential surroundings, will nonetheless create a higher profile for the chamber. The building will have a single user and become prominently etched in people's minds as a business center for the community. A similar change in status occurred when Canton Public Library moved from the third floor of the administration building to its own building in the civic center 10 years ago.

Mike Gerou, who heads the chamber's building committee, believes the move makes good business sense as well. In the long run, it will reduce operating expenses and allow the chamber to devote more of its budget and physical plant to member services.

And that, after all, is the key to building a successful chamber - in Canton or in any other community. The chamber exists as a conduit among members of the business community, and between local businesses and the community-at-large. It is a leadership incubator and an advocate for its members when it comes to dealing with local, state and federal governments It's good to see that as the Canton business

community grows, the chamber is maturing right along with it.

Campus rioter ban goes too far

State Sen. Loren Bennett wants rioters on college campuses not only sent to prison for their crimes but also banned from all state public colleges and universities for at least one

The legislative proposal, while passing the lowest possible potential legal barrier, just doesn't make good public policy.

Certainly, the Observer isn't condoning wanton displays of public vandalism, but let's take a look at reality.

The Bennett bill is based on last spring's rioting on the Michigan State University campus after the Spartans basketball loss in the semi-finals of the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament. (Thank goodness the Spartans didn't win that semi-final or the championship - the damage could have been worse.)

While the image of TV newscasts showing students, nonstudents, passersby and others watching a couch on a public street being torched, it is a scene that rarely happens. For sure, there are outlandish displays of behavior on campuses following a sports event, but on a national or even a state level, those are very few.

Enforcement of the proposed new law would be a major problem. How would the municipal and/or campus police in East Lansing, Ann Arbor or any other public college campus ever spot a violator in stadiums housing as many as 76,000 (at MSU) to 111,000 (at U-M) or just walking down the street and passing a college building?

The answer is obvious - it would be impos-

Senate Bill 525 allows courts to ban anyone convicted of a misdemeanor from entering any Michigan public college campus for a year if convicted of a misdemeanor, two years if convicted of a felony. Enforcement would be impossible.

The legislature would be better off worrying about more important matters - such as public school financing, how to treat juveniles in the criminal justice system, campaign financing, among others. Bennett's bill would substantially widen

the penalties for convicted rioters liable for more than just the vandalism directly involved in the criminal charges.

Senate Bill 525 allows courts to ban anyone convicted of a misdemeanor from entering any Michigan public college campus for a year if convicted of a misdemeanor, two years if convicted of a felony.

The state House Committee on Criminal Law and Corrections amended the bill, already approved by the Senate, to also allow courts to order rioters to pay restitution to local communities, colleges and schools for costs related to their crimes - which does make sense and is good public policy.

But overall, the penalties in the legislation go too far and should be blocked by the state House





LETTERS

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Bigoted views

You have granted "Anonymous" (Letter: Thankful for 'censorship,' Oct. 30), the freedom to say anything dishonest, immoral, or utterly stupid without having to accept the responsibility for it and without ever having to face those in her community whom she has maligned.

Considering that a newspaper's livelihood depends on the free investigation for truth on all subjects, with vigorous opposition to the prohibition of knowledge, one can only say how generous of you to honor a plea for censorship with this special right of anonymity. It isn't like the viewpoint needs to be expressed or protected once again. Without the numerous small-minded flinthearts out there, there would be no gay activism, because, indeed, there would be no need for it. How curious, then, that you should passively but patently support this harmful nonsense.

"Anonymous" is an unintentional propagan dist, whose misrepresentations of people and events are mired in and generated from the same anti-rational muck from which arise all other innuendoes, falsehoods and myths. Is it really bigotry? Yes. Without any evidence, not a shred, that gays are any more or any less immoral than heterosexuals, and regardless of how perfectly gays and lesbians conform to the too much classroom and curriculum is tied up highest standards of behavior, "Anonymous" implies that all gays and lesbians are unfit by not what she knows about them, but of what she believes about them.

The world will be a better place when reason and the Golden Rule are in actual use by all. Work for justice, work for peace.

'A' here to stay

The Summit on Public Education provided a good forum to hear the latest information. It seems as though, like it or not, Prop A is

Before Prop A, market conditions drove the level of public education dollars spent in a district. Now, market conditions are relevant, but everyone in Michigan pays equally into the

common education pot, via the 2 cent sales tax hike.

The glory days of a purely socialist public funding system, where every district receives the same money for each student, will come. But legislators are itching to make this happen sooner.

The hard balancing act is how they achieve a socialist funding system, when before Prop A each district bought different levels of service based on property values, ability and frugality. Districts rightly expect at least the service they've purchased in the past, and deserve it. I urge public education officials to

avoid taking from abler districts, without letting these districts grow, and giving to needy districts. The MEAP continues to be a political hot

potato. I've heard several sides to the MEAP story. The original intent was to create a proficiency marker to give teachers feedback on how they are doing and that's all.

But recently there has been a call from public school officials to tie MEAP test scores to high school graduation and to raise its importance with the business community. The same officials bemoan the fact that the MEAP scores are so highly scrutinized and used to compare one district to another.

At the same time, there is a complaint that teaching to the MEAP tests in order to keep up a district's numbers. Teachers should not have to spend much time teaching to the

Charter schools do not necessarily intensively teach to the MEAP tests. Teachers are free to teach to a core curriculum, and many Michael Keach low charter school scores reflect this fact. However, public school officials who lament the focus on MEAP, are quick to use MEAP scores, when convenient, to their advantage when they charter-bash, citing low numbers as an obvious indicator of the failure of charter schools.

Public education officials want their cake and to eat it, too.

> Glenn A. Kremer Plymouth

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POINTS OF VIEW

Schoolcraft losing out on good nursing students

BY ANN GRESKOWIAK GUEST COLUMNIST

gram.

n April of this year, I was disnissed from the Schoolcraft Community College Nursing Program 10 weeks before I was to graduate, after spending 7¹/₂ years preparing for and having been admitted to the pro-

The reason for this, I was told, was that I had not met the clinical objectives. Since then, I have spent much of my time and energy coming to grips with this event. I have this to say to any student contemplating the nursing program at Schoolcraft: Please, think twice before entering Schoolcraft's Nursing Program; wait until such time as the college can offer a fair and competent program, Citizen's should know that the school they support actively discourages students with the potential to be excellent nurses.

There is a critical shortage of qualified nurses in the United States today. Nurses are often underpaid and under appreciated. An institution that drives away such promising candidates should be required to explain its actions.

In September of 1992, I decided to return to school, 28 years after graduating from high school, to pursue a

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practical nurses. **GUEST COLUMN** Due to my own health concerns

degree in nursing. At that time, I had already been working in the health care policy arena for 10 years in an organization committed to ensuring quality of care for Medicare patients. I attended an orientation at the

Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft, which is primarily aimed at women age 30 and older, which gave me the courage and support I needed to get back into school after almost three decades.

I was admitted to the nursing program in 1997 after fulfilling all the prerequisites at Schoolcraft, none of which included any previous clinical nursing experience. I was consistently on the dean's list, a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and earned a 3.5 average throughout my pre-nursing career at Schoolcraft.

The nursing program at Schoolcraft, like others , has theoretical and clinical components. Most students opt to seek employment in clinical settings while pursuing their studies. In fact, many already have a substantial amount of clinical experience in hospital and other clinical settings before beginning the nursing program, and some are even licensed

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and a strong desire to continue working in an outreach department where I could positively affect the lives of many Medicare beneficiaries, I kept the policy job that I had; therefore, I had no clinical experience when I started the nursing program.

Knowing that clinical experience was not a prerequisite and knowing myself to be a serious, conscientious student, I anticipated no problems. I was in for a horrible surprise.

The clinical component of the nursing program was a constant struggle for me. I felt that I was not given the tools I needed to succeed, e.g. adequate time to complete required tasks, sufficient instruction to learn the required skills. As to the level of instruction, since many students started with more experience, Schoolcraft raised the bar and did not teach the basics.

I utilized every single tool available to me through lab practice and computer assignments to enhance my skills. I continually asked for more direction, such as the opportunity to accompany an aide or nurse just to observe procedures and behaviors. I was later informed by my fellow students that I took the responsibilities

much too literally and that no one really had time to accomplish all the procedures that were to be documented. I truly feel that quality of care was never of primary concern to some of the instructors in the Schoolcraft College nursing program.

Assignments in clinical rotations often involved critical care patients who we were not clinically prepared to deal with and had no chance to address any emotional aspects of patients' well-being.

Even the theoretical component of the program became unreasonably challenging: Evaluation criteria were changed in the middle of the semester during my second year. The theoretical aspect of the program was basically self-taught. Through diligence and perseverance, I maintained my 3.5 average throughout the theory portion of the program, all while keeping my job and raising my family.

The Schoolcraft Student Handbook states that "the teaching-learning process is a faculty-student partnership which is outcome oriented." In reality, nothing could be further from the truth. The majority of students felt that the relationship between faculty and students was an adversarial one rather than a partnership. Praise and encouragement, proven to be

duces is in direct correlation to the

child, I am extremely grateful.

effort extended. And for that and the

learning experience it has afford my

I celebrate this band's accomplish-

ments. They are a tremendous group

Lorraine Paffenroth

Where arthritis healing begin:

Canton

of young people of which the Ply-

mouth-Canton community can be

extremely proud.

excellent teaching tools, were the exception rather than the rule.

These criticisms are in no way a reflection on past graduates. This is the first year the program has been administered in this manner and past students have deservedly had rave reviews from employers. How sad that this year has brought nothing but heartache to so many people! Students have had to quit their jobs, take out loans, some to no avail.

I am 52 years old. The disappoint ment, embarrassment and feelings of failure still overwhelm me. Yet, other colleges have embraced me with open arms, some commenting that "Schoolcraft's loss is our gain." Fortunately, I have enrolled in a college that not only embraces my efforts and promotes my desire to succeed, but also has acknowledged what a compassionate, knowledgeable and successful nurse I will be.

I am one of many students in my position, many of whom will make excellent nurses. We are older, wisen and dedicated to the sick as well as advocates. Which nurse would you ather have caring for your family nember?

Ann Greskowiak works in the health care field and is a nursing student at Washtenaw County Community College.

Misuse of vote

want my money back. I was a member of the citizen's committee that gave a number of weekends to developing the proposal to locate the new high school at the West site (which was a moneysaving compromise so the district wouldn't have to purchase additional land). I voted for the West site in the bond election. Now the school board wants to mis-

use my vote to select the East site. I want my money back.

> **Chris Hail** Cantor

When a community of people, whether it be a neighborhood, a be the national contenders that they school, a church or even a high school As a parent I am immensely proud marching band, works together for a of this fine group of young people. The common goal and is willing to dedi-

music education these kids receive is inequaled The typical 18 to 20 hours per week of practice includes the utmost attention to detail, clinic instruction with musical arrangers and drill designers,

and minute refinement of musical interpretation measure by measure. I believe the educational experience this band offers rivals that of any pro-

LETTERS fessional music camp experience. I salute Mr. McGrath and his colleagues for the outstanding work they

Fortunately, this band experience for my child and his peers is about far more than making music and winning awards

It is learning about life, working for a common goal, pulling together as a team and doing everything it takes to get there. No one can dispute that hard work and dedication pays off. The equal sign is always equal; we get

out of an experience exactly what we put into it. The result this band pro-

Once a manufacturing power, Michigan lags in new economy

ne of the best things John Engler has done as governor is to have attracted Doug Rothwell to Michigan from Delaware in 1993.

Initially Director of the Michigan Jobs Commission, an agency that consolidated the various job training programs into one coherent administrative unit, the slim and intense Rothwell has won praise for his intelligence, foresight and willingness to take risks by doing new

things. He moved over to run the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a public corporation set up outside the stifling state bureaucratic structure to oversee the state's job and business attraction and retention programs. (He got a hefty raise by moving outside civil service pay restrictions, but that's OK. You get what you

pay for, and Rothwell's the real deal.) The MEDC has just issued a report on Michigan's economy, "Strategic Directions for Michigan's Future." It makes fascinating reading. In the decades following the Great Depression, Michigan's auto-led economy flourished, leading the nation in automation, production and technological progress. Our economy stalled in the 1970s and '80s, when the auto industry was being pummeled by foreign competition and unemployment skyrocketed. But good times in the '90s led to surging auto industry and a

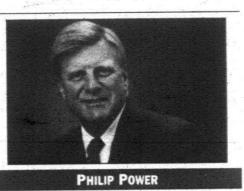
rapidly growing service sector. The MEDC report points out that Michigan began to "benchmark" against other industrial states such as Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin in the early '90s. In many ways, Michigan has improved its ranking against these competitors

in recent years. Current success in automobiles, however, has led to new goals. The MEDC report suggests Michigan should now concentrate on growth over the next decade in areas where the state has a comparative advantage against other states: advanced manufacturing, information technologies and life sciences.

And the report proposes a new set of "benchmark" states, including California, Washington, Virginia and Massachusetts. When ranked against our new competitors, Michigan doesn't

For example, while Michigan's work force productivity ranks third when compared with our old competitors, it comes in dead last against the new set. While Michigan is technologically advanced compared to its old competitors, our state is last among our new competitors in percentage of households with Internet access

Worse is our standing in venture capital,



arguably the main growth engine for new, high tech companies. Among new competitors, Michigan ranks dead last in the dollars available for venture capital financing. The dollar gap is considerable: Michigan, with \$2.4 million available for venture financing in the first quarter of 1999, is far, far behind Virginia, with nearly

\$60 million available to entrepreneurs. Moreover, Michigan has a poor image among ousiness leaders. A focus group quoted in the MEDC report concludes that "a number of people didn't think of anything specific when asked for their thoughts on Michigan - nothing comes to mind or they simply said 'Detroit' and nothing elsé." Many business leaders think Michigan is simply dominated by the auto industry, with little room for any other kind of husiness

Such perceptions, even though faulty, lead to decisions that hurt Michigan. A group of business leaders in New York, when asked which states they would consider for expansion or relocation, ranked North Carolina, South Carolina and California at the top, with Texas and Ohio in the middle. Michigan ranked last!

So part of what MEDC wants to do is as simple as educating business leaders around the country about Michigan's real strengths. There is a real story to be told here. Michigan kids scored an average of 1100 in the SAT exam in 1997, above any of our new competitors. And Michigan's colleges and universities are as good as they get; the University of Michigan, for example, is number one in the entire country in

sponsored research. (This is the first of a series of columns exam-

ining the MEDC report on Michigan's economic future.) Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Com-

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Madonna receives technology grant

With a recent grant from the United States Department of Education, Madonna University will equip itself for the 21st century with state-of-the-art instructional technology.

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The \$1.6 million Title III grant incorporates many uses of technology which respond to the demands of Madonna University's diverse student body. These include: using technology to improve student retention; strengthening retention efforts across the university; assessing the technology literacy of graduating students; enhancing the technology infrastructure; augmenting faculty professional development; and expanding distance education instruction and support services.

"The Title III funding will allow Madonna University to excel in the area of technology,". said Dr. Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "The award comes at a critical juncture in the history of the long-range planning process, when the university is positioning itself for the future. The grant will support the infrastructure to make it possible to explore the curricular implications of technology across the university."

Among the initiatives slated to strengthen student learning will be technology literacy placement tests, which will assist in Of importance is the use of technology as a learning tool while maintaining a strong dimension of our mission, including respect for each person's talents and needs.'

Sister Mary Francilene Madonna University President

placing students in computer u courses according to their skill co level. The current computer lab will be expanded to accommodate more students and to increase multimedia capability. cl

To ensure student satisfaction with the technologies for teaching and learning, an annual survey will be conducted.

For students experiencing academic difficulties, several measures will be employed. A Webbased learning/advising center will increase contact between students, faculty and advisors. Also, an electronic tracking system, including an early-warning mechanism, will be employed to track at-risk students.

To assess the knowledge students have gained about technology, students preparing for graduation will be required to make a multimedia presentation in major senior courses and will be evaluated using a common technological literacy assessment instrument developed by the fac-

ulty. Online testing of student computer proficiency will be conducted prior to graduation.

The university will initiate an upgrade plan that will equip six classrooms per year for five years with the appropriate level of technology for the teachinglearning needs of faculty and students.

The faculty will receive additional computer training, which will result in increased learning opportunities for all students, particularly those who are academically and economically disadvantaged. By January 2003, the faculty will integrate computer technologies into all general education and major classes.

A faculty professional development center will include a multimedia authoring lab with eight work stations to assist faculty in teaching in the classroom or through distance learning. By September 2004, it is proposed that all faculty members will be oriented to the lab and will produce at least one piece of courseware for their classes.

To meet the needs of today's busy student, an accelerated baccalaureate degree program in general studies will be delivered through distance education by the fall term in 2003.

"The Madonna University community acknowledges the U.S. Department of Education for providing us the opportunity to support the rapid changes in technology that influence how students and faculty together can enhance the teaching learning process," said Sister M. Francilene, president. "Through the utilization of

"Through the utilization of advanced computer technology across the University, it is projected that students will respond positively, resulting in increased student learning, academic success and greater student retention. Of importance is the use of technology as a learning tool while maintaining a strong dimension of our mission, including respect for each person's talents and needs."

To continue project activities beyond the funding period, the university will participate in an endowment challenge grant in the amount of \$180,000 over five years to be matched on a 2-to-1 basis, or two federal dollars to each institutional dollar for a total technology endowment of \$270,000.

Group wants to track power outages

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homec

A toll-free number may be available next year for residents in western Wayne County to report power outages, part of an effort by leaders of those communities to pursue outage issues with Detroit Edison.

The Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of 18 communities, created an ad hoc committee in October. On Friday, that group forwarded recommendations back to the CWW, a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren. The committee recommended

The committee recommended that:

Effective Jan. 1, 2000, all CWW communities begin to document power outages within their communities for a oneyear period, including input from residents. CWW communities will ask residents to contact their city or township hall after notifying Detroit Edison of the power outage. CWW staff also will explore the feasibility of adding a toll-free phone number to report power outages.

Individual communities research and identify when "troubled" lines were installed.

CWW fire chiefs will forward to the CWW copies of the Michigan Fire Incident Report System filed with the state for 1999 and 2000. The MFIRS tracks responses to downed wires or shorting/arcing incidents.

Communities will forward to the CWW their franchise agreements with Detroit Edison. These agreements were enacted about 30 years ago and are currently expiring in many CWW communities. CWW communities may wish to determine as a region the lefigth of the new franchisee agreements.

The CWW will enhance its relationship with the Michigan Public Service Commission and gain a better understanding of the MPSC's role.

CWW Executive Director Marsha Bianconi expected a follow-up report will be made to the CWW in December on the feasibility of establishing a toll-free number and the other recommendations.



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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Being there for your kids does matter

cousin came to town recently to be part of a family reunion. At one point he and I were sitting and talking about children and working parents. "Ya know," he said, "with my girls

as young as they are (2 and 4), Robin (his wife) and I have been considering having one of us stay home and be there for the girls. And I've been the one thinking about doing it.'

Here is a guy who, among other things, used to write ads for Leggs pantyhose. I thought I'd drop my teeth out when he said he was thinking about giving up a "high-powered career" to take care of the children, because he was a corporate kind of guy

More and more families are revisiting the idea of whether both parents should work. Lots of parents want to be more involved in their children's lives.

A recent piece of research gave some of the reasons parents are rethinking full-time work. Ellen Galinsky, a work-family researcher, recently published a book titled "Ask the Children: What America's Children Really Think About Working Parents.

Although the headlines in the newspaper suggested that kids basically don't have a

problem with

their parents

working, what

struck me was

that her study

found that kids

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On the road Testing aims to keep senior drivers safe



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Checking it out: Barbara Spreitzer-Berent, the author of "Supporting the Mature Driver: A Handbook for Friends, Family Members and Advisors," goes over the results of a driving test with Margaret Pittman-Hadley of Bloomfield Hills.

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecon comm.net

The two 80-somethings were polite but firm.

They wanted the people running the mature-driver workshop to know they'd already self-evaluated and had adjusted their driving accordingly: She drove at night, he drove during the day

All they wanted, they said, were a few driving tips and the latest roadwork information.

But what they got was a shock. "We found out she was night-blind and he wasn't," said Frank Cardimen, whose organization has been sponsoring the workshops around metropoli-

Just a test: One of TIA's testing machines checks people's cognitive ability for deficiencies.

quality traffic safety/ enforcement educational programs and, in 1988, the mature driver workshops, becoming a national leader in its field. This year TIA received an Institute of Transportation Engineers award for its years of community service. Each in its own way, TIA and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments are pushing to improve traffic safety for Michigan seniors.

testing, evaluating and teaching seniors better driving safety, said Jennifer Evans, a SEMCOG transportation engineer.

"It's quite well-known across the country" for its innovations, she added. "AARP has senior driver retraining classes, but they're not nearly as advanced.

One TIA innovation is the Universal Field of Vision computerized testing machine, developed jointly with the University of Alabama-Birmingham

Cognitive ability

The testing machine checks people's cognitive ability for deficiencies by testing how well and how quickly they can identify and recall the location of

Handbook helps deal with driving

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecon

If you're a baby boomer, chances are good you've got at least one parent who's still driving

And if you're holding your breath every time they do -because their driving skills have diminished but their need for independence and dignity haven't - well, metro Detroit gerontologist and educator Barbara Spreitzer-Berent has a handbook you'll want to read and keep around.

Spreitzer-Berent's "Supporting the Mature Driver: A Handbook for Friends, Family Members and Advisors" aims at helping boomers, their families and friends and professional caregivers deal with the often perplexing and sensitive issue of safe driving in later life.

"The vast majority of mature motorists are safe and responsible," said Spreitzer-Berent who's also an urban planner and founder/ president of Quest Learning Resources in Royal Oak. "Yet friends and family members may have questions about some older drivers' skills on the road."

Her handbook provides insights that help readers approach the mature motorists in their lives with the respect those elders deserve to avoid risking cherished relationships

Its 28 pages give hands-on, practical information, including checklists, resource guides and worksheets that help readers recognize a decline in an older person's driving skills, improve driving performance and explore transportation alternatives.

It's designed to help keep older drivers on the road as long as safely possible, help them make a smooth transition when driving is no longer an option, help people know when to get involved and initiate a conversation about driving and stay objective when talking about driving problems There's a special section for professionals, such as doctors, nurses, social workers and law enforcement personnel, who may work with older drivers.

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time with their parents was rushed.

Based on the survey, it sounds as though kids would be pleased with just hanging out with one or the other parent. Hanging out is a hard notion to get in your head when time is precious.

As a mom who worked part time when the children were little, I can vouch for the fact that when you're at home, you're often still working cleaning, cooking, mowing, doing laundry. Being with the kids is very different from just being home.

If I had to do it again, I would have "hung out" more with the kids. The legacy I leave would sound much better if it read, "I was there for my kids" rather than, "I was there for my job."

Time seems to be the critical factor. Nobody ever has enough of it. I applaud my cousin's desire to stay home. He knows that's the only way he will ever have enough time with those kids. As he said, "When it's all said and done, will the kids care if I was able to afford a bigger home or a slick car?

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

rolt for more than 11 years. Cardimen is president of the pri-

vate, award-winning, non-profit Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County, a Bloomfield Hills-based engineering group founded 33 years ago to stem the then-rising traffic death toll in Oakland County.

Since then, TIA has added high-

TIA offers a very large program for

a type of vehicle in a maze on a screen.

Research shows there is a "direct correlation between cognitive ability and traffic accidents" among older drivers, Cardimen said.

Cognitive ability - defined as the facility for understanding what we see

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Cemetery takes in people's 'little friends'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER aladae ha



Shirley Cameron knelt next to her grandson, Robert Ortiz, as he placed a bouquet of flowers on the grave. She kissed him on the cheek and hugged him closely. They would both miss

their dog, Buster, very much.

"Sometimes this is the first time for a young person to experience a death," said Sharon Lewinsky, the family's memorial counselor at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

On that October afternoon, the Cameron and Ortiz families of Redford lovingly wrapped their dog Buster in his own blanket and said their goodbyes as he was buried. Robert was allowed to come home early from school to attend the service.

"It's hard to say good-bye," said Dana Hannan, Robert's mother. "It's nice to be able to have a place to come and bring flowers."

Buster was a schnauzer/terrier/dachshund mix and a special pet to Robert

We got Buster out of the shelter and they grew up together," said Hannan. "That was his buddy

The family found out about the local pet cemetery from Virginia Reinke, Dana Hannan's aunt and a Westland resident. She buried her own pets at the cemetery and recommended it because of the professional staff and location. Reinke said its a good choice



for those who can afford it.

Dispel any thoughts of Steven King's thriller "Pet Sematary" from your mind. When a beloved pet dies, the experience is one of grief and sorrow, not fear. Nothing demonstrates the affection owners have for their pets more than a place dedicated to the memories of those precious, mostly furry members of the

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

family

The Garden of Our Little Friends is devoted to pets who passed on and the owners who adored and cared for them. The pet cemetery was added in January 1986

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Touching moment: Robert Ortiz and his grandmother, Shirley Cameron, place flowers on the grave of their beloved pet Buster at the Garden of Our Little Friends pet cemetery in Westland.

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begins diminishing after age center,' " he said. 55 although at a different rate for each person, Cardimen said. This "window of attention" includes visual acuity plus other

factors, but, "if we lose 40 percent of our cognitive abilities, statistically we have a 94-percent chance" of being in a crash within one year. "If we can measure cognitive

abilities and tell people they are having trouble, we can mitigate it." Cardimen said. 🤉 He said a 92-year-old woman

in Milford "had the highest UFOV in the whole class. "We complimented her and she

said, I have to be strong to take Draft form care of the old people back at the

Cemetery

"This is closure," said Lewin-

sky. "It's very important. People

who don't have pets usually

don't understand it. I'm really

proud of this Garden of Our Lit-

"This young boy, he's going to

Stones carved with messages

of love and bouquets of flowers

mark the final resting places of

dogs, cats, hamsters, iguanas,

parakeets and a pony who will

be missed but always remem-

A large stone structure in the

center of the cemetery is for

those animals who have been

individually cremated and

Headstones are not required at

the pet cemetery, but can be pur-

chased there. The Rock Shoppe

at 6275 Gottfredson in Ply-

mouth, specializes in landscap-

ing, but also carves pet memori-

"We do all kinds of stonework,'

said owner Marco Scappaticci.

"We specialize in bluestone

memorials. They are inexpensive

and popular. They can say any-

thing you want to." While the calls mostly come in

for dogs and cats Scappaticci

said he does get the occasional

request for a beloved iguana -

and for people, too. A bluestone

placed in cultured marble urns.

remember this experience. I find

tle Friends.

this very special."

And what of the elderly couple at Greenfield Village? "We persuaded them to

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switch," Cardimen said. TIA usually presents its senior workshops to groups of up to 25 at retirement centers in six of

southeast Michigan's seven counties - Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Livingston. The workshops run from March to November to accommodate road-testing of seniors in

their own vehicles. TIA held more than 25 workshops in 1999

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Not so unusual

tion costs between \$40 and \$170.

The cemetery does offer pay-

At the Rock Shoppe, Scappat-

icci noticed he's received a lot of

calls for the service in the past

few years. He attributed the rise

in requests to the way the

memorials help ease the grieving

"It's not one of our happiest

Pre-planning for pets has

"More people pre-plan," he

said. "They come into the office

by appointment and sit down

with our counselors. A lot of peo-

become a common practice over

the last decade, said Southam.

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calls," he said.

Michigan, now in draft form with the Michigan Safety Commission. She, SEMCOG and other organizations statewide will offer more recommendations

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in December. The Safety Plan of Action is very broad and all-encompassing, Evans said. It's designed to make traffic engineers, city planners and people in general more or where to send those needing aware of what's needed to make beginning or advanced driver roads safer for all drivers. Among its recommendations

are larger traffic-signal lights and regulatory signs, additional intersections with protected, SEMCOG's Evans has been green-arrow left-turn lanes, ing tools, Evans added.

working on the Elderly Mobility ways to improve alternative and Safety Plan of Action for transportation for people who no longer drive and even "planning urban and suburban developments to allow for walking to the pharmacy," Evans said.

An education section has suggestions for making the public more aware of where to get assistance with traffic problems training. 🧐

The plan doesn't call for stricter licensing at this time but rather for more effective screen-

Another section discusses driv ing and dementia.

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As a result, "There's a disproportionate amount of crashes. and fatalities among those 65 and over, not only in Michigan, but in the United States," said Frank Cardimen, president of the non-profit Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County.

But more important, said Cardimen, demographers predict that the over-65 age group will double in the next 15 years.

develop ways to help that (senior) demographic now, we'll be in a helluva situation in 20 vears," he said.

Berent's handbook good, he said, is it is aimed "not to pick on this age group, but to help" those in it and those closest to them.

The key is helping people remain mobile, because without that, "the quality of life declines," Cardimen said. "When you lose your independence, you lose your ability to be free."

no (alternate) ways" that make it easy to get to the pharmacy, doctor and grocery, Cardimen said.

do something, you have to ask someone else to help you (and so) you lose a quality of life that is critical in mental health at that age," he said. "Barbara's book is a very valuable tool in this whole ousiness and is very much in the forefront on the needs of families and (senior) motorists "

about is how to broach the subject and help the conversation flow more easily," said Spreitzer-Berent, an instructor in TIA's mature-driver seminars around southeast Michigan. "If you wait to the last minute to talk to Mom and Dad, the only option is to take away the keys. If you start

the conversation earlier, they have the chance to work on their skills and continue to drive."

For example, reaction time can be improved, she said, as can an older person's ability to turn their head and neck, thus improving their area of vision.

'Lifetime plan'

But everyone, she said, should have a "lifetime mobility plan" that takes into account how and where one will spend his or her retirement and also how they will get around. "If you plan ahead and think

about the risk of losing your driving skills, you can extend your driving career," she said.

a General Motors traffic safety researcher for 50 years, Spreitzer-Berent brings a varied and the handbook, which she produced through her company's specialty division, AgeQuest.

she added a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan then worked as a government planner and grants coordinator and also as a GMC real estate and community development professional. Among her GMC projects was the New Center Development Partnership in Detroit.

"(But) I decided for my 40th birthday to give myself a change of careers," she said. "I decided to go back to school and learn more about aging."

There followed earning a graduate certificate in long-term care administration from the geron-University in Livonia, then a license

Spreitzer-Berent most recently served as the assistant director of community care services for

offers training and development programs to business profession als. Its subdivision, AgeQuest, addresses the interests of older adults, family caregivers, professionals in the field of aging and businesses who serve the mature market.

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Garden of Our Little Friends before a pet burial.

time of death. When you lose a others just use the time as a pet, you just call here. Every- chance to say good-bye. thing's already filled out. It makes it a lot easier." He said that pets provide own-

ers with companionship, unconditional love and loyalty. They are especially important to people who live alone, or are without a partner or children. The memorial services, them-

selves, are as individual as each pet and family, he said. Some

pet cemeteries, there is a sense visit.

"This is part of an endow ment," said Southam of the cemetery. "They can come here forever.

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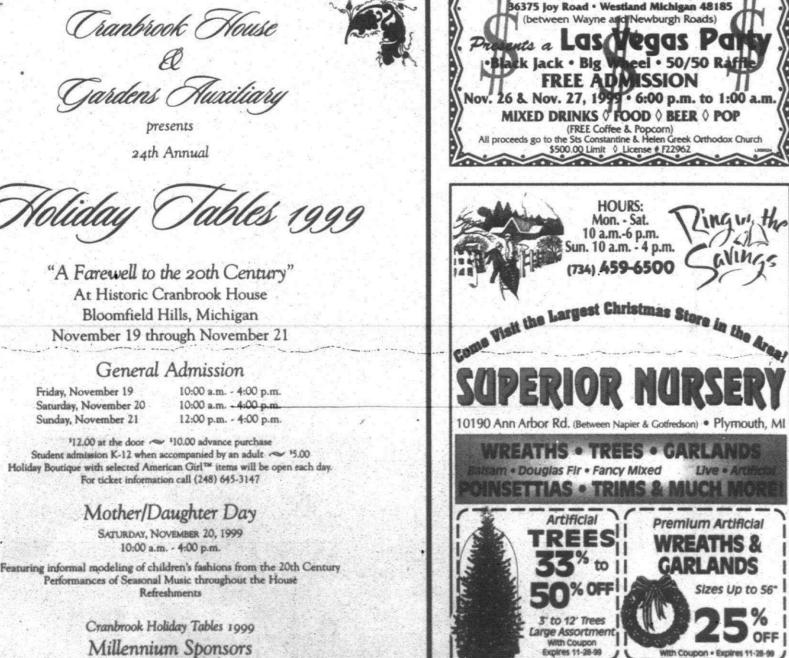
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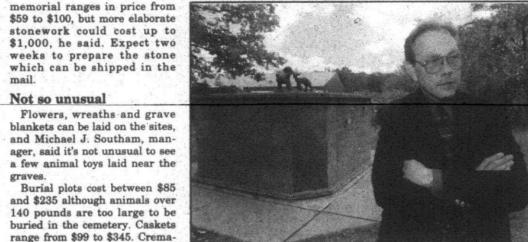
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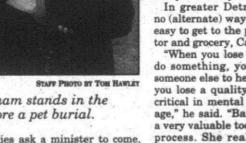
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Scheuher

Jack and Sandy Suddendorf of South Branch announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Ellen, to Jeffrey Loran Scheuher, the son of Paul and Joan Scheuher of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed as a secretary in Wixom. Her fiancé is graduate of

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Klaes-Gaffield

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Mrs. Richard Klaes.

Timothy Stephen Klaes and

Kimberly Anne Gaffield were

married Oct. 22 at Vergennes

United Methodist Church in

The bride is the daughter of

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The bride is a graduate of Ply-

nouth-Canton High School and

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is employed as a seventh grade

The bridegroom also is a grad-

uate of Michigan State Universi-

ty. He is employed as an engi-

The couple honeymooned in

language and drama teacher.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Bullock-Fisher

Christopher Bullock and Jennifer Ann Fisher were married May 30 at Bay Point Golf Club in West Bloomfield.

The bride is the daughter of Dick and Leah Fisher of West Bloomfield. The groom is the son of Dennis and Jerilyn Bullock of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Ply-

The bride is a graduate of West Bloomfield High School and Arizona State University. The groom is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Michigan State Uni

The couple received guests at a House. Following a trip to home in Royal Oak.

Suddendorf-

Detroit Catholic Central High School and is a junior at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. He is employed as a chemical blender

Molly-Knolle

Katherine Florence Knolle and Andrew Martin Molly were married Oct. 23 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Sandia, Texas. The Revs. Jack Partel and Celestine Murray, former pastors of St. Pius X Church, officiated

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pearson Knolle Jr. of Sandia. The groom is the son of Jean Boyd Molly of Jakarta, Indonesia, and Michael Frank Molly of Westland. The bride is a graduate of

Orange Grove High School and Texas A&M University at College Station. She is employed as a civil engineer in Houston,

Jakarta International School and Texas A&M University at College Station. He also is employed as a civil engineer in Houston.

The bride asked Karin Elizabeth Knolle and Ginger Coffin to

reception at Bay Point Club Aruba, they are making their

A February wedding is planned at Our Lady of Grace Howell.

serve as her maids of honor, with Carmen Christina Knolle and Sarah Frances Molly as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Drake Weis-The groom is a graduate of ert to serve as best man, with Maurice Paquette, Anthony Wolfe and Matthew Pearson Knolle as groomsmen.

> The couple received guests at a reception at the Corpus Christi Town Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Kauai.

Church in Dearborn Heights.

LaGrow-Graham Karyn Graham and Roger LaGrow were married Aug. 28 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church

in Livonia. The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Graham of

Canton. The groom is the son of Suzanne and Tony Fenech of Northville and the late Roger LaGrow. The bride is 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed by General

Motors. The groom is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High

School. He is employed by Electrical Union Local 58.

The bride asked Mishelle Winekoff, Kelly Graham. Marsha Fistler, Sonya Martain, Kim Breckenridge and Jennifer Stern to serve as her attendants.

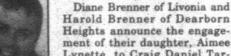
The groom asked Mark Cross, Kevin Graham, Ken Fistler

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ment of their daughter. Aimee Lynette, to Craig Daniel Tarchow, the son of Daniel and Ann Tarchow of Grand Rapids. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School,

Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and the Center for Humanistic Studies with a master's degree in psychology. She is employed at MSX International in Staffing Services.

Her fiance is a graduate of East Kentwood High School and Central Michigan University at Mt. Hope Congregational with a bachelor's degree in recreation management. He is

Young-Grady

Lynn and Sindie Young of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter. Kristina Lynne, to Adam Kemp Grady, the son of Michael and Paulette Grady

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Garden City High School She is employed by ClaimsPro in Southfield as a marketing assis-

tant. Her fiancé is a a 1994 graduate of the University of Califor-

nia-Riverside with a bachelor of science degree. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co in Powertrain purchasing as a buyer.

A September wedding is planned at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Hamm-Moreno

Anna Pille Moreno and James Brian Hamm were married Oct. 16 at Mill Race Historic Village in Northville. Ernestine Griffin officiated. The bride is the daughter of

Juan and Dorothy Moreno and Carol Schramm, all of Ann Arbor. The groom is the son of Jan and Carl Wilton of Brighton. and Bill and Rose Hamm of Monroe. The bride is a graduate of Mil-

ford High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed as a social worker by the Huron Valley

School District. The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School. He is

employed as a comedian. The bride asked Pilar Moreno Jones to serve as her honor attendant with Laura Garvey as

bridesmaid The groom asked Michael Garden City.

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Shelton to serve as best man with John Watts and Theo Moreno as groomsmen and Bob Hamm and Mel Elandt as ush-

The couple received guests at a reception in Mill Race Village. They are making their home in ;

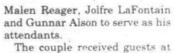
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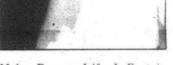
A May 2000 wedding is

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uate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of Hope College. She is employed at Max and Erma's Restaurant as a waitress. Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He also attended Schoolcraft

College. He is employed as an account executive at Bell and

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GALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

sorted by age and gender off at the Hanford Road Clubhouse in Sunflower Village, 45800 Hanford. 9 Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays.

lows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the upcoming holiday season. The Goodfellows Association exists to ensure that no child will miss the opportunity of receiving a present for Christmas. Within the next few weeks, the Goodfellows will beginidentifying families to receive assistance. If you are in need of help, or if you know of a family in need, please send the name, address, phone number and number of children in the family to: Plymouth Goodfellows Association,

For more information, call at the same address Church in Canton will host Timothy Mark in concert at er (selling the Goodfellows 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov.

PAPER SALE

21, in the Walnut Room at the Summit on the Park. Canton. The concert will feature a number of selections from his latest elease, "The Nature of Love," along with stories from his recent trips to Africa and China. For more information, call Canton Friendship Church at (734) 451-2100 **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Vermeulen Funeral Iomes offers a free monthy Grief Aftercare Support roup meeting for those who have recently experi enced the death of a family member or close friend. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Plymouth ocation, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, The neetings are led by Wes Baldwin of Pointe Care Counseling. For more information, call (734) 459-2250.

TOY COLLECTION Mel's Golden Razor Annual Toy Collection will take place from Nov. 25 until Dec. 18 at 595 Forest, Plymouth. There will be new and used toys for needy and handicapped hildren for Christmas. For more information, call 734) 455-9057

CANTON GOODFELLOWS III The Canton Goodfellows will be collecting toys and non-perishable food items ntil Tuesday, Dec. 14, to provide gifts and holiday ood baskets for needy Canon families and senior citizens. The collection is now inder way. Non-perishable food items needed include: soup, canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, macironi and cheese, cereal, eanut butter, jelly, macks, treats such as andy and gum, holiday dinner trimmings including ranberry sauce, stuffing/dressing, instant potatoes, gravy, Jell-O, udding, cake mixes and rosting. Please don't gift wrap toys as they must be

Donations may be dropped a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays and PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS

The Plymouth Goodfel

P.O. Box 700912, Plv-

mouth, MI 48170. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfellows The Goodfellows fund-rais-

and 5 p.m. through edition at area road inter-Wednesday, Nov. 24. Call sections) will be held Sat the Brunch With Santa urday, Dec. 4. Hotline at (734) 397-5110. ext. 410. The Plymouth Goodfel-

vations are required.

BNI MEETING

323-3800

day, Nov. 18, at the Ply-

mouth Cultural Center,

The Canton chapter of

Nov. 19, at the Summit,

46000 Summit Parkway,

office at (810) 323-3800.

The Plymouth Baptist

Preschoolers meetings

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Business Network Interna-

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Reservations can be made

between the hours of 9 a.m.

lows will hold a paper sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Fire Station behind Plymouth City Hall. Volunteers are needed to help sell papers. Proceeds go to help Plymouth and Plynouth Township resident amilies with Christmas gifts and food for the holidays. For more information, call (734) 416-9656. SPORTS SALE

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its Annual Used Sports Equipment Sale from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday. Dec. 4, at Pheasant Run Golf Club Clubhouse. 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at this sale. Sellers can bring their equipment to the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be priced and tagged for the sale on Saturday, Dec. 4. You set the prices. you get the money (Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15 percent). Volun-

eers will be on hand to do he selling, so you need not be present. You may collect your money or pick up your unsold items from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. For more mformation, call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110. **BRUNCH WITH SANTA**

Bring the entire family to the Summit to have brunch with Mr. Claus himself at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, or Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Summit on the Park, Canton, in the Banquet and Conference Center. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children Children under 4 are free Enjoy a wonderful brunch prepared by our new food service, Summit Gourmet, and then children can visit

fall at the University of Michi gan.

church at (734) 453-5534. with Santa to share their wish-list at their leisure. Space is limited. All children will receive a

M.O.M. MEETING photo of this special event. Meet Other Mothers Space is limited, so reser-

(M.O.M.) invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion from 9:30 11:30 a m every second and fourth Friday of the nonth. Baby-sitting is provided. For more information, call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191. GALLERY EXHIBITS

AROUND TOWN

Plymouth Community Arts Council is having a The Plymouth chapter of gallery exhibit featuring Business Network Internatorn paper collages by E tional will hold its monthly Lynne O'Rourke and seed meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursbead designs by Colleen 525 Farmer, Plymouth. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 4278.

> day, Nov. 29, and Wednes will be offered from 9 a.m until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Thursday, Dec. 2. It is a two-day test. The test will be held at Stark weather Education Center. 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$75. Please register in advance. For more infornation or to register, cal (734) 416-4901.

OPEN HOUSE vided. The church is locat-

Summit on the Park invites parents to come and observe a small demonstration, meet the instructor

day Art and Jewelry Festival" from 3-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2; 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4; and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. The festival will include new art jewelry by Native American artists. The show will be held at 863 W. An Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8838. PRINCETON REVIEW

> The Princeton Review will hold free strategy sessions for students and parents on the SAT and ACT from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday. Dec. 6, at the Summit on the Park in Canton. These are 90-minute sessions where students learn SAT and ACT test-taking techniques as well as receive information on the college admissions process. Students and/or parents must call the Princeton Review to register for the strategy sessions. They may call to

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170. or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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brate its 10th annual "Holi-O'Rourke through Nov. 23, at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-**GED TESTING** GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Edu cation Department. Evening testing will take place from 5-10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. Day testing

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has a new meeting place at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Ply mouth. Guests are welcome. For more informa tion, call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489. **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The Entertainment 2000 Book is available from the Plymouth Community Chorus to support its educational and charitable activities. The book contains coupons offering 50-percent discounts at restaurants. hotels, cleaners, etc. The book covers all of southeastern Michigan. The price is \$40. The books are delivered to you. For more information, call (734) 459-6829

The Plymouth Symphony League is offering the 1999 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The book is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling 453-3016. Copies are also avail-able at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth. The Ultimate Entertainment Book is \$40, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Sym-

Entertainment Y2K books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club All proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent | call (734) 662-5999. savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40, home delivered. For more infor mation, call Ken Fisher at (734) 728-7619, or Bill Von Glahn, (734) 453-8253. Entertainment 2000 sav ings books are available through the Divine Savior Senior Jet Setters, Save money at restaurants. movie theaters, video rentals, car care, and more This year's book is \$40. For more information or to

order, call Mike at (734) 464-1263 or Dol (734) 464-0369.

DISCUSSION GROUP

"Shooting the Breeze," a new discussion group, will meet in the Senior Center at the Summit to discuss such timely topics as politics, education, arts and music, local Michigan happenings, influential people movies and TV, sports and environmental concerns. Each discussion period will last for one hour, one time per week. Anyone interest ed in discussing any of hese topics may join the Shooting The Breeze" group. A donation of \$8 for the entire list of discussions is requested. For more information and to register, call Dianne Neihengen at the Senior Center at (734) 397-5444. KIWANIS CLUB The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m.

every Tuesday at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

NURSERY OPENINGS Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-Op has a few openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. PCN has been establish for over 30 years and is committed to providing a nurturing envi onment for children with supportive parent participation. For more information, call (734) 455-6250. First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kindermusik still has openings for their winter session enrollment. Sign up in the month of November and receive a free T-shirt or an instrument. For more information, call (734) 354-9109. Garfield Co-Op still has openings for children 18 nonths to 5 years. Garfield Co-Op is located in Livonia at Case Elementary, 34633 Munger, S. of Six Mile and West of Farmington Road. For more information, cal (734) 462-0135.

SUPPORT GROUPS STARTING OVER

Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ, Call (734) 662-

ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs that are open to the public If you would like more nformation or to sign up.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse

at (734) 522-4244. COUNTERPOINT

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10 17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

ANGELA HOSPICE

Angela Hospice offers groups for people who have experienced the loss of a oved one. All groups meet at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. For meeting dates and times. call Ruth Favor, (734) 464-7810

VOLUNTEER WORK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle School, is looking for volunroom with large-group activities, to assist children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Albion College student Joseph D. Cortellini has been accepted into the Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management. Cortellini is a first year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management. He is the son of Douglas A. and Deborah A. Cortellini of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Matt Hincher, a senior in automotive and heavy equipment management from Plymouth Canton High School was voted 1999 Homeco King for Ferris State University by the student body. He is the founder of the student booster group "Ferris University Sports Supporters (F.U.S.S.)." Hincher is the public relations officer for the Automotive and Heavy Equipment Management Student Organization and has served as a resident advisor for over three years in Bond, Vandercook and Ward Halls. BETA THETA PI

Brian Henry Brigham, the son of James and Mary Brigham of Canton; has been initiated into Beta Theta Pi by the chapter at Central Michigan Brigham is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High

ON THE JOB EXPERIENCE

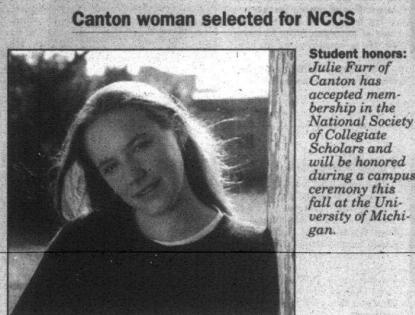
Jessica Mason, a communications major and Amy Stempin, a psychology major, both Canton residents attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, are gaining on-the-job experience during the fall semester in positions related to their career goals, through the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (CASL) cooperative education program.

BAR EXAM

Eileen Currie of Cooley Law School, Lansing. successfully passed the bar exam. She was sworn into the circuit court at the Livingston County courthouse Nov. 17 by Judge Daniel Burress, and was sponsored by attorney Suzanne Dugas. Currie will be pursuing her LL.M. degree at the University Pantheon-Assas in Paris, France, specializing in international tax law.

DEAN'S HONOR ROLL

Oda Birkett of Plymouth and Joseph Gulli of Canton both were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring/summer 1999 semester at Walsh College in Troy



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CRAFT SHOW

Church's 'Detour' auction offers therapy for road rage

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

They say it's all because of Jan Humphrey who sprained her ankle and ended up riding around in a wheelchair

This year's proceeds from Garden City's First United Methodist Church auction will be used as a kickoff for a capital funds drive after Jan. 1 for a

new building fund. "Our goal is to build off the back and get everything on one level and make it more accessible," said Doug Weber, auction chairman. "The addition will cost \$1.3 million. We need \$350,000 to break ground and right now

we have \$9,000." The annual fund-raiser, - this year's theme is "Detour - Auction Ahead" - will take place Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood south of Merriman

Road Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the silent auction starting at 6:45 p.m. and the live auction, with professional auctioneer Ben

about 8 p.m. The evening will include an hors d'oeuvres and dessert buf-

Ernie Matchulat Jazz Quartet. Tickets are \$15 per person or

\$25 per couple and are available by calling (734) 421-8628. On the auction block will be sports helmet autographed by Johnny Unitas, an Al Kaline baseball and a program from the

Detroit Tigers' last baseball game at the corner. "That was given by the couple year's auction," said committee

that keeps on giving." Other items include two time shares, one is anywhere in the world at anytime and the other is in Branson, Mo., an overnight stay at the Bayshore Resort in Traverse City, Brunch for two at The Whitney in Detroit, dinner for two at Alexander The Great in Westland, golf at the Inkster Valley Golf Course, gift certificates from the Fire Academy, wedding cake and goodie basket from Naimola's Barber Shop in church. In previous years, the Cody of Stanwood, beginning at Cookies by Design in Livonia, services. and theme baskets, including a

canned Spam, candles and other party," said Humphrey. "Last fet, catered by B&E Parties, cof- necessities, and a complete set of year, everybody asked us to do it fee and punch and music by the the 1999 McDonald's Teenie again, so as long as we continue

SNAPPER.

Beanie Babies

Congregation member and master carpenter John Sullivan has again donated eight hours of handyman services and another sports memorabilia like a mini member, a teacher in the Birmingham school district, has donated three hours of tutoring.

"There was one man whose wife bid on everything and he Humphrey. "And everybody else ended up just handing her his wallet," said Humphrey. "John's who bought the tickets at last services was in the live auction and the woman with the wallet member Sue Weber. "That's one wanted it really bad. He ended up working on her bathroom remodeling." Another congregation member

who lives on the edge of the \$4,000 - "the best ever." accord-Hawthorne Valley Golf Course ing to Weber - for church misand who gets a lot of golf balls in sions, but the committee is hesihis backyard, donates them to the auction. "He gives us 100 experienced

golf balls that we clean up for the auction," said Weber. "They're a popular item." More than 120 people turned certificates from Mary Denning's out for last year's auction, the Cake Shoppe, gift certificates first time it was held outside the

Livonia, a cookie bouquet from auction was held after worship "The people who came were Millennium basket filled with surprised by our nice, refined

to improve each year, then it's a worthwhile activity. The idea of a road construction theme came about as part of a brainstorming session. It started with Route 66 and ended up as a

"By then we were in the thick of the road construction," said seems to be doing millennium, so we went with this. It's our answer to road rage reduction therapy.'

Weber. Last year's benefit raised

tant to set a goal for this year.

Weber. "I don't want to get my hopes up. I figure anything we do over last year is just fine."

"I've stopped doing that," said

"Detour - Auction Ahead."

"I'm already thinking of a theme for next year," added

Auction time: Pastor Jerry Smith of Garden City's First United Methodist Church and Doug Weber show off items for the annual auction on Saturday, Dec. 4.







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Violence, relation to teens important subject to discuss



author Facing the Challenges of Young Lives," writes that the issue of violence in relation to adolescents is a difficult yet over-

whelmingly important subject to

In Chapter 10, "Teens and Violence," Amitai Etzioni, professor at George Washington University, says the Columbine High School shootings were caused by a combination of several factors, and hence attacking any one of them will not eliminate the prob-

He believes there is no silver bullet and no magic cure. But this valid observation should not be used to conceal the fact that guns, the culture, and the Internet each carry some of the

"Healthy Teens" draws from the philosophy that parents, caregivers, administrators, teachers, and others concerned with youth development can teach children and adolescents self-control and empathy.

Lesson after lesson in leading health education curricula use student role playing and exercises to teach students how to resist drugs and alcohol, tobacco

Empathy training begins in kindergarten by teaching youngsters how to identify feelings and continues more in-depth through elementary and middle school lessons. Discussion of important literature and social justice issues also helps to build the character traits of self-control and empathy.

Dr. Etzioni emphasizes: "What schools should help youngsters develop - if schools are going to help lower the likelihood of more Columbines - are two crucial behavior characteristics: the capacity to channel impulses into prosocial outlets and empathy with others.

"Teenagers can learn to channel their aroused urges to activities that do not harm others and yet are self-fulfilling. Sports, if properly conducted, provide a major opportunity."

Etzioni is referring to sports conducted in the British manner, where it does not matter if you win or lose, but how you play the game. While jocks often pick on other students, he says, such behavior is not inherent in athletic activities.

Indeed, when any group of students picks on others, or isolates them, this should not be viewed as a reason to cut back on their positive activities, but as an opportunity for education, to develop the much-needed capacity of empathy.

Hundreds of studies completed at leading universities have come to the conclusion that there is some link between viewing violence on television and in the movies and aggressive acts.

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L. Rowell Huesmann of the University of Miehigan recently told a Senate hearing: "Not every child who watches a lot of violence or plays a lot of violent games will grow to be violent Other forces must converge, as they did recently in Colorado.

"But lust as every cigarette increases the chance that someday you will get lung cancer, every exposure to violence increases the chances that some day a child will behave more violently than they otherwise

Huesmann has worked on two studies related to the effects of television violence. One he is fin ishing in 1999 has tracked 750 Chicago-area elementary school children for three years.

He indicates that "boys at age 8 who had been watching more television violence than other boys grew up to be more aggressive than other boys. They also

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McCarthy, and violent than you'd expect of them to be on the basis of how "Healthy Teen: aggressive they were as 8-year-

Huesmann agrees that media violence cannot be singled out as the most important factor in influencing aggressive behavior, but it is one of the pervasive . influences.

Manufacturers have produced a variety of software that helps keep certain material on TV out of the view of children and ado-Patrol, and the V-chips that are they had no business learning required for new TV purchases. While this software is not a subhow to evaluate the media they are viewing or family supervision, it can provide some peace of mind.

William Damon, a professor of education and director of the human behavior seems to be to guns in their home. Ninety-Standford University Center on Adolescence, has been quoted in the New York Times as saying, "There has never in the history of the civilized world been a cohort of kids that is so little affected by adult guidance and so attuned to a peer world. We have removed grown-up wisdom and allowed them to drift into a self-constructed, highly relativistic world of friendship and peers."

A l i c e grew up to be more aggressive **II 'in our representative sample of 146 schools** nationwide, two-thirds of schools had guns in them on at least one of the 30 days in the previous month.'

Peter S. Bearman Columbia University

Damon was stunned when he National Longitudinal Study of went to Littleton, Colo., after the Adolescent Health once brought high school shootings there, to a weapon, such as a knife, gun, lescents. NetNanny, Cyber find people saying they thought bat, or club, to school. "In our representative sample

Internet. The two students who thirds of schools had guns in of the sweeping and encompassstitute for youngsters learning carried out the carnage had them on at least one of the 30 days in the previous month." The lesson: Guns are not clus-

tered in a few problem schools. lets that every school adminis- dren, but for all children in your ern adults have a less black-and- Twenty-five percent of all adoles- trator and parent of teens should white view of morality and cents report having easy access review. blocking their ability to give nine percent of all students clear-cut guidance and make attend schools in which at least Guide to Safe Schools" from the one adolescent has "easy access U.S. Departments of Education to a gun."

Writing in the New York that is a common example of to do to keep students safe, as the book, call (248) 646-1020 or Times of May 26, 1999, Peter S. confused thinking about guns. "First, there is no 'right to bear troubled child. tute for Social and Economic arms' that the press so often Research and Theory at speaks of. The Second Amend-1995, roughly 9 percent of all reads, 'A well regulated Militia, Safety. Richard Riley, current from "Healthy Teens" Thursday,

not be infringed.'

"The meaning of this right has been tested before the highest The report also provides infor court in the land five times over mation on what schools, stuthe past 155 years. In each and dents, parents, business leaders, every case, the U.S. Supreme law enforcement and juvenile Court ruled that there are no justice agencies and elected offi-Constitutional impediments to cials and government agencies imposing gun controls on indi- can do to contribute to the creviduals.

"This is the reason the National Rifle Association as a rule does not challenge gun control measures in courts ..

"Our children's safety requires what children were doing on the of 146 schools nationwide, two- not fewer gun controls, but more, ing kind that Canada, Britain, France, and Germany have."

There are two important book-

The first resource is "Early Warning, Timely Response: A and Justice. This booklet out-

The second resource is the adolescents interviewed in the being necessary to the security of secretary of education, indicates Nov. 25.

a free State, the right of the peo- that the 1998 report describes ple to keep and bear Arms, shall steps for developing and implementing a comprehensive school safety plan.

ation of safer schools.

Schools cannot be expected to solve all the problems of society; school violence is one of these problems. Many parents and community leaders are already deeply involved in working with their school system to reduce school crime and violence.

Please join in this effort-an effort to maintain a safe environ ment not only for your own chil community

"Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives" by Alice McCarthy costs \$14.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling, and is available through Bridge Communications Inc., 1450 Pil-Etzioni points out an issue lines exactly what schools need For more information or to order grim Road, Birmingham 48009. well as early warning signs of a order by e-mail at bridgecomm @aol.com.

The Observer & Eccentric U.S. Department of Education's Newspapers will publish Columbia University, said: "In ment to the U.S. Constitution 1998 Annual Report on School excerpts on teens and sexuality

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP Garden City Presbyterian Church is offering a contempo

rary worship service at 9:15 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 21 and Dec. 12, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City, The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.'Be Not Afraid'

A team of young adults will offer a Christian, youth-oriented musical ministry at a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington

Road, Livonia. Captive Free band members commit to a year-long, full-time tour performing in hundreds of churches as well as schools, youth events, coffee houses, nursing homes, camps and pris-

... Incorporating contemporary music, drama, puppets, personal sharing and group building, team members reach out with a message of "Be Not Afraid," the theme of this year's program. Captive Free is one of seven bands sponsored by Minneapolis based Youth Encounter. A free will offering will be taken at the performance. For more information, call the church at (734) 522-6830

COMMUNITY THANKSOLVING

The churches of the Plymouth Ministerial Association will have the annual Community Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth

The service will be lead by the Rev. Bill Lupfer of St. John's Episcopal Church. Members of the ministerial association will also take part. A free will offering will be taken to assist the Salvation Army'

holiday outreach. Canned goods packaged foods and money donations will be accepted. Refreshments will be served

following the service. The churches are the First Baptist Church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, First United Methodist Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, New Life Lutheran Church, Henry Ford Hospital Chaplaincy, St. John Episcopal Church, St. Kenneth Church and the Salvation Army

THANKSGIVING SERVICE The First Church of Christ Scientist, will have a special service on Thanksgiving Day for people to feel more of God's beneficence, to express their heartfelt thanks for the good God has for all, whether or not is presently felt.

The service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at the church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, north of Harvey Street. Plymouth. For more information call the church at (734) 453-0970

BENEFIT CONCERT

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Nationally acclaimed Christian music quartet, Proclaim. in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at St. Gemma Catholic Church, 23450 W. Davison. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12. Cost is \$12 at the door. For more information or to order

separated Christians, will attend

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A light meal will be served following the concert. A free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the church at (313).538-2660.

Organist Ray Ferguson will perform in concert at 3 p.m. Sun day, Nov. 21, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkster Road, Redford.

Michael McGowan on trumpet. the United States, France, England and Germany. The concert is being held to celebrate the

Mass at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, followed by a turkey dinner and open mike - say a clean joke and don't pay for supper - at St. Kenneth's Parish, Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile, Livonia call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia – call Mary at (734) 722-2612.

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Listings for the Religious News large diapers (more than 25 should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft. Livonia 48150, or by fax at call the church at (734) 721-(734) 591-7279. For more infor- 4801. mation, call (734) 953-2131. **DIAPERS AND WIPERS'**

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Church of Wayne is conducting a "Diapers and Wipers" collection now through Sunday, Nov. 28, as part of the national Make a Diference Day campaign. The diapers and baby wipes

will be donated to the Wayne County Family Shelter in West-

The shelter has a great need for

BLOOD DRIVE Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Thursday Nov. 18, at the church, 40000 W Six Mile Road, Northville. Donors are invited to stop by and give the gift of life. **BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST** Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and

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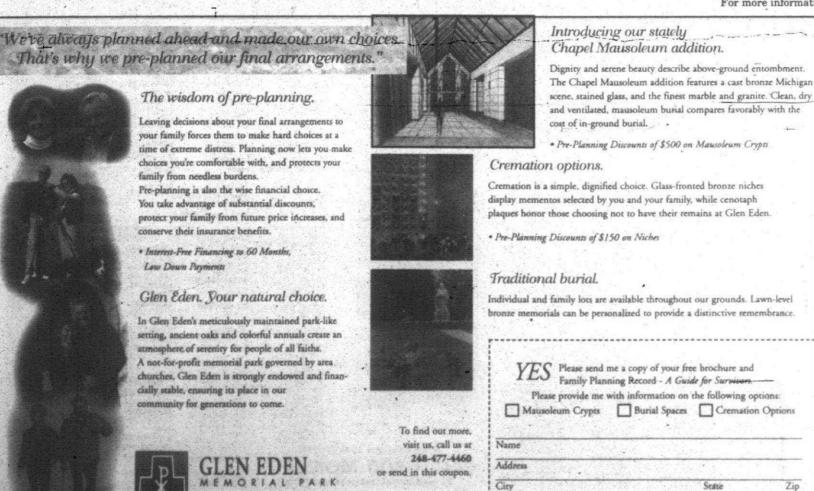
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St. James Presbyteria Church will celebrate St. Andrew's Day at a 10 a.m. worship service and 11:30 a.m. dinner on Sunday, Nov. 28. The St. Andrew's Society Band bagpipers will perform during the service and at the dinner.

The dinner costs \$9 for those 12 years and older, \$4 for those 4-11 years and free for those 3 years and younger. St. James is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

FREE SEMINAR

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a free seminar, "Is Mormonism Christian?, presented by the Rev. Luke Wilson, executive director of the Institute for Religious Research, at 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in the sanctuary of the church, 40000 W Six Mile Road Northville, Child care will be available for children through

age 4. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

NEW BEGINNINGS The topic for the Thursday. Dec. 2, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group, will be "Making It through the Holiday." The group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, The program is for people suffer ing as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038

Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380 7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770. **MUSICAL PRODUCTION** Covenant Community Church will present "Savior." the story of God's passion for his people, at 8

p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the church. 25800 Student, Redford, The musical production is being done in the spirit of the Messiah and they style of "Les Miserables." Admission is free. A nursery will be provided. For more information, call the church at (313) 535-3100

'GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'

Temple Baptist Church will present its 1999 edition of "Glory of Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 10, 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 11, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 and 12, at the church, 49555 North Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available by sending a check payable to Temple Baptist Church or by charge (VISA/MasterCard) to **Temple Baptist Church Ticket** Office, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth 48170.

For more information, call the church at (734) 414-7777, Ext. 600. Due to the length of the pro gram, children under age 4 will not be admitted. No nursery facilities will be available.

ADVENT RETREAT

Madonna University will hold an Advent retreat, "Christmas: A Time for Giving," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Founder's Room and University Chapel in the Residence Hall on the campus at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia

The Rev. Edward Prus of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Gar den City will lead the activities which include prayer, quiet reflection, conferences, a reconciliation service and liturgy. The public is invited. The cost of the retreat is \$12, including lunch and refreshments.

For reservations or more infor mation, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais in the campus ministry office at (734) 432-5419. Reser vations must be made by Dec. 1 ADVENT BREAKFAST

Doug Haugen, director of Lutheran Men in Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will speak about "Men in Mission" at the 19th annual Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council's Advent Communio Breakfast Saturday, Dec. 4. The breakfast, served by the Boy Scout troop of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, will be at 8 a.m. at Roseville Erin Presby-

terian Church, 30000 Gratiot at 12 1/2 Mile Road, Roseville. Tickets cost \$7 and are avail able by calling the Detroit Presbytery Office at (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin at (734) 425-3024.

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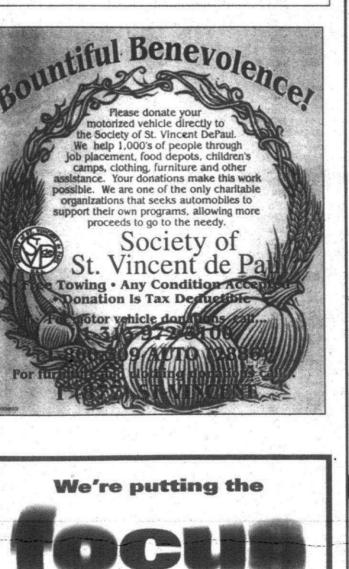


ship hall, 3 Town Square, Wayne. For more information,

In Concert



Plymouth church event: The Detroit Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Susan Berry, will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, The group has been performing since 1991 and its musical selections range from simple folk tunes to celebrated hymns and transcriptions of orchestral classics. Advanced tickets - \$6 for adults and \$15 for a family are available by calling Handbell Services Inc. at (313) 278-7387. They also will be available at the door, costing \$7 for adults and \$16 per family. For more information, call Fran Loiselle, director of handbells at the church, at (734) 453-5280 and (734) 459-4263.



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To share your history, call (313) 963-1888 or write to the July 26, 2001, to share their his- with Fr. DelHalle, Ste. Anne's anger, Livernois, Bienvenu, society, 1000 Ste. Anne St. Detroit 48216.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 255-6825 LIVONIA FRANKLIN The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have its fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 at the high school

31000 Joy Road, Livonia. The

information, call (734) 522-5287, NORTH FARMINGTON

The North Farmington High School Band and Orchestra Boosters' ninth annual winter arts and crafts show will take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 20 at North Farmington High School 32900 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmtion, call (248) 553-6699.

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Great American Smokeout helps Americans kick habit

Today, the American Cancer Society's 23rd Great American Smokeout will help millions of smokers kick the habit, and help youth understand the importance of never starting to smoke.

The Great American Smokeout notion is the American Can cer Society's annual, nationally recognized day when they ask smokers to put down their cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco, or any tobacco product because they all have the potential to cause cancer.

Because ACS knows that approximately 32 million smokers (out of 47 million current

smokers) want to quit smoking completely, they will continue to offer support and education to the public. The promise of an addiction-free life has encouraged many smokers to join in and prove to themselves that they can live a day without cigarettes, and that they can therefore live the rest of their lives without them.

In 1998, 19 percent of smokers participated in the Great American Smokeout (approximately 8,930,000 people), and of those 10 percent reported they were smoking less or not at all one to five days later. That is over

Programs benefit from Nights gala

🖩 In 1998, 19 percent of smokers participated in the Great American **Smokeout, and of those 10 percent reported** they were smoking less or not at all one to five days later.

89,000 people who are well on their way to healthier, smokefree lives, thanks to the American Cancer Society.

The Great American Smokeout

is not just about adult smokers and cessation. As the times change and our understanding of the addictive cycle of nicotine increases, American Cancer Society is working to prevent children from ever becoming smokers. More than 80percent of current adult smokers started before they were 18 years old. That's why the Great American Smokeout is also focusing on promotions that will communicate to today's children the social disadvantages of smoking, and provide them with the tools to recognize and avoid negative social influences.

Everyone can participate in the Great American Smokeout -it's really quite simple. Smokeout events can be held in malls, schools, businesses, restaurants, military bases, hospitals, and colleges across the entire country. If you're a smoker, decide today, you will put your cigarettes down for good. Quitting won't be easy, but by preparation, determination, and some assistance, it can be done. And if you're not a smoker but want to get involved by joining the American Cancer Society in promoting the Great American Smokeout, or if you are helping a loved one quit, there's a place for you too during Smokeout.

To find out about Great American Smokeout events in your area, contact your local American Cancer Society, call (800) ACS-2345, or visit our web site at www.cancer.org .



Say cheese: Striking a pose in the lobby of Laurel Manor were Hollywood Nights chair Sherri Fletcher (from left), St. Mary Hospital director of development and volunteers; WYUR radio personality Jimmy Launce and his wife, Briggitte; and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and his wife, Patt.

Cardiac center moves

The Oakwood Cardiac Rehab Center has moved to a new location, with more room for expanded services. Formerly located at 1331 Monroe in Dearborn, the Center has moved across the street to 22060 Beech. "We will have 4,415 square

feet of space in our new loca-

tion," reports Center Lead Exer-

cise Physiologist Jennifer Dyk-

stra. "That's 1,800 more square feet than our old place, giving patients a lot more elbow room for exercising and giving us room to expand in the future." Along with the added space, the Cardiac rehab Center will obtain a conference room/kitchen area large enough to provide healthrelated lectures and cooking demonstrations.

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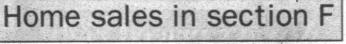
Organizers of St. Mary Hos- " for the evening was Livonia pital's largest fund-raising Mayor Jack Kirksey and his event have a lot to be happy about. The seventh annual Hollywood Nights raised more than \$150,000 for community chairs were Gov. John Engler and family wellness programs.

The more than 650 partygoers attending the event at Laurel manor in Livonia enjoyed a pre-party, dinner, concert by The Preps (the lead singers of The Association, The Four Preps and The Diamonds) and after-glo.

Honorary host and hostess of UPN-TV Channel 50.

wife Patt*ok*, with Jimmy Launce of WYUR-FM serving as toastmaster. Honorary and his wife, Michelle.

Guests had an opportunity to meet Miss Michigan Audrie Chernauckas; Lila Lazarus, health reporter for WDIV-TV Channel 4; Cheryl Chodin, reporter and anchor on WXYX-TV Channel 7; and David Scott





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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Fresh start

It had hardly been a memorable first season for Plymouth Salem graduate Jennifer Trott - at least not until last week

Trott, a freshman on the Central Michigan University volleyball team, had watched her team lose a schoolrecord 10-straight matches while rarely being called on to try and help get things reversed. Indeed, an outside hitter who suffered a severe knee injury in her final prep match, Trott had just four kills for the season.

Until last week. In CMU's loss to Eastern Michigan last Thursday, Trott had career-highs in kills with eight and digs with 10. Those marks lasted just two days; last Saturday. against Mid-American Conference leader Ball State, she got her second career start and responded with 14 kills and 20 digs. CMU lost in four games.

"Jennifer stepped in and played well for us all week," said CMU coach Elaine Piha. "She's continuing to develop and the good thing is, she's only a freshman.

Trott has played in 91 of CMU's 100 games (the Chippewas have a 6-21 match record) and has 115 digs

Jenny Young, another CMU freshman from Plymouth (Livonia Ladywood HS), continues to rank among the Chippewa leaders in kills (second with 258) and blocks (38); she also has 16 service aces and 59 digs.

In the loss to Ball State, Young had 10 kills and three blocks.

Soccer sign-up

The Canton Soccer Club will have open registration for its spring season from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 in the lower level meeting room at the Canton Township Hall.

The league is open to boys and girls, five to 19 years-old. Costs range from \$45 to \$100, depending on age and division, and is due at time of registration.

Registration forms are available at the Summit at Heritage Park. For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club at (734) 455-9946.

Used sports sale

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Used Sports Equipment Sale on Sat-urday, Dec. 4 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse.

Those with items to sell may bring them to the clubhouse between 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be priced and tagged for sale on Dec. 4.

Volunteers will be on hand to do all of the selling; those with items to sell need not be present. Those who have had items sold can collect the money

Canton stops Salem in schools 1st hockey game

It's here!

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

The giant is awake.

It's a baby giant, to be sure, but the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem hockey programs have taken their first little steps.

Ubserver Sports

More than 1,200 people crammed into the Plymouth Cultural Center on Tuesday night to witness the first high school hockey game between the, fledgling programs.

Canton won, 9-1, with Brad Wolfe getting a hat trick in the battle between Western Lakes Activities Association rivals.

It's unbelievable," said Kathy Lash, head of the booster club which represents both programs and which worked for years to

make the game a reality. "It's hard actually to believe.

"But proves once again that with a dream and a lot of hard work. vou can make the impossible possible.

"What it really represents is the opportunity

for players to play a sport they love for their high school. And they have tremendous community support.

They must. Lash has three children two girls who have graduated from Canton and a son who is a third grader at Smith Elementary School.

Lash was cheered as she dropped the cermonial first puck and then was given sweaters of both schools.

"This has been 20 years in the making," Athletic Director Brian Wolcott said. "And the fact it's a reality is a story.

The parking lot was filled to overflowing more than 30 minutes before game time.

The crowd exceeded attendance at most football games. The tip that would happen came when the boosters

sold more than 100 season tickets in less than three hours when they went on sale

"I think we anticipated the crowd," Coach Fred Feiler of Salem said: "The bleachers were packed. But we expected that off what we've been hearing.

"It was fun. My guys had fun, too. Now, it's no fun getting beat 9-1, but just the fact it was happening was good."

"It's been a dream of mine to teach and coach in the same district," said Canton coach Dan Abraham, who teaches physical education at Lowell Middle School.

The game got a little chippy at the end in spite of the fact both coaches cautioned their squads during the week to lay off

> the rough stuff. There were two penalties whistled in the opening period, five in the second and 10 in the third including a five-

minute major for checking from behind. Wolfe scored the first goal

in Canton high school hockey histo-

on him at some point down the road, when he broke by his defender and beat Scott Stukel on the left side at

Salem high school hockey history on a power play with 31 seconds remaining in the first period.

His high shot waffled past Brad Arsznov, who otherwise was faced with 12 shots by the Rocks.

Stukel played a decent game in goal for the Rocks as the Chiefs controlled play through much of the first and third periods. Robin Beaudry became the first female player for Salem's





Something to cheer about: Canton's Jeremy Majszak is jubilant after scoring a goal, but this one was disallowed by the referee. It

hardly mattered — the Chiefs won handily.

Late goal earns Whalers a 3-3 tie

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net Justin Williams' goal with the Ply-

Assistant coach and general manager Steve Spott said he was happy to pick up a point.

"Four of our top players and our two most veteran defensemen were out with injuries," he com-mented. "We'll take that point and run." Plymouth currently stands in third place in the

mances

The Whalers beat North Bay at home Friday 5-2. The Rangers, however, were skunked by Windsor 9-0. Those outcomes carried over into the early going Saturday, as Plymouth was the team that skated with fire.



Bounces out: Canton goalie Brad Arsnov stops Salem's Andrew Peters.

ry, the importance of which will dawn

11:30. Steve Nagel notched the first goal in

or the unsold items between 1-2 p.m. Dec. 4 (those doing the selling keep 15 percent).

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

Prospects Tournament

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League, the United States Hockey League and the America West Hockey League will send 17-man teams to compete; a fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

The round-robin schedule will begin with the USHL stars taking on the combined all-star team at 11 a.m. Nov. 29. The NAHL stars will battle the AWHL stars at 2 p.m. Nov. 29.

For ticket information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400.

Soccer referees

Training for new soccer referees will be held in the Auto Nation USA community room from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19. Those interested must attend all four sessions.

You must be at least 12 years old to take this class. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to 9115 Muirland, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Class size is limited.

For further information, call (734) 454-7335



1:27 remaining gave the Ply-mouth Whalers a 3-3 tie with Kitchener Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Leading the entire game, Plymouth fell behind in the third period after two Rangers' goals, Williams tied the game and forced overtime.

Ontario Hockey League's West Division with an 8-10-3 mark. The Whalers play on the road tonight at Peterborough and tomorrow at Kingston. Heading into Saturday's contest, Plymouth and

Kitchener were coming off vastly different perfor-

The Whalers dominated play over the first four minutes. That hard work resulted in the game's first goal with just less than 10 minutes gone by.

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COLLEGE SOCCER

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That makes it 3! **Rocks** rip Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The first two chapters of this season's Plymouth Salem-Plymouth Canton trilogy were hold-on-to-your-seat thrillers as both games went down to the final nail-biting minutes before the Rocks prevailed.

Wednesday night's third chapter played out more like an educational documentary: How to play suffocating defense.

Game III - the Class A district tournament opener for both teams - was dominated by Salem's pressure-cookerlike defense, which sparked the Rocks to a 47-32 win in the Novi High School gymnasium.

Salem will take its 20-1 record into Friday night's district final against the winner of . Wednesday night's Northville-Novi game. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

"It's hard to get good shots against Salem's defense," stressed Canton coach Bob Blohm, whose team finished

14-7. "They play together and they keep coming at you. They're a very good team, which their record proves.

Salem coach Fred Thomann said the key to his team's success revolved around keeping the Chiefs' top scoring threats out of the paint and forcing them to take longer, lower-percentage shots.

"When we played them last week, I think they scored 28 of their 36 points on dribble takes to the rim," Thomann reflected. "Tonight, we did a nice job of forcing them to take outside shots. The only exception was Janine (Guastella), who hurt us inside. I thought Kelly Jaskot played exceptionally well defensively for us."

The two teams took turns exchanging baskets in the first quarter, which ended with the score knotted at 11-11. Guastella, who finished with a game-high 21 points and seven rebounds, was Canton's go-to player, netting six in the open-

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Split decision: Canton's Janine Guastella drives between Salem's Kelly Jaskot (right) and Jenna Van Wagoner to score a pair.

Canton'grad is in NCAAs

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WEITER

The University of Kentucky's men's basketball program will always be king in Lexington.

But at least this week there's room for the men's soccer program after the host Wildcats captured the Mid-American Conference title Sunday with a 2-1 victory over Northern Illinois.

And thanks to the efforts of two senior defenders, sweeper Scott Sersen (Livonia Stevenson) and stopper Todd Stonestreet (Plymouth Canton), the Wildcats (13-6-1 overall) will play in their firstever NCAA tournament game Sunday against defending champion Indiana (18-3) in Bloomington.

"There's kind of been a buzz on campus," said Sersen. "Everybody pays attention to basketball, but people around campus are congratulating us and wishing us good luck. It's the most attention we've

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off the bench.

34 in the second half.

On Friday against Roberts Wesleyan,

the Crusaders used a strong second half

the half, then outscored the Raiders 48-

to gain the victory. They led 29-27 at

Rebounding again played a major role

for the Crusaders, only this time to

their advantage: They outboarded Wes-

leyan 51-39. Madonna also forced 28

Panganis hit 10-of-15 floor shots in scoring a game-high 24 points. She also

had six rebounds and four steals. Chris

Dietrich added nine points, six assists

and three steals; Fiorenzi had eight

points and 10 rebounds; and Melissa

For the Raiders, Tanesha James' 15

The Crusaders travel to the Hunting-

ton College Tournament Friday and

Saturday, playing Cedarville (Ohio) at 8

p.m. Friday in the semifinals. The loser

goes against the loser of Friday's Hunt-

ington-Trinity Christian at 1 p.m. Sat-

urday: the winners of Friday's openers

meet for the title at 3 p.m. Saturday

Poma had nine points and two steals.

points was best. Erin Kish added 12.

turnovers, making 17 steals.

Schoolcraft splits

will need some attention.

managed to battle back to win it.

She also blocked two shots and had

Carla Saxton added 22 points and

seven boards, and Janelle Olson had 19

points, 12 rebounds and five assists.

erv Channel.

three steals.

Schoolcraft-College's women's basket-

ball team made its trip to the Waubon-

see Tournament in Sugar Grove, Ill.,

last weekend something for the Discov-

The Lady Ocelots and their coach,

Karen Lafata, found a weapon that's

going to give a lot of teams trouble.

They also found some problems that



Donnie Warner

Plymouth Salem

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

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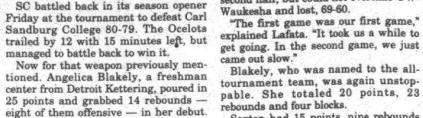


throughout its game at home Satur day against Rochester College. The Fighting Crusaders converted just 13-of-33 first-half shots (39.4 per cent) and were only 25-of-62 for the game (40.3 percent). Rochester, by comparison, made 17-of-34 from the floor in the first half (50 percent). including 6-of-10 three-pointers (Madonna was 4-of-10).

For the game, the Warriors were 29-of-63 from the field (46 percent). Their first-half shooting enabled them to take a 45-38 halftime lead, something the Crusaders could not over-Massey led Madonna with 24

points; he also grabbed seven rebounds. Putnam (from Redford Thurston) added 15 points, nine rebounds and three steals, and Josh Jensen scored 10 points. Cox con-

The Warriors were paced by Pete Males (from Garden City/Schoolcraft College) and Mike Robinson, each with 18 points. Males dished out five assists; while Robinson hauled in 10 boards. Tim Webb contributed 15 points and Josh Graves scored 11.



19 points.

Saxton had 15 points, nine rebounds and four assists; Janelle Olson had 13 points and four assists; and Antone' Watson totaled 10 points and six

was a second team selection.

with 413.

Malewski has led the NAIA in

in kills with 582, in solo blocks

with 158 and in block assists

Uballe, a senior, finished with

560 kills, 117 solo blocks and 269

block assists; Artymovich, a

junior, survived several injuries

to total 284 kills, 587 digs, 66

solo blocks and 144 block assists

and Burns, a senior, finished

with 172 kills, 67 service aces.

the half in the opener; against Universi-

ty of Wisconsin-Waukesha, they fell

behind 35-22 by halftime. They did

manage to trim the deficit to five in the

second half, but could not overtake UW-

And parts of Madonna University's WOMEN'S HOOP game in the final of the Cedarville (Ohio) College Tournament was pretty

Olivet Nazarene to 27-of-63 shooting from the floor (42.9 percent), they man-aged to make just 18-of-54 themselves (33.3 percent) Madonna was also outrebounded 44-

35, and made just 1-of-6 three-point Only two Crusaders reached double figures in scoring: Panganis, with 11 points (and five rebounds), and Jackie Kocis, with 10 points: Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton HS) contributed six points and a team-best eight rebounds, and Carissa Gizicki added seven points and five steals.

Nazarene got 15 points from Christine Golden, with Lanita Thomas and Myndie Vaughn collecting 11 points apiece; Thomas also grabbed 13 Nazarene led 37-26 at the half and

and 4.3 rebounds in the three games. In Saturday's loss, a couple of factors

Well, one out of two isn't all that bad.

good. The Lady Crusaders had just 18

turnovers; they made 12 steals; and

they got half their points from players

The rest, unfortunately, wasn't too

good - particularly the final score, 75-50 in favor of Olivet Nazarene Universitries. The loss was the first of the season for

Madonna's women's basketball team, following two victories. The Crusaders opened the tournament last Friday with a 77-61 triumph over Roberts Wesleyan

It also cast a slight shadow on an othrebounds and dished out four assists.

erwise superb week for Madonna forward Kathy Panganis. The 6-foot junior from Allen Park was named Wolverine-

Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week after averaging 16.3 points outscored Madonna 38-24 in the second

cost the Crusaders. While they limited

Tri-State ambushes Madonna in WHAC Tournament semis

A mistake. That's what it had to have been. An oversight. Looking beyond the task at

hand. Every coach warns their players to beware of any such potential catastrophe, yet every coach has to endure it sometime during their career. For Jerry Abraham and his

Madonna University volleyball team, it happened last Friday in the semifinal round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Con-

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VOLLEYBALL ference Tournament, played in Grand Rapids. Everyone knew it

would be No. 2 seed Madonna vs. No. 1 seed Cornerstone for the championship on Saturday. Sure, sure, Madonna had to get past Tri-State University

and Cornerstone had to beat Siena Heights in the WHAC

semifinals first. But what's the big deal? After all, the Crusaders two previous matches, Madonna had won six-of-seven games.

Such past successes carried no weight here, however. The thirdseeded Thunder, who eliminated Spring Arbor in straight sets in the WHAC's opening round, took it to the Crusaders from the start, blowing them out 15-1 in the first game

Madonna never really recovered. Tri-State won the second middle hitter from Redford WHAC first team, while Burns had handled Tri-State before; in game 15-11, but the Crusaders managed to delay defeat with a third-game win, 15-6. But it couldn't save them; the Thunder prevailed in the pivotal fourth and 15 digs; she led Madonna in game, 15-6.

The loss ended Madonna's season at 29-14 overall. Tri-State lost in straight sets to Cornerstone in the final to finish at 25-17.

Brandy Malewski, a junior movich were named to the all (Thurston HS), had a solid performance in the semis for the Crusaders, collecting 21 kills (a kill percentage through most of .600 kill percentage), four blocks the season. She topped Madonna kills and digs.

Stephanie Uballe added 10 kills, six blocks and nine digs, and Jennie Wind finished with 37 assists to kills and 12 digs. Nicole Burns totaled seven kills, nine digs and five blocks. Donna Birkenhier had five kills, and Marylu Hemme (from Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) and Kelly Artymovich added 11 digs 502 digs, 68 solo blocks and 235

block assists. Malewski, Uballe and Arty-

Crusaders take a tumble

Madonna University fell to 1-3 on the men's basketball season Tuesday by losing to visiting Indiana Weslevan for the second time within a span of two weeks, 82-70.

Ind., 89-68. Danny Harris paced Indiana Weslevan (4-1 overall) with 25 points, while Josh Hummel

Madonna, which trailed 43-38 at intermission after falling behind 8-0 at the start. Mike Massey scored 21 to lead

able to cut the deficit under five. to contribute 16 points. Jason

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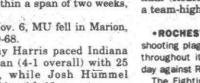


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Jonathan Billy collected a rebound from Kitchener goalie Reg Bourcier and swished it home to make it 1-0. Rob McBride and Surma assisted on Billy's first OHL goal.

The Whalers made it 2-0 with 2:52 to go before intermission. Morris scored seconds after a Plymouth power play ended on a tin-in. Kitchener cut the lead in half

in the second period. Ryan Held beat Plymouth's Rob Zepp at 11:27 of the period from pointblank-range in front of the net. The Rangers continued to dominate in the third. The bigger, more physical team seemed to wear down Plymouth.

Ryan Milanovic tied the game with less than three minutes over the North Bay Centennials. gone by. Kitchener then took the lead at 14:24 as Allan Rourke tallied

The two squads then went to proved to be the game-winner. overtime. The OHL mandates a

Morrison also stood out for the Rocks.

John Bockstanz made it 2-0 for Canton at

9:53 of the opening period after Stukel

Eric Mayer's power play goal with 2:12 left

Jeremy Majszak opened the second period

scoring at 7:22 with a shot into a net that

was vacated because Stukel had gone down

Wolfe notched his second goal on a power

in the opening period made it 3-0. His shot

may have deflected in off a defenseman.

Canon shots.

game-opening goal.

turned aside two shots.

to stop a previous shot.

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Neither Plymouth or Kitchener threatened, however. The Whalers closed the game with a shot advantage of 39-27. "Kitchener's a team I think

we'll compete with all year," said Spott. The coach said several players had strong games. He was particularly impressed with the work of defenseman Shaun Fish-

er, who assisted on Williams' tying goal. "He has probably been our best all-around player this year,"

Spott said. Whalers top North Bay

Plymouth jumped out to a 4-0

Arena, then held on for a 5-2 win Underage rookie defenseman Cole Jarrett scored his first OHL goal in the second period and it

"I never saw it go in," smiled

stopped it.' Damian Surma netted his 11th off a slick pass by newly signed forward Jonathan Billy (Clinton Township) on a two-on-one. Surma one-timed a shot past Cents goalie Andrew Penner.

Justin Williams made it 2-0 at 5:37 of the second. Jarrett put the Whalers in front 3-0 with his first OHL score at 9:13 of the middle period. Stephen Morris scored his second of the year, a pretty wrist shot from a tough angle, 2:29 into the third to make it 4-0.

North Bay's first-rounder Chris Thorburn ruined Rob Zepp's shutout bid at 5:51. Samu lead Friday night at Compuware Isosalo brought the Cents to within a pair 1:17 later. Tomas Kurka gave the

Whalers some cushion at 13:52 with his seventh Zepp made 19 stops for the

win, while Penner turned aside 35 for North Bay in a losing

"But the people of this community can

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expect to see a well-maintained, disciplined program. Both Canton and Salem will be at a big

disadvantage when they come up against the well-established and tradition-rich programs Ryan McCabe completed the scoring at 10:14 of schools such as those in Livonia. Livonia is a hot-bed of youth hockey pro

grams, just as it is in soccer. Canton and Salem have strong youth hockey programs, just as they do in soccer, but few travel caliber players are on the Chiefs and Rocks' roster.

That will change, the boosters say, as the rograms mature and the kids find out how nuch interest there is in the high school

Redford to just seven points in the first half Monday night to win their Class A district girls basketball tournament opener,

Not quite: The Whalers Steven Morris (7) tries to jam the puck past Kitchener goalie

ed the Blazers with 18, many of them coming as a result of her eight steals. Junior guard Jen Hunley, junior forward Melissa Harakas and sophomore center Liz Obrecht scored eight points

Senior forward Krystie Lucy ints.

The Blazers held a 49-15 edge.

Novi 63. Churchill 26: Senior guard Jessica Gilbert scored 12 points and Beth Rice added 10 nday, leading host Novi (20-1) to the Class A district victory

Reg Bourcier, but this attempt failed. Livonia Ladywood limited

ORTH

Blazers blitz Redford

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN

paced Detroit Redford with 11

Neither team burned up the

excel. It will take quite an effort to replace him. "He has become a familiar figure running through Hines Park at any time of the day, week or year."

Richmond also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.74 grade-point aver-Joe Wax, Sr., Redford Union: Wax finished ninth in the Mega Conference White Division, 12th in the Class A regional and 61st in the state meet, all on a bad foot

player.

Rochester. 16 years old.

In the first grouping, there are three sessions: on Mondays (Nov. 22, 29 and Dec. 6, 13); Thursdays (Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9 and 16); and Saturdays (Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11 and 18). Those 13-and-under meet 6-7:45 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, 2-3:45 p.m. on Saturdays; those in the advanced age division meet 8:15-10 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, 4:15-6 p.m. on Saturdays.

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five minute four-on-four extra Jarrett. "I thought the goalie effort. Prep hockey from page C1

hockey team, getting sent in to play goal at play with 1:53 to play in the period, knock ... zone. And work on our turnovers in neutral ing in a rebound, and completed his hat trick ice. 12:25 of the third period. The two faced 28 at 13:49 of the third period with a drive over Mike Thackaberry, Salem's captain,

the goalie's left shoulder. Bockstanz collected his second goal at played well on defense along with assistant 12:25 with a shot from in front of the net. captain Nagel. Andrew Peters missed on a Sean Depp blasted in a goal from the left breakaway for Salem right after Wolfe's faceoff circle on a power play at 10:29 and Steve Lyons and assistant captain Scott

with a close-in shot which eluded Beaudry. Mayer, Wolfe, Majszak (2), McCabe, Bockstanz Depp, Ware and Andrew Plagens all

had assists in the game. "We've got a group of guys who are hun-

gry," Abraham said. "They're willing to try new things. It's mandatory to put the team and program first. "They're doing a good job of working the

systems. And when you do that, you're successful.

"We do have to work more in our defensive for everybody. It's all brand new." INTERNET ADDRESS

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"The program ahead is the fun," Feiler said. "And the future is going to make it fun

64-30.

It as 40-7 after two periods and Coach Andrea Gorski's team eased home from there to win on its home court. Ladywood advanced with a 15-6 record while Detroit Redford's season

ended at 6-10. Junior guard Melissa Harakas nets. Ladywood put the ball up 70 times but made only 18 shots while Redford was 8-for-46.

over Livonia Churchilf (4-16)." Deanna DeRoo scored seven for Churchill.

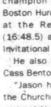
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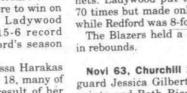
ished ninth (17:35)

"John endured a frustrating and emo-"Joe had a very, very good season," tional season of medical setbacks that consisted of hours and days of rehabilitation to get back into running with the or three months at a time, training the utes, 46 seconds. team. With diligence and perseverance last 10 months, and all the hard work he successfully attained his goal. John was born to run and we expect he'll be paid off for him, and the team. "It's a testament to his work ethic among the leaders again next year."

He finished 53 in the state meet. sixth at the regional with a season best time of 16:29 and fifth in the Western Lakes (17:12). He also was Livonia Public Schools champion (17:10), fifth at the New Boston Huron Invitational (16:52), sixth

at the Redford Union Invitational (16:48.5) and 12th at the Brother Rice rivitational (17:09). He also hold the Churchill record at





Soccer stars from page C1

ever gotten Not that Tubby Smith and the

found on the front pages of the Lexington Herald-Leader. "It's real gratifying because we've been so close the last three years, but now the weight has been lifted off our shoulders.'

Stonestreet said. "This year we've had the perfect chemistry. This group of seniors is all about winning. We make everybody feel like they're part of the team. We're friends and that brings everybody together."

UK coach Ian Collins, who has put together the upstart Wildcats, likes what he sees in both Sersen and Stonestreet.

Sersen, who became a starter as a junior, missed seven games this season with a broken foot. His absence was noted when UK went on a mid-season four-game

losing streak. "Scott plays a very important

"His communication skills, his understanding of the game and guys will ever take a back seat, how he relates to his teammates, but UK men's soccer can now be along with his knowledge of tac-

tics, are very good. "The players relate to him very well. He's been a solid defender and has always been enthusias-

tic, like a coach on the field. "Scott also has a great personality. He's easily the team comedian

Sersen tried to make the best

of his seven-game absence. "It was terrible sitting on the sideline but I decided I was going to be the team cheerleader," Sersen said. "I was almost an assistant coach. I was the

middle man between the players and the coach." Building "team chemistry" was

also Sersen's role as a tri-captain along with Stonestreet. "The biggest transformation

seniors no longer look down or indication of his performance." segregate themselves from the leadership role," Collins said. underclassman," he said. "We mier professional circuit, be call-

took all the freshmen under our wings and treat them equals." full-time starter as a sophomore. was a second team All-MAC haven't gotten a lot of accolades," selection, but Collins believes the Canton grad deserves more recognition.

underrated defender in America," the UK coach said. "His job is to mark the opposing team's most dangerous offensive player. We've played five or six top 20 teams this season and nobody has gotten the best of him.

"Todd is very quiet off the field, but very aggressive, tough, quick and athletically gifted on the field."

Collins believes Stonestreet has a future in professional soc- estreet insists. "Scott keeps "I would push Todd to any club

this team has made is that the ond-team All-MAC is not an stayed close for both halves with

a light-hearted side." team," the UK coach said. "Sec-

On Oct. 20, in Bloomfield, UK the host Hoosiers before losing 4-Could the MLS. America's pre- 2

classes.

The rivalry is nearly as

ing? "It would be hard to go in the

they have warm weather."

friends to this day.

Once rivals on the high school

soccer fields, but teammates

(with Vardar) during the sum-

mer club season, Stonestreet and

Sersen arrived at UK together

remained roommates and close

Ironically, both major in Eco-

nomics and have taken the same

"I'm the laid-back one." Ston-

everybody loose. He has more of

intense as it is in basketball "When we played them the Stonestreet, who became a (MLS) draft because our team first time I thought we held our has not been recognized and I own," Sersen said. "The shots were 19-17. We've been analyz-Stonestreet said. "But I'd like to ing their Big Ten championship try out somewhere, anywhere game tape against Penn State, they'd want me. I'd prefer the and our own tape against them "I believe Todd is the most west coast, somewhere where three weeks ago. We're devising a new game plan."

> Stonestreet is also looking forward to the challenge of playing the NCAA's No. 2-seeded team.

"They (IU) have a great tradifour years ago and have tion and when we play them every year it's always a big

"I think it will be a good game Collins is also anxious to see

"It's obviously a tough place to

won't be able to make in this one. But the last time we had some good chances.

"The kids have worked very hard. We're going to have to play. at the top of our game."

Whatever the outcome, Sersen and Stonestreet, both former All-Staters and Olympic Development Program members, have no regrets about migrating to-Lexington.

"I'm happy I went to a great school and it's been a great experience," Stonestreet said. "Coming up together, the experiences we've had, cannot be replaced."

Adds Sersen: "I'm very satisfied. To see where we were, and the way our attitudes have evolved as far as the maturity of the team and to see that we can compete with the best - has been very gratifying."

And Collins has no regrets about the two recruits he signed in 1995

"They're both very pleasant play," he said. "We made some guys, both easy to coach," he

Cross country from page C3 tational in mid-October where he fin-

year on the All-Observer first team.

Jason Richmond, Sr., Llv. Churchill: sistent runner during the season.

Cass Benton Park at 16:23. "Jason has been the primary reason the Churchill boys program has become competitive," coach John McGreeyy "He has not only been a fine rur ner, but an excellent role model and leader. Jason has a strong desire to

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ball coach Steve Ogg at (248)

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season despite suffering torn ligaments at the state meet. I couldn't ask for any- coach Tony Maghi said. "His strong fifth at the Center Line Invitational, His best time came in the Liver This is DiGiovanni's second-straight in one of his feet. A cast was placed on thing more from him. He's come a long leadership and keen aptitude for energize sixth at the Shamrock Invitational and Public Schools meet when he clocked at his foot after the season, his third on way in the three years I coached him." the RU varsity.

that he ran through the pain. He could-The senior was the Chargers' most con- n't go to all the workouts near the end a 4.0 grade point average, earned All- 18th at the regional (16:57.5) and took his own, in the pool and weight room, served as team captain this year.

first time he's run for any more than two Class A regional in a time of 16 min- team. He is a fine runner who proved Gores said. "Matt was a very tough the RU Invitational and 13th at the He was seventh in the Catholic team."

League Meet (17:00) and 53rd at the state meet (16:47. Haller, the senior class president with

of the season but he did a lot of work on Catholic honors three straight years. He 11th at the WLAA meet.

ing the team earned him the admiration seventh at Holly. Jeff Haller, Sr., Redford CC: Haller had and respect of his teammates. Throughfive top 10 finishes this year for the out the season he dedicated his efforts in 1999, leading the team in all but two Monroe-Jefferson and Walled Lake West-RU coach Kevin Psik said. "This is the Shamrocks, including 10th place at the to insure the overall success of the of the meets," Stevenson coach John

> Matt Isner, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The state gualifier (96th overall) wound up

Wax competed the last month of the and was still able to finish in the top 65 "Jeff is a one-of-a-kind guy," CC ond in the Livonia Public Schools meet, (17:23) "Matt was our most improved runner

himself an invaluable asset to the competitor and a good team leader on and off the field."

> Steve Stewart, Jr., Liv. Franklin: Finished 97th at the state meet (16:49.7), 15th at the regional (16:55.9) and eighth in the Western Lakes meet

16:46 on the Cass Benton Park course

Stewart also finished eighth in the ern invitationals, along with a ninth at Gabriel Richard meet

"Stee is a hard-working and consistent runner who has made excellent profess in his two years at Franklin." coach Bob Holmes said. "He runs intelligent races that stress a very even pace from start to finish.

The team captain also finished sec

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Canton clamped down on the for eight first-half points.

24 against them last week that she would be seeing a lot of double-teams tonight," Thomann said. "But we have other players who complement Tiffany when she's getting doubled."

Any plans the Chiefs had of mounting a fourth-quarter rally fizzled along with their 3-of-9

our 14-7 record," Blohm said, assessing his team's season. "I thought we improved a lot as the

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Schoolcraft vs. Casper (Wy.)

Time to cheer Salem's bench including Amy Szawar (10), Bree Pastalaniec (5). Kelly Jaskot (21) and Sherry Grubaugh, erupts as the

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Benedictine, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the

CLASS D

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at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Thursday, Nov. 18: Detroit Urban Luther

Dundee regional semifinals vs. Sand Creek

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ing eight minutes

If it's true that high-intensity defense can make the rim look smaller for the opposing team's shooters, the basket must have ooked about the size of a Dixie cup for the Chiefs in the second quarter as they managed to connect on just 1-of-12 shots. Anne Morrell's layup at the 6:50 mark

CLASS 8 Friday, Nov. 19: Championship final, 7:30

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Saturday, Nov. 20 Churchill at E. Kentwood, 11 a.m. Farmington at Troy, 6:45 p.m.

of the second quarter gave the Chiefs a 13-11 lead. It would

Although Salem also struggled from the field in the second stanza (2-for-9), they secured an 18-13 halftime lead.

Rocks' leading scorer, Tiffany Grubaugh, in the first half, holding her to just 1-of-7 shooting. However, Bree Pastalaniec and Lindsay Klemmer helped pick up the offensive slack, combining

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game-deciding 13-3 run, building their lead to 31-18 at one point. Paced by their leading scorer's 10 points in the quarter, the high 12 points. Klemmer chipped Rocks led 33-26 with eight minutes left to play.

shooting "Overall, I'm very happy with season went on, and we'll have five-of-nine from the charity

final seconds tick away. double-teaming in the third the future looks bright. It was a Despite her slow start, Grubaugh finished with a team-

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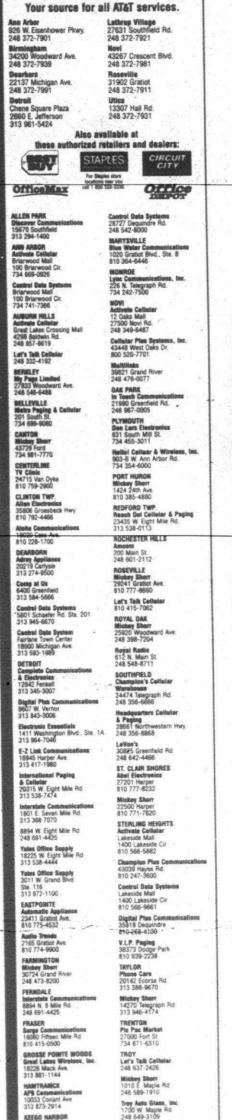
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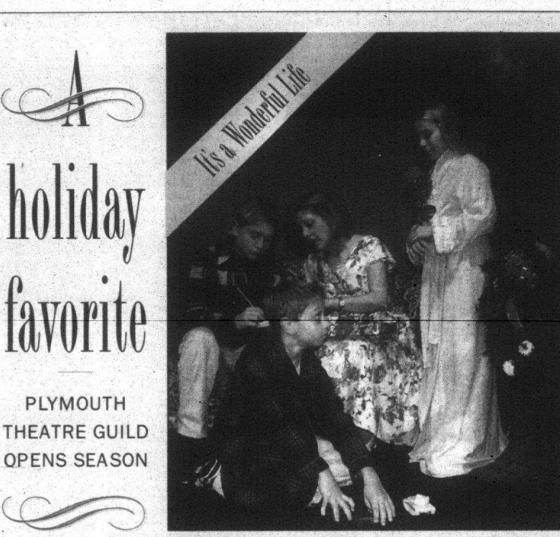


Former Detroit Red Wing Dino Ciccarelli and Miss Michigan Audrie Ann Chernauckas will be among the celebrities at the 17th annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade starting at 9 on Plymouth Road, beginning east from Merriman to Middlebelt, ending at Wonderland Mall. For more information, call (734) 466-2212.





Barbara Colbeck (seated at



Holiday tradition: The Plymouth Theatre Guild rehearses a scene. from "It's a Wonderful Life," the James W. Rodgers' story about a man who gets his wish to have never been born.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

he holidays just wouldn't seem the same if Kristin Curle wasn't able to watch George Bailey rescue an angel named Clarence

from the icy river in Bedford Falls. Curle, who directs the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "It's a Wonderful Life," opening Friday Nov. 19 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville, first saw the holiday film classic as a teenager growing up in Redford.

"It was one of my father's favorites," said Curle. "After the first time I saw it, I wanted to see it again and again. It would end on one channel and I'd flip it to another. Now that I have a tape of it, the whole family is in trouble."

Curle retains many elements of James W. Rodgers story about a man who wishes he'd never been born. Set in the 1930s and '40s, the production is authentic right down to the seams in the backs of the women's nylons.

"It's loosely based on the movie, especially the dialogue," said Curle. "The only element we've added is a chorus who will sing Christmas carols throughout the show. We wanted to tie it in with a Christmas theme. It will be a great way to start your holidays." What makes George Bailey, the

"It's a Wonderful Life"

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, Nov. 19-20, 26-27 and Dec. 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28.

campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville.

TICKETS: \$10, \$7 students ages 18 and under. Call (248) 349-7110.

lead character in "It's a Wonderful Life," so appealing is "everyman. Since his youth, Bailey dreamed of adventures in faraway places only to come to the realization he'd never escape the small town of Bedford Falls.

At the same time, Clarence a guardian angel, has to descend on Christmas Eve to earn his wings. Bailey provides the perfect vehicle. Clarence saves Bailey by showing him what the world would have been like if he'd never been born. Up to this point, Bailey is feeling sorry for himself and thinks he's just another "poor sap."

"I'm very excited that my directoral debut is with this show and with the Guild," said Curle. "It's a dramatic, heartwarming story. I like the story line that George Bailey really didn't believe that he was important in people's lives." Curle's experience in producing

the Guild's productions of "The Sound of Music" and "Wait Until Dark" last season made it easy for her to cast the parts in "It's a Wonderful Life." Dennis Hubel plays George Bailey, and Dennis Brunzell of Canton is the angel Clarence Odbody. Marlene Landry of Livonia plays Bailey's wife.

"I knew after the actors were chosen that this was my dream cast," said Curle. "Tve liked working with the actors on their character development. It's like giving birth."

Family affair

Hubel auditioned for "It's a Wonderful Life" for family reasons. His daughters Stephanie, 11, and Vanessa, 15, were becoming involved with the production so the Plymouth resident decided to read for the lead.

Vanessa plays the nurse who pushes the play's villain, ol' Mr. Potter, around in a wheelchair. Stephanie is cast as a paperboy. Both girls are involved with theater groups at their Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"I thought it was a good way to spend time with them," said Hubel, who grew up in Redford. "I always loved Jimmy Stewart and all of the characters in the film. It's a great story and something we can all relate to, but my original notion was to be in a play with my kids."

Singer keeps in step with the times

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

"Keeping in Step With Time" is more than just the title of J.G. Contour's new CD with Brother T. For Contour, it's a way of life

Contour, who sang lead with The Contours for two decades, and his brother Herman Green (a.k.a. Brother T) renew their musical bonds with each other after more than 40 years in the business. Their songs appeal to the young as well as to those who grew up listening to such Motown hits as "Do You Love Me.

Recorded at Talent Live in Canton, the CD revisits those mellow Motown sounds while keeping in step with the times. Two of the songs rap an antigang, anti-drug message.

"There's everything ranging from the era from which I came to the present day with rap being positive music for young people," said Contour. "Some of the rap music today is trashy stuff. This is all positive. You can lead them to do positive things. I'm always trying to tell people the right things to do.

Contour grew up in a family where music was key. His 10 brothers and three sisters all sang in church choirs in Alabama until the family moved to Detroit in 1949.

"I was singing spirituals at first until one day my sister Ethel came home with a song she'd heard a group sing in town," said Contour, who was born Jerry Green. "Herman had also been singing in a spiritual tone. We got to Detroit to find street corner doo-wop

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Keeping in Step: J.G. Contour (right) with Herman Green (a.k.a. Brother T) and Ray Green (middle).

WHAT: J.G. Contour performs with Brother T. for the Maurice King Foundation of American Music's annual fund-raising dinner. Also appearing are Bettye LaVette and her band led by Rudy Robinson WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. WHERE: Warren Chateau, 6015 E. 10 Mile, east of Mound Road. TICKETS: \$50. Proceeds go to educational grants for music students in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Call (313) 933-0310.

piano) rehearses with Mary McBride (left), Mona Mason, Adele Popoff, and Patricia Knorp for a 3 p.m. Thanksgiving concert at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. The concert will feature singers and handbell ringers. There is no admission charge. Call (734) 464-1222 for information.



Hot Tix: "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story," through Sunday, Nov. 21, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets \$30, \$18.75, \$16.75 and \$13.75 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For show times and other information, call (313) 983-6606. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Actress enjoys playing Goldilocks

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents its annual children's production, "Goldilocks & the Three Bears," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19; 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20; 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$6, call (248) 644-0527. Park across the street from the theater in the Christ Church parking lot, and take the shuttle bus to the theater. Fifty percent of net profits from all six performances benefits the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit.

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.l

Connie McEwan has enjoyed playing a backstage role - building and decorating sets at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook. It's safe - no lines to remember, no opening night jit-

But the story of three little bears, a young girl who doesn't fit in, and her zany camp counselor made McEwan want to "get in front of those footlights again.'

She's playing a leading role this time

around in St. Dunstan's children's production, "Goldilocks & Three Bears." playing Friday-Sunday at the theater on the Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills.

"I really loved the script," she said. "It's pretty funny and a little off-center. Primarily I paint sets, but when I read the script, I said 'Maybe I should, maybe I could,' and I did. It was the least scary, it's not a long show, it's so much fun, nothing serious, it's a safe entree back into drama."

Goldilocks is a brunette, and tired of being teased by all of the kids at camp. She keeps running away, and Ranger Rosie, the slightly neurotic camp counselor, has to keep looking for her. Meanwhile, in the woods, Papa, Mama and Baby Bear are looking for a comfortable place to stay. Uncle Sid from Hollywood pops in for a surprise visit, and to mooch off his relatives. Papa bear discovers Ranger Rosie's cottage, while she's out looking for Goldilocks, and decides it's a really cool place for his family to stay.

"The show is very audience interac-

Children's show: Janie Castagna (left to right) is Ranger Rosie, Connie McEwan, Goldilocks, and Margie Brooks, Baby Bear in "Goldilocks & the Three Please see GOLDILOCKS, E2 Bears."

Dated comedy has bright moments

Village Players of Birmingham presents "The Man Who Came to Dinner," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the theater, Chestnut Street and Woodward. Tickets \$12, \$10 students, call (248) 644-2075.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ CIAL WRITE

And you thought your holiday season was going to be hectic!

Picture this: As Christmas approaches, a famous radio star slips on the ice in front of your home and apparently cracks a hip bone. Confined to a wheelchair, the vinegary curmudgeon proceeds to spend the days taking over your household, and threatening to sue. He tells you what to do, he tells your children what to do, and he issues orders to anyone else who gives him half a chance. He knows everybody from Eleanor Roosevelt (it's 1939) to Mahatma Gandhi to Samuel Goldwyn.

Thanks to him and his friends, your house gets cluttered up with everything from penguins to cockroaches to



Rosie."

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an octopus to some Chinese stu- Directed by Jay Kaplan, this pro-

dents in the bathroom. It also duction comes across as a bit

gets cluttered up with his nurse, slow and a little tired. At times,

his secretary, a wild-haired ento- it's even slightly tiresome to

Banio, who bears a striking side. Possessing an engaging

newspaper reporter shows up in of the celebrated Whiteside, and

your living room, along with a he certainly seems well-drilled in

comedy by Moss Hart and nurse (who delivers a feisty exit

George S. Kaufman has been speech that doesn't go unappre-

Could it be possible that it's Costumes, sets, lighting and

adding

ing to record your music," said

Contour. "It took me nine years

to write and record 'Keeping in

Today, Contour owns a record

label and production company

which gives him the artistic free-

dom to do what he wants, but

that wasn't always true. "I want

to have an outlet for young peo-

ple so they don't have to go

through strenuous times to get a

record out. But I'll tell them to

go and get your education.

There's nothing guaranteed in

this life. I know about doors

where I can bring them in and

work with them. "You've gotta

love this business. It's something

that I love to do. And I want to

keep kids out of gangs. I'm anti-

gang and anti-drug. If you want

to perform on one of my produc

"Keeping in Step With Time" is

mologist, two convicts, an insuf-

ferable actress, and a guy named

resemblance to Harpo Marx. A

detective, various and sundry

radio performers, and an angelic

how long all of the hullabaloo is

going to go on?

children's choir. And who knows

If you actually found yourself

involved in such a godawful

mess, chances are good that you

wouldn't find it fun. On the other

hand, it sounds like material

that could make for memorable

theater. Which is exactly how

audiences felt about "The Man

Who Came to Dinner" when it

opened on Broadway 60 years

ago. Since then, of course, the

performed thousands of times.

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tions you have to be drug free."

Comedy

Step With Time."

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groups. We'd been singing in church, so it didn't take us long to blend in."

E2**

In 1958, Herman Green founded The Rivals. Before long, Contour was singing lead. He wrote and produced the group's first four songs, which became hits in 1962

"Herman formed it when we were getting out of high school," said Contour of his older brother. "The CD with Herman's a wonderful thing. It keeps us intact from the early days.

"The Rivals' opened doors for me. We're proud of the fact we were the first African-American group ever to do commercials for major companies (Wrigley's Spearmint Gum, Gobel Beer and Delco Batteries) because this was something advertisers had not wanted African Americans to do at the time."

Contour wants future generations to know about The Rivals the last 31 years. He's grateful to available at local record stores, so he's donated a copy of their have had those paychecks to fall or call (313) 867-4843. album, "The Soul of Detroit," to back on. the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Contour's Motown days began in 1958 when he auditioned for Berry Gordy, Jr. in a two-family flat on Gladstone and 12th Street in Detroit. Contour knew he was on his way when Brian Holland and Smokey Robinson wrote a song for him shortly thereafter. By 1964, Contour was singing lead with the Contours. For the next two decades and four albums, the group topped the charts with such hits as "Do You Love Me" and "First I Look at the Purse." Contour was honored with the Legendary Music Achievement Award by the slamming in your face. This is Metropolitan Music Association in 1997. Contour wants young aspiring musicians to know there were ups and downs throughout his journey in the music business. Contour was able to feed his family and pay the bills by working at Ford's Livonia Transmission Plant for

"They don't realize that times can be tough when you're look-

Goldilocks Musical set to lift from page E1 mood, brighten spirit tive, which is a blessing and a curse," said McEwan. "I walk through the audience and ask

them to help me find Ranger McEwan's roles weren't always behind the scenes. She studied drama at Michigan State University, and was active in the Orchards Community Theater in the early 1970s before joining St. Dunstan's in 1991. Orchards Community Theater later SPECIAL WRITER merged with Pontiac Theatre IV.

Raising children, and a career as an advertising agency owner have kept McEwan busy, but she's happy to be back on stage. Fifty percent of net proceeds from the shows will benefit the

Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit. Children from the inner city of Detroit will be brought to the theater to see the show Tuesday-Thursday. As for those opening night jitters - "I think I remembered my lines, said McEwan with a laugh.

watch. Jeff Trudeau plays the

title character, Sheridan White-

stage presence, he looks the part

the hundreds of lines he's

assigned. But he doesn't always

seem to know his character well,

and he also doesn't appear to be

having much fun portraying the

celebrity, whom Hart and Kauf-

man based on famed drama crit-

ic Alexander Woollcott. A large

supporting cast is inconsistent.

Admirable standouts include

Sallie Savoie as Whiteside's

spunky secretary; Matt Rafferty

as a small-town newspaper

reporter; Barbara Bloom as a

Fox as Whiteside's long-suffering

ciated by this '90s audience).

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oquacious actress; and Gertrude

The Bloomfield Players presents "Meet Me In St. Louis," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19 and 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, Lasher High School, Lasher Road just north of Long Lake Road. Tickets \$9, call (248) 433-0885 for information BY THERESE L. MCFARLAND

"This (the Bloomfield Players) is an opportunity for everyone, young and old, experienced or not," said June Hamilton, executive producer, referring to the philosophy of the ten-year-old **Bloomfield Players community** theater company.

A cast varying in ages and experience performed a lighthearted, cheerful rendition of the classic all-American favorite musical "Meet Me in St. Louis." It's 1903, a much simpler time when the "buzz" is all about the amazing, impending World's Fair coming to St. Louis to commemorate the 100-year-anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase.

The story follows the tight-knit mith family and the antics of their two teenage girls Rose and Esther, hot on the trail of suitable beaus; two mischievous younger sisters Agnes and Tootie; and their Princetonbound brother, Lon. An uninformed Mr. Smith (Clif Furgison) thinks he's at the helm. However, it is actually Mrs. Smith (Debra Luria), Katie - the family cook - and Grandpa, who keep home and hearth together until Mr. Smith announces that due to his job, the family will leave St. Louis and move to New York City, much to the family's despair

Bethanne Still captured the quick exuberance of Esther Smith as she sang her way through "The Boy Next Door, and a toe-tapping execution of the award-winning tune, "The Trolley Song." Still conjured an audience belly laugh during her very reluctant dances with the three most ineligible bachelors in St. Louis, played by Brian Carter, Andrew Miller and Ian

Esther's blossoming romance

with the boy-next-door, John Truitt (Christian Maurice) was interrupted briefly by an amusing scene where she beat him up, as she uttered the classic line, "If there's anything I hate, loathe. despise and abominate, it's a

Meanwhile, a cat-and-mouse game ensued between the lovely, composed Rose Smith (Elizabeth Stalker) and the heir to the Sheffield fortune, Warren, played by Patrick Devine.

Nine-year-old thespian Jessica Miller as Tootie, stole hearts from her opening solo of "Meet Me in St. Louis, Louis" and her memorable line, "Wasn't I lucky to be born in my favorite city? In a performance that would make little Margaret O'Brien proud, Miller delivered her humorous lines with poise and beguiling charm. Tootie's constant morbid references, including her doll's "four fatal diseases" and John Truitt's attempt to "kill her," brought levity to the production

Miller's performance of "Under the Bamboo Tree" together with Still and energetic young actress Sarah Kiperman, as Agnes, was a playful delight.

A Bloomfield Player veteran, Larry Miller boldly projected a loveable Grandpa. He and a witty Katie (Kay-Ellen Murphy) kept the family solidly grounded. A functioning trolley car that traversed the stage by discreet pulleys provided a clever backdrop for the famed "Trolley

Song The sound system difficulties that periodically plagued the first Act seemed to improve in the second Act. Musical director Sharon Thomas engaged the audience in singing along with the finale song of "Meet Me in St. Louis, Louis."

Other actors included Robert White (Lon Smith), Jamie Hallmark (Lucille Ballard), Carly Peterson, Gary Quick, and Jerry Payton

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is a wonderful chance to step back into a simpler time filled with familiar, fanciful tunes, sure to brighten your spirit.

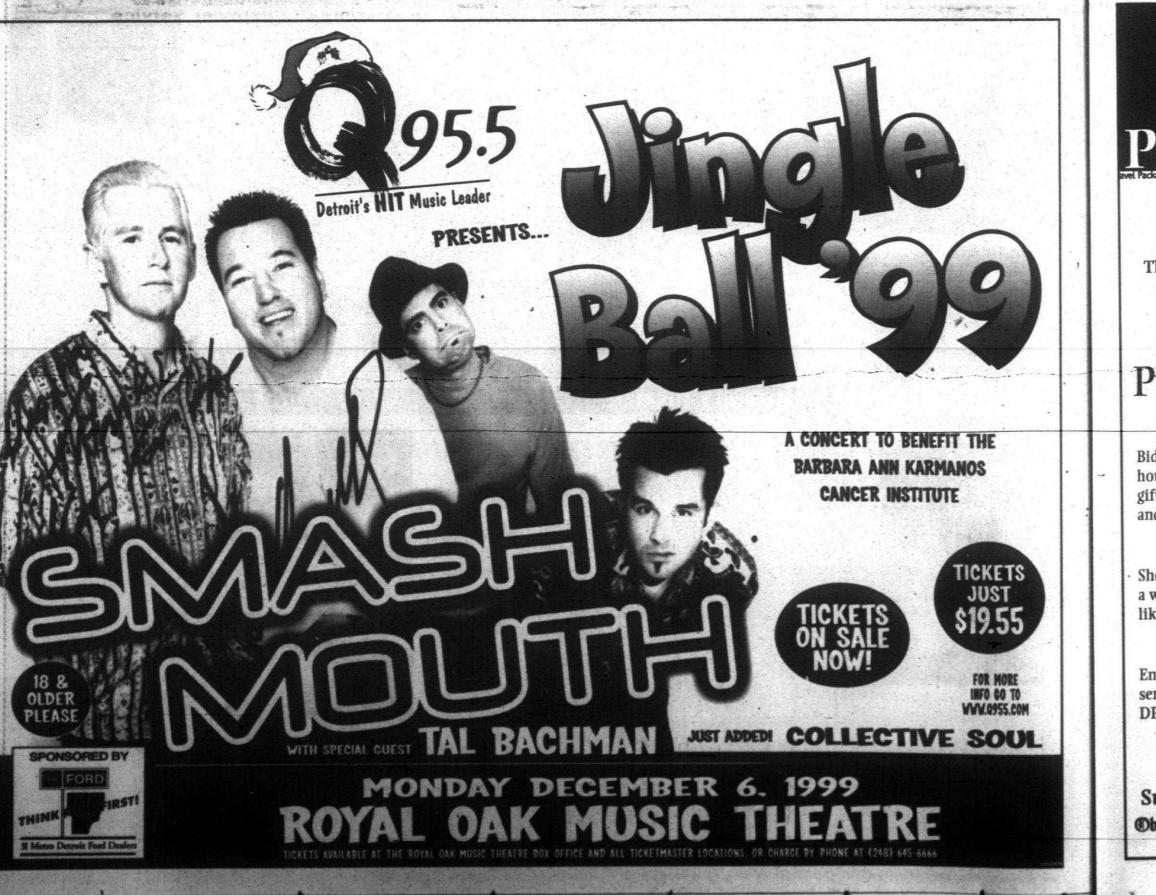
SPECIAL WRITER

Call (248) 988-7049. BY HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players produc tion of "Jest A Second!," directed by Kent J. Martini and Jim Rink, is very funny. I agree with author James Sherman's opinion that "Jest A Second!" is a better play than "Beau Jest." It has funnier lines and a more intricate plot. The cast of six does a lovely

comedy

Selma Cohen was born to play Miriam, the self-sacrificing, dour mother who dominates her husband and her children's lives without doing anything but being there. Even when she's absent. Miriam is present in everyone's thoughts The comedy consists of



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'The Women' entertaining, historically interesting

Nov. 18, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955. BY ROBERT WEIBEL

The Farmington Players production of "The Women" is an entertaining and historically

Boothe Luce, 8 p.m. Thursday, takes a few shots at men ("they should only be let out of the house on a leash") she aims her most savage satire at the sisterhood for frittering away their lives on silly pursuits.

Clare Boothe was born (1903) and itinerant musician. By the time of her death in 1987 she thing to do. was considered by many to be among the first Renaissance

"The Women," a comedy by Clare playwright Clare Boothe Luce most even dream of - including actress, war correspondent, editor of Vanity Fair, congresswoman and ambassador to Italy. Along the way she married an

older, wealthy man and later Henry Luce (co-founder of Time and Life magazines). She virtual illegitimate to an ex-chorus girl ly "clawed" her way to the top when it was hardly the "ladylike" As a popular socialite, she had little patience with wealthy

Farmington Players presents interesting biting comedy. While brains to have more careers than II Director Cynthia Tupper captures the spirit of the play and the times (1936) with excellent costuming and music from the '30s.

> (18) playing 35 different characters in 12 scenes.

Director Cynthia Tupper captures the spirit of the play and the times (1936) with excellent costuming and music from the 30s. The focus of the play is one not wait to spread the latest gos-Mary Haines who learns from sip. Mary Ann Tweedie is most gossip at the beauty salon that convincing as Edith, who keeps her husband is having an affair her marriage going by looking (but then, in this play who the other way ("pride - that's a isn't?)

Ellen Akins creates a sympathetic character as Mary, who in Margaret Gilkes as Nancy, a the end turns the tables on her worldly writer, scores with many

affairs, gossip and playing up to' husband's paramour. That would men who are weasels. She makes be Lisa Curry as Crystal, who is that abundantly clear in "The a most convincing vixen. The Women" with its all-female cast way she puts out a cigarette reminds one of Bette Davis at her evil best.

> Suzanne Rogers is very good as Mary's friend, Sylvia, who swears, "I never interfere in other people's affairs" then canluxury a woman in love cannot have.")

sardonic lines such as, "No one remembers a clever woman."

Marge Wetzel is a hoot as the nuch-married Countess DeLage. Emily McSweeney warmly gives motherly advice to Mary. Kathleen Monticello (the cook) and Stacey DuFord (the maid) create one of the best scenes as they give their view of life in the ines household.

Also appearing (most in multiple roles) are Jacquie Pouillon, Kathleen Ternes, Lucy Rogers, Janet Ginis, Cheryl Gordon Glicker, Nicole Ludwig, Maureen Mansfield, Karen Novak and Angie Tyburski.

Mike DeMott and Phil Hadley, dressed in spiffy evening attire, change stage settings between

Robert Weibel is a Westland resident and writes theater. reviews for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

women. She used her beauty and women who waste their time on 'Jest A Second' evokes laughter

Saturday, Nov. 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long lake between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. Tickets are \$11, \$10 for seniors and students on Sundays. Price includes sandwich and afterglow.

Four of the cast members play the same characters they played in last spring's production of "Beau Jest," a continuity that adds to the believability of this

The Ridgedale Players presents behavior on the part of everyone brother-in-law who can't come "Jest a Second," 8 p.m. Friday- while trying to please this out to his parents. Jones is wonwoman, who enjoys nothing but news about single Jewish doctors. Cohen delivers lines like, "I once had a chance to change - I decided not to," and "It's a beautiful place to visit!"

Cohen responds with great weariness. "I was born there. It's Miriam's play in many

ways, and Cohen picks up the challenge.

Jack Abella as Abe, Miriam's retired husband, is a good foil Abe runs out for dozens of bagels at the drop of a hat. He drags chairs up apartment steps. He seems obsessed with "parking in front," and with leaping up and doing his wife's bidding. Abella looks like the classic James Thurber husband, dwarfed, hidden behind his wife and making a show of putting up a fight now and then

Carl Jones is terrific as Bob, the converted Jewish actor. He's a bundle of energy, running out to the synagogue three times a day, keeping everyone kosher (until Miriam takes him aside), leaping up to take his pregnant wife to the hospital the moment she says anything and changing into his neon dress from "La

derful as "Randy," a pediatrician girlfriend whom Miriam takes a shine to. Lynn Koch has stage presence as Sarah, Bob's wife who's three weeks late giving birth. Sarah walks like a woman who's been carrying for a year, offers snide

remarks to her womb and is supportive to her gay brother after thinking about it. Koch turns in a thoughtful performance, and looks fine slim. Tom Coffey, as Joel, Sarah's very troubled brother, walks

about looking doomed. As a therapist with a wife who's suing him for custody of his kids, and a set of very straight parents, in addition to falling in love for the first time in his life. Joel has a full plate. Coffey looks like a broken man with a good haircut. Ross Grossman as the real

"Randy" is hilarious; he saves the day. He has great charm and speaks lilting Yiddish to boot. And the pair look as if they belong together. The production staff did a

great job, especially Linda Martini and crew on costumes (oh that sequined dress!), Mike Flum, Sonia Milton, Stan Iobst and crew on the set. Kudos.



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"Chicago," the Drop-Dead Broadway Musical continues through Nov. 28 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, no performance Thursday, Nov. 25, at the theater 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 832-5900

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COMMUNITY THEATER

ACTOR'S COMPANY Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Livonia Redford Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. \$14, \$12 students/seniors. (248) 988-7032

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"Meet Me in St. Louis," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Lahser High School Theater, \$9, (248) 433-0885 CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Close Ties" by Elizabeth Diggs, 30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18 (\$10 and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20 (\$12), at the Depot Theater. 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston.

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"The Women," a comedy by Clare. Booth Luce, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nev. 19-20, 26-27 and Thursday, Nov. 18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchan Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

MT. ZION THEATRE COMPANY "The Old Faith, Hope & Charity," a

comedy with lots of heart by Pat Cook, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20. at Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Road Waterford, \$8. (248) 391-6166 PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH OSEDALE PARK

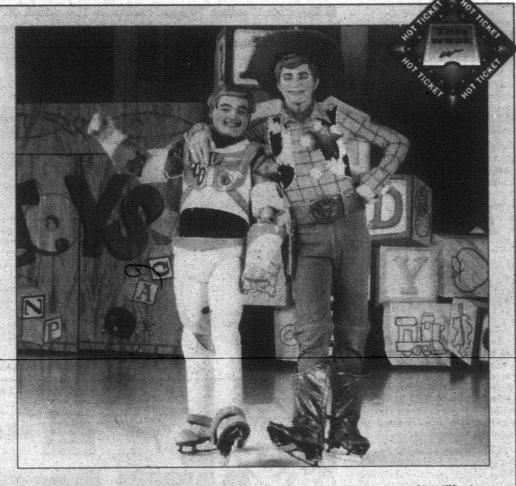
Rick Abbot's "Play On" about a struggling community theater group putting on a new locally created drama, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 (\$10), and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 (\$15 wine and cheese), at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, east of Outer Drive, north of Grand River, west of the Southfield Expressway, Detroit (313) 835-1103

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD "It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m.

Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 19-20, 26-27 and Dec. 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. Water Tower Theatre, or the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of Haggerty, orthville. \$10, \$7 students age:

18 and under. (248) 349-7110 PONTIAC THEATRE IV Godspell," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday,

Nov. 19-20, at Lincoln Middle School, Montcalm and Summit, west of Beldwin, Pontiac. \$8, \$7 children/seniors. (248) 681-6215



Ice show: Woody and his new pal Buzz Lightyear demonstrate that "You've Got a Friend in Me," as a tale of two toys unfolds in Disney On Ice presents "Toy Story," based on Disney's 1995 film, "Toy Story," Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 18-21, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, with additional shows 11 a.m. Thursday; noon and 3:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$30, \$18,75, \$16,75 and \$13,75 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Kids, age 12 and under, and senior citizens, age 62 and over, save \$3 on the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, and noon Saturday, Nov. 20, perfor mances, excluding VIP seats. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6606, or visit www.olympia entertainment.com on the Web.

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Saturdays, Nov. 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the playhouse 205 W. Long lake, between Liverno and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students on Sundays, includes sandwich and afterglow (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS "Three Murders and It's Only Monday," by Pat Cook, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Upstage Theatre, Tickets \$10, reserved. (313) 537-7716

STAGECRAFTERS "Dracula," through Nov. 21, signed performance for the deaf Thursday,

Nov. 18, at the Baldwin Theatre 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12 \$14, (248) 541-6430

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE "To Forgive, Divine," a comedy by Jack Neary, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 19-20 and 26-27, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 21 and 28. at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile. Haggerty and I-275 Livonia, \$10, \$5 Sundays. (734)

464-6302 VILLAGE PLAYERS OF

BIRMINGHAM "The Man Who Came to Dinner," p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov 21, at the theater. Chesnut Street and Woodward, \$12, \$10 students. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666 DAVE & BUSTER'S

"A Gift of Murder" continues Saturdays through Nov. 20, at the restaurant, M-59 and M-53, Utica \$32.95 (810) 930-1515

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS **RLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER**

PLAYERS "West Side Story," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, in the theater, one block west of Telegraph, south of Long Lake Road. Mature content. \$9, \$6 back balcony. (248) 645-4679

DETROIT PUPPET THEATER The classic Russian tale "The

Firebird," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Nov. 20-21 and 27-28, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) MARIAN-RICE PLAYERS

Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20 and 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21, at Marian High members (\$2 ages 2-12), \$4 non-Bloomfield Hills, \$9: (248) 644-1750 MAROUIS THEATRE

"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$7. (248) 349-

8110 PARK PLAYERS Shakespeare's Macbeth, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20, at

Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, Joy Road west of Cantor Center Road, Canton. \$5. (734) 416-7723 REDFORD UNION THEATRE

"Noises Off," a British comedy involving the play "Nothing on," fea tures a two-story set on a revolving stage, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday,

Nov. 18-20, at the Redford Union High School Auditorium. \$8, \$6 advance. (313) 592-3170 ST. DUNSTAN'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday Nov. 21, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Parking

across the street at Christ Church Cranbrook and shuttle service available. \$6. (248) 644-0527 SPECIAL EVENTS

AMERICA'S THANKSOIVING PARADE 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, from Woodward and Mack.

ART AUCTION 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Plymouth Elk, 41700 Ann Arbor

Road, Plymouth. \$5. DETROIT PUPPET THEATER Maria Mikheyenk singing Russian Romance Songs, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov 19, at the theater, 25 E. Grand

River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777 FIBER SYMPOSIUM 9 a.m. to 5p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221

Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361 MOTOR CITY EXTRAVA CON Comic books, Pokemon, non-sports card, action figures, toys and Beanie Baby show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. at Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road,

between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059 PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS Soprano Pamela Jordan Schiffer and

tenor David Gordon sing everything from Cole Porter to Andrew Lloyd Webber 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheidon at Junction, Plymouth. \$25. (734) 416-AADT

"WILD LIGHTS" Opens Friday, Nov. 19, runs through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward and I-696, Royal Oak. \$3.

5835 BENEFITS

EMPTY BOWL PROJECT

To benefit Haven, an Oakland County domestic violence shelter, decorate your own bowl symbolizing hunger around the world, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, hot soup by Zoup! \$20 per parent and one child fo one-hour, \$10 each additional child. (248) 350-3007 FINE ARTS AUCTION

Conducted by Park West Gallery of Southfield to benefit the Ecunemical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Botsford Inn Coach House. Farmington Hills. \$15. (248) 557

4522 HOB NOBBLE GOBBLE 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, black-tie fundraiser for The Parade Company, at Detroit's Cobo Center

\$350-\$500, (313) 923-7400 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, att the corner of Jefferson and Woodward \$20, proceeds benefit America's

Thanksgiving Parade. (248) 544-ALEXAPDER ZONJIC 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19. \$60 with reception, \$35 concert only, pro-

ceeds benefit Don Bosco Hall. (313). 869-2200

CLASSICAL DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"The Flying Karamazov Brothers." 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov 21, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, \$19-\$55, (313) 576-5111 PIOTR FOLKERT The Polish planist presents a con

cert featuring the works of Frederic Chopin, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, a St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. Suggested donation \$15, \$25 family (248) 644-5460

POPS/SWING

MERIDIAN 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

IIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple,

Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300 ALTURO SHELTON The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis, Jr., and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays

Saturdays, Ponchatrain Hotel, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965 0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS MEN'S BARBERSHOP CHORUS Looking for singers, auditions not

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

KATIE GEDDES & THE USUAL

Greenwood Coffee House, 1001

8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at

members. (734) 464-6302

Green Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-

Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six

Mile, west of 1-275, Livonia. \$10, \$8

POETRY/

SPOKEN WORD

Workshop for poets looking for more

members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of

month, in the Jenkins rooms on the

third floor of the Livonia Civic Cente

Farmington Road. (734) 762-7568

DANCE

8 p.m.Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-

20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at

the Detroit Opera House, 1526

Broadway. \$17-\$42. (313) 237

9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance

Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline

\$6. Also swing and Latin classes.

Dance performances for children 11

a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20,

Wayne State University, Detroit: \$5

\$4 children/students/seniors. (313)

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF

Dance and language classes for

ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday

mornings at Prince of Peace Church

on Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581-

lessons also available, at the dance

studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy

Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

COMEDY

Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, (248)

Bill Hildebrandt with Bill Bushart &

Saturday, Nov. 19-20, at 2869 N.

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.

Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road

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314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734)

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http://www.comedycastle.com

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Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts

Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and

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250 interactive exhibits intended to

make science fun, at the museum.

220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor, Hours are

10 a.m. to 5 n.m. Tuesday Saturday

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children/seniors/students. (734)

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at

Work 1701-1901," formerly known

as "Furs to Factories," with a new

Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune

style land acquisition interactive.

Industry section and a display

explaining Detroit's move from

world, at the museum, 5401

three new video screen interactives

a documentary video, a new Heavy

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Motor City, automobile capital of the

Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroi

Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday. Free admissio

Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50

eniors and children aged 12-18.

younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313)

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free for children ages 11 and

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ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST

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624-1050

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Wednesday, Nov. 24, 6676

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB

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JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays

Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at

SUSPECTS

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SARAH MASEN

required but ability to sing on key is understood, (313) 278-1078 NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS Auditions for "Oliver," 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21, in Room 107A at the Jewish Community Center. For performances weekends Feb. 5-27. (248) 354-0545/(248) 352-2797 PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD Auditions for "Oliver," 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21 (children), and 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 22-23 (adults), at the Water Tower Theatre located on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, Northville. For perfor mances Feb. 18-19, 25-27 and March 3-4. (248) 349-7110. THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

REDFORD is searching for directors, choreogra-

phers, musical directors, and all oth ers interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across rom the Township Hall in Redford WALT DISNEY'S TOY STORY

Auditions for skaters 4 p.m. Friday Nov. 19, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (313) 471-3268/(313) 471-3279 YOUTH COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton in addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February o 2000. (734) 451-2112

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS Presents a "Holiday Greetings' concert 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. (734) 455-4080 UM MEN'S GLEE CLUB 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Hill

Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$10, \$7, \$5 students. (734) 764-1448

JAZZ GEM JAZZ TRIO

Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 OHNNY & AL Tuesdays, Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, at

Sweet Lorraine's, 29101 Greenfield Southfield. (248) 559-5985 . RICH K. TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearbor (313) 336-6350 MATT MICHAELS TRIO

Don Swindell, trumpet and flugelhorn, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garder City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

JEANNINE MILLER With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Bird of

Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Cover \$5. (734) 662-8310 .S. MONK SEXIEI Thelonious Monk's son and his

award-winning combination perform 8 p.m., 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov 18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor, \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310/(248) 645-6666

Tuesdays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14, at

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Southfield (248) 559-5985

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a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S.

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6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov 24 at Andiamo

Osteria, Main Street, Royal Oak.

The planist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m

WORLD

MUSIC

With Jim Perkins 9:30 p.m. Friday

Saturday, Nov. 19-20, at Cowley's

Farmington Road, Farmington. (248)

Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann

Arbor, \$20-\$36. (734) 764-2538

Old Village Inn, Grand River and

PACO DE LUCIA & SEPTET

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8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Hill

Thursdays, at the Century Club

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night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch

Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-

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Good Sounds," with music by The

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Wednesdays, at the club, 28949 Joy

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charge 18 and over (313) 961

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313) 833-9700

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21 and older; Alternative dance

techno and house on level four, 8:30

with Joint Venture 6-9 p.m. Fridays,

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Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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833-1805 or http://www.detroithis torical.org DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-

Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m.

Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400 DETROIT ZOO

The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12.

(248) 398-0903 DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Ar of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit o the construction and launch of the

S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

personal garage and cars, giant ger

erators placed by Ford and Thomas

tunnel to the 56-room mansion with

elaborate carved woodwork and per

sonal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen

Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

The village is celebrating its 70th

season with a host of activities, and

exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's

assassination chair and a life mask

made 60 days before his assassina-

Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are

members and children under 5 free

Holiday Walk features French trea-

sures in the 110-room historic mar

sion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson.

widow of auto pioneer John Dodge

and her second husband Alfred G.

Wilson, beginning Friday, Nov. 26

through Sunday, Dec. 5 the 110-

Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of

auto pioneer John Dodge, and her

a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m

on the campus of Oakland

HISTORY

second husband Alfred G. Wilson,

Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 30-Dec.

University, Rochester, \$12, \$6 chil-

dren ages 3-12. (248) 370-3140

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN

"I Made This Jar ... " the life and

works of the enslaved African

m historic mansion built by

tion, at the museum, 20900

(313) 271-1620

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50,

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BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

"To Forgive, Divine" is the humorous and warm-hearted story of a young priest, Jerry, who finds himself wondering about his choices when he helps plan a high school band reunion with a former classmate, Katie, "the girl who got away."

To complicate matters, Katie,

Jerry, reciprocates his feelings. and the stage is set for story that will leave you guessing right up until the end.

Director Thomas Malcolm Olson has integrated a strong. cohesive cast into a fast-paced show rich with emotion and likable, identifiable characters. The blocking is natural and seamless, and the characters interact friend-to-friend or more personally intimate.

Tim Dunham plays Father Jerry Dolan with a guileless charm that's difficult to resist.

strong masculinity - he may be a glows. priest, but his character is appealing as a man. And when he finally wins his long-awaited wrestling rematch with Katie's warm, likable pair. They capture bat-wielding brute, he's a man husband, we find his character is the nature of small-town gossips,

more than able to meet life's physical challenges as well. Julie Cullen is a delightful treat as Katie Cachencko: she radiates joy. Her eyes are bright, well with each other, whether it's her face is animated and her movements are quick and ener-

getic. Her voice is clear and lyrical and plays the wide range of her character's shifting emotions well, whether nervous and vul

Trinity House Theatre presents trapped in a loveless marriage to With a boyish face and slight nerable around Jerry, or vehe- maid "To Forgive, Divine," a comedy by a man who once humiliated build, he's hardly imposing, but mently angry at her cheating his confidence and self-assur- husband. Cullen does not lack Cachenko, Katie's emotionally ance gives him a quiet but energy or stage presence - she callous husband, has taken a

Nora Bonner as the young teen Margaret Crowley and Dorothy Dunne as her Aunt Milly are a the least. More than a baseball from chatty teens to the good old girls grapevine. As the rectory's custodians, they overhear more than they should, and keep the parish posted on Jerry and Katie 'sightings." The two are very human, multi-faceted characters.

Nora puts a wide range of emotion into her roles, from effervescent teen to grieving girl. One wonders why it's taken her so long to get a speaking part at Trinity House - her most recent wing and extending the set area

Jamie Macek as Ralph role that could have been played stereotypically and made him almost likable – verv human at who loves his wife but never bothered to become a loving husband

Amidst Ralph's shallowness we get fascinating glimpses of his own vulnerability, making it difficult to dismiss him quite so easily. Macek carries himself confidently and exudes the phys-

ical bravado of a jock. Trinity House has remodeled its stage area to give the actors more room, gutting the stage left roles were as a sheep and a to the upstage wall. Although

this limits exit and entrance locations, it gives the actors more room to work and the set designers more room, too. They've also run an on-stage staircase up to the building's attic, a permanent fixture they plan to use in future shows. The set was dressed in nonde-

script but functional office furniture. The characters wore street clothes that offered subtle clues to their character, with Ralph wearing a sports jersey and Jerry noticeably without his cler-

The funniest prop was the portable confessional kneeler, the object of many a battle when Jerry tries unsuccessfully to avoid hearing confessions that complicate the plot. Kudos to the technical crew for attention to detail.



Local rock: Knee Deep Shag's time for change begins now

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA Day,

While the line-up has changed, the singer has regrown his hair, me Oct. 27 just moments after around 1992.

Their strength? Each band member is a true musician, a departure of bassist and long-

hear it - The slide back into some altered introduced to Matt Gross croons and slithers the brilliance of across the stage, or you're mes-Kalamazoo merized by pounding drum and Earth

band bass lines and bright keyboards, Deep you can't take your eyes off the band. Knee Deep Shag stands on the Michigan State verge of change. Now bidding University's good-bye to one member and

Landon Field. Afternoon. Sun- adding another, the band preshine. And then they began to pares to release its third compact disc. Drummer Jeff Moehle called

and the music has evolved, the receiving the new disc. "It energy never wavered. Blending sounds really good," said Moehle, rock, funk and soul into some whose parents live in Troy. Other kind of magical, musical potion, band members blared the music Knee Deep Shag has set audi- from a lower level of Kalamazoo ences in motion since the start, house as we spoke about the future of Knee Deep Shag. "Good Disguise" marks the people in."

his family. Mike Fuerst, formerly exact day I was state with his guitar, how singer of Daddy Longlegs, takes over on bass these days. "It's such a weird time," said

Moehle. "At the end of September we played our last show with Troy. The very next week we finished the album with Mike. It's the highest of the highs and lowest of the lows." Knee Deep fans may detect a

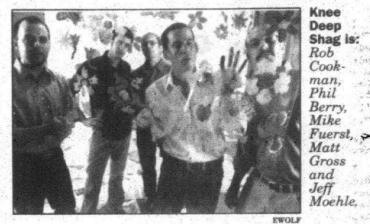
shift in bass styles as well. Where Stansberry was known up, the band was still a funky for his funky R&B flavor, Fuerst leans more toward rock 'n' roll. He also plays guitar and violin. "I think everyone will like it; it

takes an adjustment," said Moehle, adding that that the style, the music has drifted deepband will miss Troy Stansberry. er into a rock, blues and soul "He is just such an engaging vein. The addition of Rob Cookcharacter. The nicest guy you'll ever meet. That drew a lot of It was Stansberry's suggestion our sound now," said Moehle.

If I close my standout in his own right, time friend Troy Stansberry, that the band ask Fuerst to join eyes real tight, I Whether you're taken by the way Stansberry decided to leave the The bandmates agreed he was can still see and guitarist Phil Barry seems to band to spend more time with the natural choice. "He totally jells with us, personality-wise, said Moehle

The disc was co-produced engineered and mastered by Jon Frazer (The Verve Pipe). It took a month and a half of truly focused studio time to complete Over the years Knee Deep Shag fans have noticed a transition in style. A member since 1995, Moehle said there's more change to come. "When I joined jam-band...We were all pretty much raised on some sort of rock

'n' roll While the early Knee Deep Shag is still evident in song and man on keyboards in 1997 was another step in that direction. "Rob is just such a huge part of



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the next level with "Good Dis- Books and Music, and online at guise," the new line-up looks to unww. kneedeepshag. com the future. But fans don't have to wait that long to catch a show.

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Old 97s reveal Texas roots rock at its finest

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Remember this name: Old 97s. dates with Wilco, a more estab- rock 'n' roll." lished band in the same musical

"Fight Songs," the alterna-pop twang-masters delighted audiences as openers for Cake at the

State Theatre last summer. On his way back to this northfrom his hometown to talk about

the upcoming show with pretty much ... a rootsy bending miserable lyrics."

thread that goes through all of it." said Hammond. "It's fairly energetic, pretty dynamic."

Listen carefully to the mysteri-The Dallas foursome - singer ously melancholy "Fight Songs" Rhett Miller, guitarist Ken, and hear the hints of bluegrass Bethea, bassist Murry Ham- and country. "We like the mournmond and drummer Philip fulness," explains Hammond of Peeples - will open the Detroit those musical roots. "But we show on one of just seven tour draw heavily on '50s and '60s With influences from The

Byrds to The Beatles, Old 97s Touring in support of their sec- leave room for just about any ond Elektra Records release, style to creep into their sound But one thing never changes.

Old 97s songs tend to deal with relationships - from the most elated moments to the most miserable. Hammond said the ern stop, Murry Hammond band steers clear of topical subphoned in on Wednesday, Nov. 3, jects. "You won't get current events in our music ... We like the old favorites: a happy, catchy "We play rock 'n' roll pop music tune and filling it up with mind-

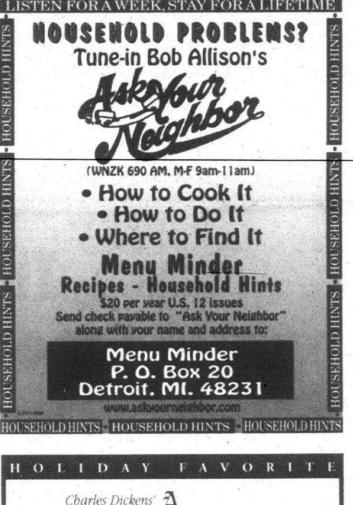
On "Fight Songs," "Lonely Hol- an upcoming record and side iday" shows off that vulnerable side of the Old 97s that is somehow presented in a melodic, Hammond leaves with one almost-giddy, pop-on-Prozac

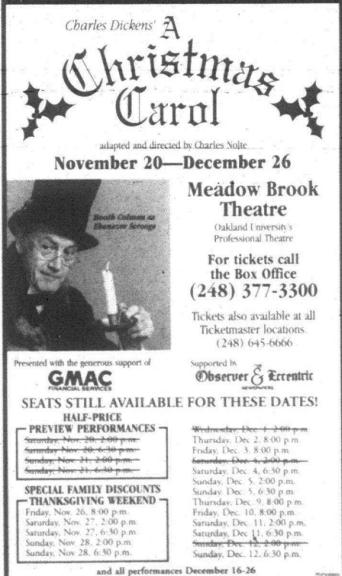
"Fight Songs" is more reflective than their past recordings. Touring for the Old 97s is an onthe-road, off-the-road gig, spliced

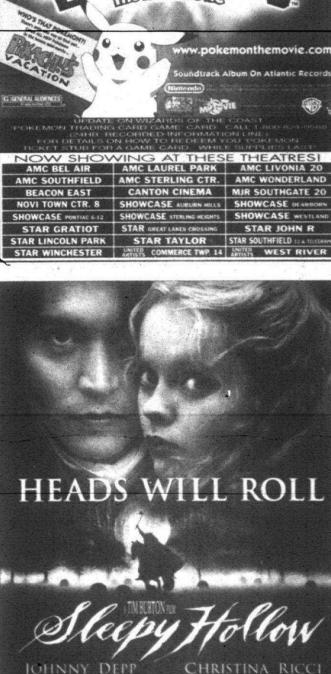
between working on material for

projects for some of the boys. With a sliding southern drawl, appropriate, parting statement: Yall take care."

Old 97s perform with Wilco 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the Majestic Theatre, Detroit. Tickets cost \$15 in advance. Call (248) 645-6666.







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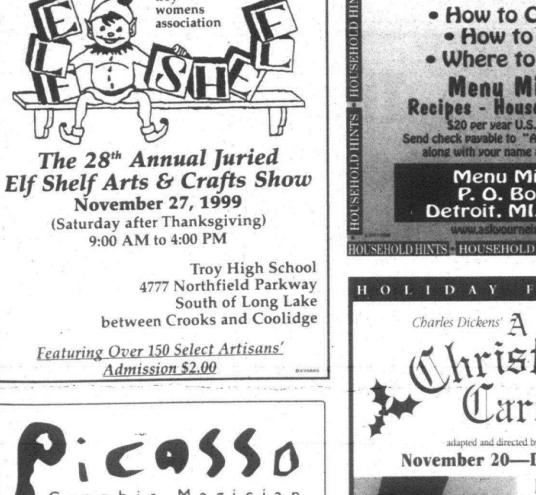
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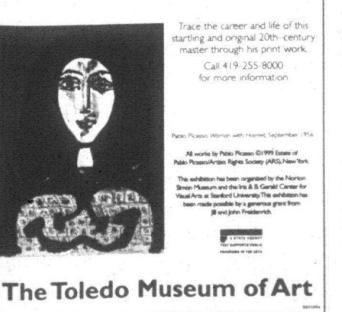
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Tradition and Nu-Asian harmonize at Empire Dynasty

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Proprietors spend serious moments choosing a name for a restaurant. In Farmington Hills, owner Kevin Hoang-Do named Empire Dynasty from his heart. "In Chinese, empire reflects a family concept," he said. "Dynasty is a land of your own, forever.

Of Chinese origin, 42 year-old Hoang-Do emigrated to the U.S. from Vietnam in 1980 with a degree in architecture and design. He is grateful to be a U.S. citizen - his land forever. He went on to earn an electrical engineering degree at Oakland University in Rochester. During his student days earning a master's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, he worked for a friend in a Chinese restaurant. There he learned to speak Chinese, the language of his ancestors, and gain a love for its food.

He never practiced in his schooled profession, except to use his engineering, design, and

Empire Dynasty

Where: 29505 W. Nine Mile Road (at Middlebelt), Farmington Hills, (248) 888-6866.

Open: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m., Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Menu: Szechuan and Cantonese cuisine with a number of surprising Nu-Asian innovations. No liquor license.

Cost: Lunch specials served until 3:30 p.m., \$5.50-7.50. Dinner House Specials \$11-15.

Reservations and major credit cards: Accepted.

architecture skills to personally remodel his restaurant from a former. Mexican eatery at the location. He opened Empire Dynasty's doors a year ago. "Cooking is an art," he said.

"It's like my second marriage. It makes me happy. I want to pass this feeling on to my customers."

And he does. Hoang-Do spends his time greeting diners and visiting them at the table to learn their satisfaction with dishes, prepared by his two chefs Randy and Michael Wang. Randy specializes in Szechuan cooking. He formerly worked at one of New York City's most successful Asian restaurants, Szechuan. Empire. His brother Michael is

the specialist for Cantonese dishes

Hoang-Do is the inspiration behind Nu-Asian innovations such as Heavenly Shrimp, which he created four years ago to celebrate the anniversary of good friends. The special sauce takes jumbo prawns to new heights. Dynasty Sizzling Fried Noodle's creation was inspired by the opening of Empire Dynasty. Cantonese noodles are complemented by Szechuan flavors.

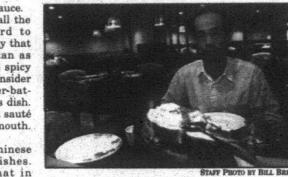
A dish such as Empire Duck is seldom seen because marinating is not traditionally done in either Szechuan Cantonese or provinces. In this dish, sliced duck is marinated and slowly barbecued in a new-age Chinese

vegetables in a Szechuan sauce. Volcano Delight breaks all the rules. This dish is hard to explain, but suffice it to say that if you thought of Szechuan as hot, this dish is not - it's spicy and full of flavor. If you consider Cantonese as a lot of over-battered fried food, not in this dish. The mixture of stir-fry and sauté flavors explodes in your mouth. Pun intended!

Quite unusual for a Chinese menu are three lamb dishes. Hoang-Do explained that in China, only the province of Szechuan cooks lamb, Empire Dynasty's preparations result in very balanced flavors.

November's house special is named Queen's Paradise, a classic Szechuan and Cantonese style combination of fresh jumbo prawns sautéed with selected vegetables in hot, spicy sauce and joined with golden-brown boneless chicken breast in the chef's fresh lemon sauce. Yum at \$14.25:

Returning in December is the Marco Polo Special, marinated, tender steak mixed with fresh pineapple and pepper, sautéed in



sauce and served on a tropical golden pineapple.

Empire Dynasty's atmosphere is upscale yet casual. Tables on two levels break up a large dining area. They are not crowded together and the booths are roomy. Green, mauve and beige tones serve to accent a large, brightly lit replica of the Hong Kong skyline.

Going unused due to outmoded Michigan liquor licensing is an unstocked bar area. After a year, Empire Dynasty remains a place where you cannot, in this mod-

Specialty dish: Kevin Hoang-Do, owner of Empire Dynasty, presents the Marco Polo Special served in half a pineapple.

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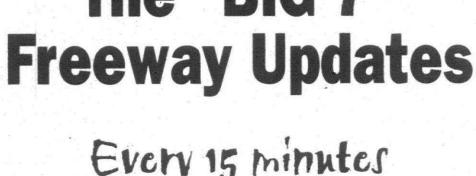
matching wine and beer with food, have either with your chosen dish. This is a travesty some 66 years after the repeal of Prohibition.

Many thanks to a Southfield reader who called Empire Dynasty to my attention, pronouncing it "outstanding." What more do I need to say? Two things. Lunch specials total 37; dinner menu items number 145 and all plates have grand eye appeal. That's exceptional!









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