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Theater: Erin Dilly's coming home as Bertrande, the female lead of the U.S. premiere of "Martin Guerre" at the Fisher Theatre. / E1

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averages for use of tobacco, alcohol and marijuana, according to a Western Michigan University study. Better prevention and intervention may be necessary, a district official said.

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.b mm.net

According to the latest study of drug usage throughout the nation, Plymouth-Canton Schools' students are above the national averages when ana-

lyzing the use of so-called gateway drugs

"Students in the Plymouth-Canton school district have a problem with illegal alcohol, tobacco and drug usage, said Plymouth Township Lt. Bob Smith. "Many people want to believe

er, the data doesn't support it."

The data comes from Plymouth-Canton's participation in a Western Michigan University Drug and Alcohol Study, which has some alarming statistics showing Plymouth-Canton students use of cigarettes, drugs and alcohol above the national averages. The study is done every two years, and questions eighth, tenth and twelfth graders in the district about their con-

are down, but they are still high compared to national averages," said Smith. "We need to aggressively deal with the problem. There are a lot of poor choices being made by students, including binge drinking, drinking and driving, and riding with a driver who is intoxicated."

Cigarettes, marijuana and alcohol are considered gateway drugs, steering

Please see 'GATEWAY' DRUG. A2



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMAN Singing thanks: Matthew Polly (from left) Alexis Hotz, Missy Bulmer and Soham Parikh, all 7, participate in the Thanksgiving sing-along for parents and teachers at Hoben Elementary in Canton Tuesday. Pictured at right, Jessica Jackson, 7, (left) and Melissa Rakobitis, 71/2, hit the high notes.

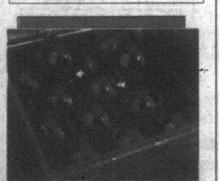
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Turkey Thanksgiving takes

center stage at schools

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go

Thanksgiving was in the air throughout the Plymouth-Canton elementary schools this past week as children made pictures of turkeys, constructed pilgrim hats and Indian headdresses, made necklaces from macaroni, and learned about the first Thanksgiving dinner by helping to

prepare one.

At Hoben Elementary in Canton, the Thanksgiving feast has been a tradition since the school opened in 1988

First grade teacher Sharon Belobraidich played the piano and led first and second graders in song as parents proudly stood by. All were dressed in Indian or pilgrim garb made in class.

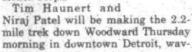
Then it was on to the main course, the Thanksgiving feast with turkey,

Please see THANKSGIVING, A4

Local honor students are parade highlight

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Two Canton High School seniors will be among some 200 area honor students from more than 136 schools in southeast Michigan who will be participating, in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade as members of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Honor Corps.





Tim Haunert

ing pennants representing Plymouth Canton High School.

"I've never been to see the parade

Please see PARADE, A4

Loren Bennett gets early start in '02 campaign

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER m.net

Loren Bennett figures it will cost \$1 million to become Michigan's next secretary of state in 2002.

That's why the State Senator, R-Canton, is hitting the fund-raising trail now. A \$250 per person reception will be held for him Dec. 6 in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"I'm not a wealthy person," said Bennett, "and there's no way I can afford an expensive campaign by myself. But I can put my sweat equity in as an alternative to raising a certain amount of money."

Next month's event isn't a formal kickoff for his campaign. He announced his intentions to run last spring.

"This is something I've thought about for some time," Bennett said. "I feel I have the background. I'm the only person in the senate who has been on the front line of managing voter registration and elections."

The former township clerk will be term-limited out of the senate in 2002. Current Secretary of State Candice Miller, a possible Republican candidate

SECRETARY OF STATE

for governor, faces the same fate

She has built a foundation of excellence I feel I can build on," said Bennett. "I feel Candice Miller has done an outstanding job of improving the system since taking office.

Bennett served as Canton's clerk for six years before moving on to Michigan's senate in 1994. He said there are some similarities between the position and secretary of state.

Elections and voter registration is one. Bennett wants to make registering as easy and painless as possible.

"I understand the discouraging factor it can be on election day with people. he said. "I passionately believe in making it as perfect as possible.'

Other responsibilities include drivers licenses and being the state's head historian. Bennett would be in charge of keeping state records.

"It needs to be a high profile position," he said of the historical aspect. "I think the secretary of state needs to use the position as a bully pulpit for historical preservation.

Bennett thinks he can hit the ground running as secretary of state.

"I come with practical experience,"

Please see BENNETT, A12

'Gateway' drug from page A1

kids to using drugs and leading ...Kids are making them to substances which are considered hard core drugs, like cocaine and heroin.

The report indicates inhalant - the sniffing of glue, paint, gasoline and aerosol products are the drug of choice for eighth graders in Plymouth-Canton, and their use is well above the national average. More than 25 percent of local eighth graders surveyed say they've used inhalants, compared to the national average of slightly more than 15 percent

"Teenage girls are most likely to use inhalants at an early age," said Smith. "Kids easily go from tobacco to inhalants. It's the first drug they try to experiment

School board president and Growth Works program director Sue Davis has a theory.

"Inhalants are easily available in your house. Just open the cabinet under your kitchen sink," said Davis. "There's usually a decline in the use of inhalants after the eighth grade because they move on to other substances.

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poor choices out there.'

Lt. Bob Smith. Plymouth Township police

Daily alcohol use among eighth, tenth and twelfth graders is falling, but nearly 60 percent of seniors report they're drinking, compared to the national average of just under 40 percent.

There is considerable use of alcohol on a daily basis. These are kids with a real problem." added Smith. "Binge drinking is not isolated to college campuses. For the most part, kids are getting alcohol at parties or a

riend's house "And when it comes to drinking and driving, kids are making poor choices out there," said Smith. "I don't know how many times we need to have such tragc results, or more flowers at the rock, to get it through the kids' heads as to what's going on. We have far too many house parties where we find 150 kids in a house when mom and dad are away for the weekend. The study shows a significan

frop in the use of marijuana by eighth and tenth graders. "That's a trend we like to see,

said Smith. "About eight or nine years ago we really felt we startd seeing marijuana disappear ing from the community because arrests were down. Now, not a day goes by that we don't take marijuana off a kid. And, (P-C) seniors are still above the national average." Smith said local police depart-

ments are working hard to stop alcohol and tobacco sales to minors: however, the battle con "Kids say they can get nar

cotics easily through their riends." he said. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick O'Donnell

said there are a number of intervention programs in the schools to help students. "However, given the results of the survey, maybe we'll have to do less conflict resolution and more prevention and intervention in relation to drugs and alcohol use," said O'Donnell.

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Clean getaway: Thief gets car wash cash About \$300 worth of U.S. COP CALLS

quarters were stolen from the Canton Auto Wash on Michigan Avenue over the weekend. According to township police

reports, a coin box at the auto wash was smashed sometime between'8 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Police have no

suspects. Marijuana possession

A 16-year-old Livonia boy was charged with possessing nearly

10 grams of marijuana Friday in Canton.

A township officer saw the teen along with three other people parked in a 1992 Ford Explorer in the parking lot of a Ford Road strip mall at about 8 p.m. The officer smelled marijuana when the teen rolled the window of the vehicle down to talk to him, reports said.

The officer later searched the

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offering his paw (without being trained to) is actually an inborn submissive gesture. If your dog prods you with his nose, ears laid back, that also is a submissive gesture. Tail wagging, as you may have suspected, shows pleasure and excitement. The bowing posture...front legs down, head low but backside up with tail wagging...is the classic invitation to get down on the floor to play!

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vehicle and found a bag of marijuana. The Livonia teen was arrested and transported to Canton's Police department. He was later released to his father, according to reports.

Assault

A 16-year-old Salem High student was the victim of an assault Friday.

The incident occurred in the school's cafeteria shortly before noon. Police reports indicated that the girl got into a verbal argument with two other female students.

The Canton girl was eventually punched and kicked in the reports said. A security guard broke up the scuffle.

A 20-year-old Plymouth man was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in Canton Sunday.

A township officer was on patrol near the intersection of Morton Taylor and Warren roads when heard a loud exhaust coming from the Plymouth man's 1991 Ford Escort. The officer pulled the 20-yearold over and noticed a strong smell of intoxicants.

He had the Plymouth man perform several sobriety tests. A preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .11 which is over the state's legal limit

The man was transported to Canton's Police Department. He face by one of the students, was issued an appearance date of Nov. 24 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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mation, call the center director, The center at 7437 North Jennifer Cromie at (734) 459-

Children's World Learning Centers offers infant, toddler, preschool, pre-kindergarten and school-age learning programs at

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Did you know? The staff at the Canton Public Library wishes everyone a very happy Thanksgiving? The traditional beginning of the Christmas shopping season is called Black Friday - the day after Thanksgiving? ■ The movie "Casablanca" made its premiere on Nov. 26, 1942? It was first shown in New fork City on Thanksgiving Day. December is National Drunk

Driving Prevention Month? For your listening pleasure Here are some books on audio ape available from the library: "Nicolae" by Tim Lahaye nd Jerry B. Jenkins Suspicion of Deceit" by Bar-

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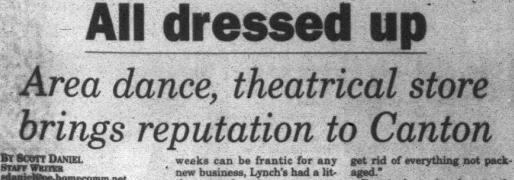
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Few, if any, new businesses have an established clientele

Lynch's Theatrical Superstore provides an exception to that rule. Located

at the corner of Lilley and Warren roads, the company is a well known name in metropolitan Detroit. "We've been around 50 years." said Manager Pam

Ryan. "We opened in Dearborn first and added stores in Warren and Wyandotte. The family-

owned company closed its Wyandotte shop to move to the

"We had so many customer driving to Dearborn from Canton that we decided to put a store here," Ryan said. The shop opened about three months ago. While the first tle too much excite A pickup truck crashed through its front window caus-

ing extensive damage. Ward said the driver simply lost control of the vehicle

Face It: A line-up of masks sits atop one of the displays.

> occurred after hours and no one was hurt. Owners were forced to throw out a large portion of fragments being spread throughout the store. "We had to close for a few days," Ward added. "We had to

airs have since been made and stock replaced. Ryan said siness has been strong even

with the mishap. "Our customers are elated they don't have to drive to Dearborn anymore," said Ryan.

As its name implies. Lynch's specializes in theatrical supplies High school and theater groups have already found the shop, said Ward. Make-up, wigs and costumes allow thespians to look the part for any role.

Most actors know exactly what they're looking for when they come in, said Lynch.

"They have certain Fortunately, the incident brands of make-up they like to

buy," she added. Costumes aren't limited to theater types. Aspiring Santas their merchandise due to glass can find all the gear they need to make this Christmas special. "Our Santa suits are hand-

made," Ryan said. "Our seamstress just does costumes. A lot Reindeer suit in Lynch's Theatrical Superstore on Lilley at Warren. of our rentals are handmade." for some Halloween outfits to

\$110 for a Santa suit. Surprisingly, a market for Halloween costumes exists all year.

Ward said clowning materials, such as make-up; noses and beards, are also popular year-

and shoes. Leotards, tights and skirts are available at reasonable

prices, said Ward. The store also sells fabric and

Fit to be queen: Store manager Pam Ryan, holding a Darth Vader mask, wears a

tiara and cape while standing next to the head of a Rudolph the Red-Nosed

decorative materials for those who wish to make their own dance outfits.

Tap, ballet and jazz dance Most rent for a day, she Lynch's is also known for pro-added. Prices range from \$25 viding quality dance apparel Lynch's as well. Prices range up to \$75.

Lynch's is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday; Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the store, call (734) 207-8842

Plymouth Observer names new editor

the new editor of the Plymouth

Kadrich replaces Valerie Olanmouth Observer editor since Kadrich had been the sports

Clarkston, Oxford and Lake previously been the editor of The Oxford Leader, a weekly newspaper published in Oxford.

to detail and passion for accuracy and fairness make him an Defense Information School, the

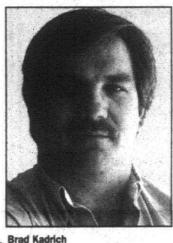
Brad Kadrich has been named ideal choice," said Hugh Gal- Department of Defense's primalagher, managing editor for the ry journalism school, in 1982, Observer newspapers. "He's after graduating from Lincoln done a little bit of everything, High School in Warren, Mich., in der, who took a job outside the. from news to sports, so he's got company after serving as Ply- an excellent sense of what a

hometown newspaper. Oscoda, Mich., Izmir, Turkey, make the area go." Myrtle Beach, S.C., Spokane, Wash., and Omaha, Neb., where "Brad's appreciation of com- he was the editor of the Strategic bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net or munity journalism, his attention Air Command News Service. He graduated from the

1977. "I'm looking forward to becom-

community is looking for in its ing part of the Plymouth community," Kadrich said. "I'm anx-Kadrich spent 15 years in the jous to get to know the city and editor for North Oakland Coun- U.S. Air Force, most of it as a township leaders. But even more ty. covering high school sports in public affairs specialist, specifi- so, I'm eager to get out and meet cally editing and managing base the residents and the business Orion since August 1996. He had newspapers. He spent time in owners, the people who really Readers may call Kadrich at (734) 459-2700, e-mail him at.

drop by the office, 794 S. Main



Rudolph/Libbe names new general manager

Tom Hitz, formerly vice management president of operations for Since 1977, he has been Barton Malow Company, has of Rudolph/Libbe Inc. Michigan Operations, headquartered in Canton.

A Plymouth resident, Hitz brings more than 22 years of experience in the construction industry to Rudolph/Libbe. His background includes construction management, gener-

on project sales and operations , ship

involved in more than \$800 been named general manager million worth of construction projects at Barton Marlow. His extensive project list includes: The \$30 million Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center: a \$96 million jail facility in Minnesota; and a \$44 million renovation at Yale University.

Hitz said he drawn to contracting and Rudolph/Libbe for its solid design/build, with emphasis reputation and strong leader-

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CANTON CONNECTION Church moves services

Youth Leadership under way

A group of 35 eighth-graders from East, West, Central, Pioneer and Lowell middle schools as well as St. Mary School served an early Thanksgiving supper Saturday to seniors at the Canton Place apartment complex.

The special day, which stressed community service, was part of Youth Leadership Canton. Youth Leadership Canton, now in its second year, is an offshoot of the Leadership Canton program sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Comnerce. The youth program is co-sponsored by th township government and the Canton Communi

The six-month course will include monthly programs focusing on education, public safety, diversity in the community and other issues. It kicked off last month with an all-day retreat at the How-

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev Randy Duncan. The public is welcome.

For more information call (734) 737-9566 or contact the church online at LivingWord Church@aol.com

Living Word Church has relocated its place of

worship on Sunday mornings to Eriksson Ele

mentary School, on Haggerty, south of Ford.

Kudos for officer

honored this month by the Wayne-Westland

Winkler was credited for his contributions to the schools through DARE classes at Walker Ele-

Cruz Smith "Jane and the Wandering" Eye" by Stephanie Barron

Youth department Here are some books on sports that will interest young readers: "Jeff Gordon" by Terri

Dougherty Top of the World" by Steve Jenkins

"All-American Girls" by Marla Miller "Learn Karate" by J. Allen Queen

Q&A

Q: What is Sinkie Day? A: Friday, Nov. 26 is Sinkie Day. Sinkies (people who occasionally dine over the kitchen sink) are encouraged to celebrate this time-honored, casual-yetsinkie" style of dining. Christmas shopping and Thanksgiving leftovers provide the perfect reasons to enjoy a quick meal.

The source for this information is "Chase's 1999 Calendar of Events."

Web Watch

Check out these Web sites: www.chefsecret.net www.journeywoman.com

www.babystyle.com www.coolbreeze.co.uk

Love connection Try these romance novels on library shelves

Simply Magic" by Kathleen Kane The Choice" by Edith Lay-

"Wicked Angel" by Julia

London Wanting You" by Nan Ryan

"Bedazzled" by Beatrice Small

Hot topic of the week

Dickens Olde-Fashioned Christmas Festival is held Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 4-5, 11-12 in Holly, Mich. Circa 1850 comes to life in downtown Holly. You can tasteful cuisine culture. This is a bah humbug with Scrooge. particularly appropriate date to encourage Tiny Tim, sing along become acquainted with the with the carolers and banter with the street vendors. Delicacies such as roasted chestnuts, open-flame baked potatoes and plum pudding will be available for a tasty treat.

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Canton Police DARE officer Ken Winkler was

school district. mentary School in Canton.

Thanksgiving from page A1

Indians.

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than he thought.

was friendship

and Indians became good

friends," said Visser. "We've

been working on being a good

host and also being a good guest

and sharing, inviting someone to

Monday was Friendship Day,

play, using kind words."

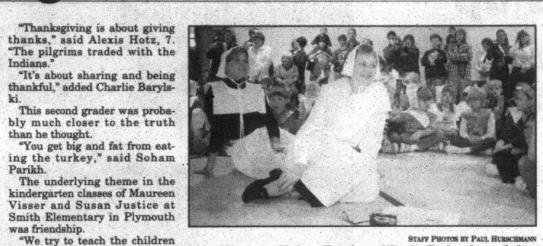
vegetables, applesauce, muffins and, of course, pumpkin pie with vhipped cream

"This year the students helped make the feast," said Julie Darnell, Hoben second grade teach-er. "With our social studies unit there's a big push to compare then and now, so what better way than seeing what it was like years ago to prepare Thanksgiv-ing dinner and what it takes

"And with the study of pilgrims and Native Americans, we've been able to talk about the change in the community of Canton, how the culture and geogra-phy has changed," she added.

bviously learned his social studes lesson well "The first Thanksgiving lasted three days," said Adam. "This

guy went to get the chief and they came back with 90 Indians. Five of them went out to get deer and turkey for dinner."



Second grader Adam Sawle about being good friends, and Like Pilgrims: Hoben Teachers Mindy Eichenberg (left) relating it to how the pilgrims and Karen Huston, both first grade instructors, joined in the celebration by donning pilgrim garb.

> when kindergartners learned to each other, making necklaces practice their friendship skills and baking muffins. with each other as the two classes mingled, drawing pictures of

"This is at their level, where they can actually feel like someone new coming over, like the pilgrims were," added Visser. "You just think like a 5-year-old and how it affects their lives."

"Thanksgiving is the day when

Smith, 5, of Plynouth. "It's the day we have turkey.

"We learned about the feast the Indians had with the pilgrims because they were nice," said Christian Morgan. "I try to be

"Thanksgiving is when you eat turkey," advised Contos. Chris "The Indians killed them."

In this class, you won't hear how the early English settlers crossed the Atlantic Ocean on the Mavflower and founded Plymouth Colony, holding the first feast in 1621.

"We've talked about Native Americans and pil-



Family: Kimberly Snyder, 7, was joined Thanksgiving by her dad David.

grims and how they tried to help each other," said Justice. "We've also talked about being thankful with what we have and how they can share it with others!" The idea wasn't lost on 5-year

old Dakota Borensik. "The Indians and pilgrims shared turkeys because they were friends," Dakota said. "I learned to share the turkey at my grandma's house.



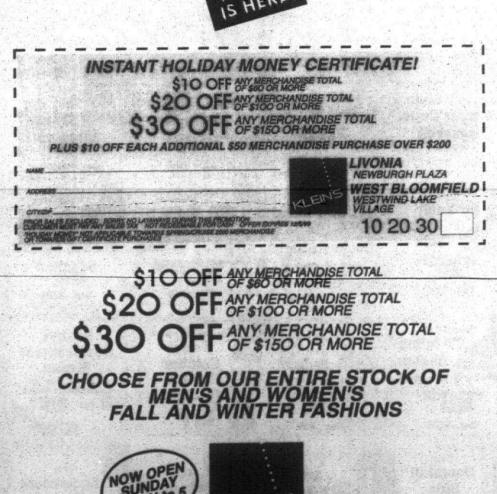
in person, so it will be cool to actually be in it," said Patel. "I think it will be a lot of fun,

added Haunert. "I was at the parade when I was little, but I lon't remember being there. The parade begins at 9:15

a.m., and the Blues Parade Honor Corps steps off an hour

It will be an "early riser" for the teens as they need to arrive at the BCBSM downtown head quarters at 6:30 a.m., about the same time those who want choice viewing spots are getting in place along the parade route.

Ne Need Your Help! the Indians celebrate the day when the pilgrims came here," **Did You See Our Great Grandmother on March 2nd of this year?** Her name was Helen Klocek. She was 84 years old, stood 4 feet 9 inches tall, weighed 135 pounds and walked with a limp. She was last seen alive in Plymouth Township on Tuesday, March 2, 1999. She was later found in Detroit...MURDERED! Her 1992 white Ford Escort 4-door hatchback (license plate number 831-HZC) was stolen. If you saw her or her car on March 2, 1999 between 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., please call Detroit Homicide at 313-596-2260 Paid for by the family of Helen Klocek LIMITED TIME ONLY HOLIDAY MONEY ENDS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th. Jimmie salutes the







adventurous entertainer these holidays and recommends a similar technique when decorating Get terrific rattan pieces at prices you can afford now at Jimmies!



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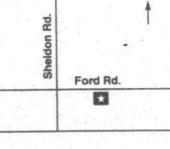
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State warns: 'Don't panic about the Y2K bug'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

If "paranoia strikes deep" because of your Y2K concerns then you may be creating additional hazards, according to the State of Michigan Year 2000 Readiness Report.

Completed by the Michigan Department of State Police's emergency management division, the Michigan Department of Management and Budget and the Year 2000 Project Office, the report concluded that Michigan's critical infrastructure - electric, gas and telecommunications - is not expected to experience any system failures that would "significantly interrupt" essential services for residents.

Water supply and sewage services are at "low risk," as are emergency services and the health care industry.

Look for a special report

on Y2K in Sunday's Observer

inconveniences well into the year

2000, but their scope and severi-

ty should not be of a magnitude

to threaten public health and

hazards. Communities at low

risk from Y2K may face a

greater threat from inappropri-

ate preparedness activities

safety."

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"All indications are that the majority of critical infrastructure providers are progressing successfully in their mitigation efforts and that widespread disruptions will be no more likely than they are on any other typi-

cal day," the report concluded. "There probably will be interruptions of some systems related to Y2K failures that may cause

illegally stored fuel that creates a fire hazard for homes and neighbors, or the increased use of generators, alternative heating and cooking devices that increased the danger from misuse of those devices.

Large cash withdrawals due to banking concerns may lead to increased robbery, swindle and theft, the report states.

The Michigan Emergency Management Division concludes The large electric utilities

responsible for the bulk-power system are "progressing well."

There is "less assurance for the risk they present to the ty officials bulk-power system is small, as is their risk of service disruptions.

There is relatively less risk for the natural gas industry, and utilities are progressing well.

In telecommunications, the public switched network has a But public fear and misinforrelatively low risk of Y2K failmation may create additional

ure.

Examples include improperly or redundancy and contingency General Accounting Office stanplanning will help avoid service dards. disruptions.

may have problems but not with vendors, who also supplied infor-Y2K; instead, customers may mation, Hansen said. find difficulties from the holiday and the resulting increased phone usage or customers check- od" from 10 p.m. Dec. 31 through ing their phones for Y2K service 5 a.m. Jan. 1. interruptions.

vices are at low risk. "These are Wayne County Airport with largely electromechanical, gravity systems that have manual workarounds available and face airports, environment, health, little impact from Y2K problems," the report said.

County is ready

the small electric utilities, but ready, according to Wayne Coun-

Wayne County's Year 2000 Pro-

gram Office, said the county's

central communications system,

providing radio communications

for roads, public works, airports

and the sheriff's staff will be

"It has been tested and is

Hansen said Wayne County

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ready to go," Hansen said.

operational

Sue Hansen, deputy director of

Wayne County also is Y2K-

Test results received indepen-

But just in case, Wayne Coun-

ty will declare "a Y2K alert peri- ences or updates. A command center will be set.

Water supply and sewage ser- up near Detroit Metropolitan emergency offices set up for the following county departments: public services, sheriff, central communications and emergency management.

Mark Sparks, director of the county's Emergency Manage-ment Division, said state police Telecommunications systems dent verification through county will be providing updates to the news media.

Sparks doesn't expect Wayne County to conduct press confe "It would have to be of sign

cant impact on a community for us to declare a state of emergens cv." Sparks said.

State police expect to activat an emergency plan center at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31 at a Southeast Michigan regional office in Northville, said Mark Wesley, public information officer for the Michigan State Police.

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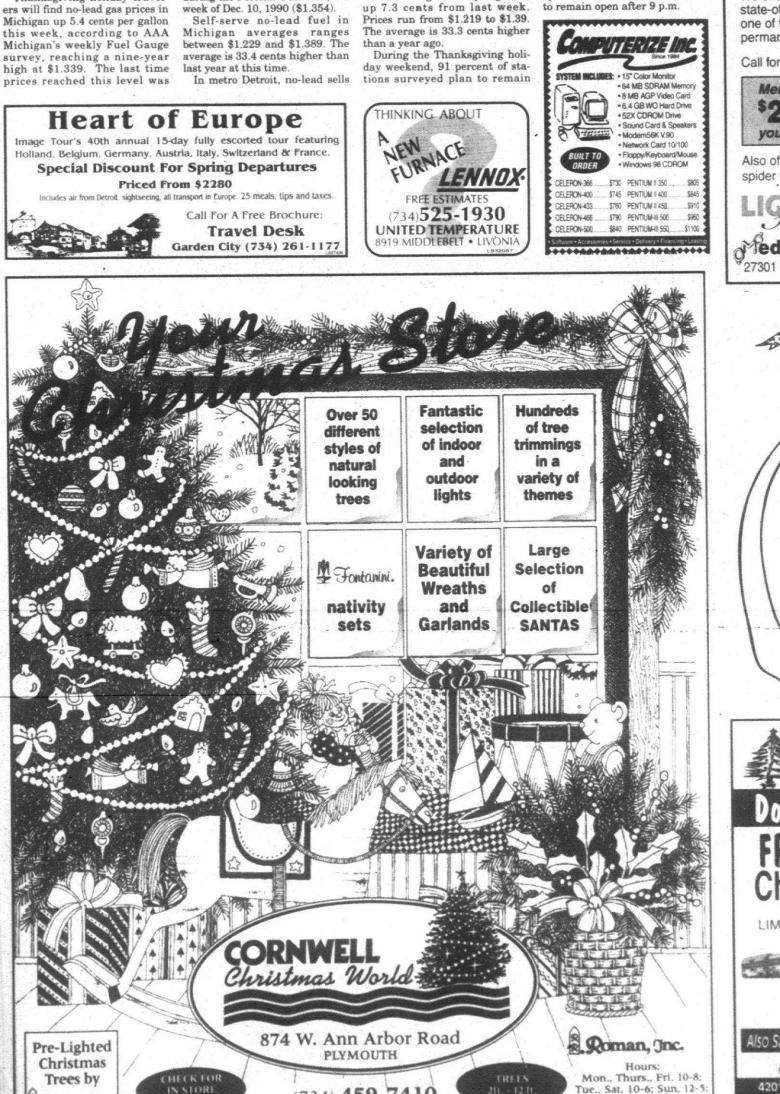
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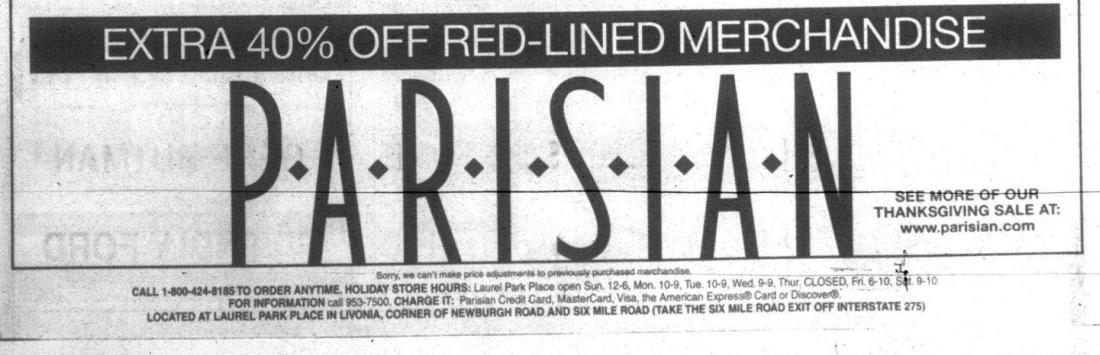
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EXTRA 40% OFF Large selection of women's, men's and children's red-lined shoes. Reg. 38.00-138.00,

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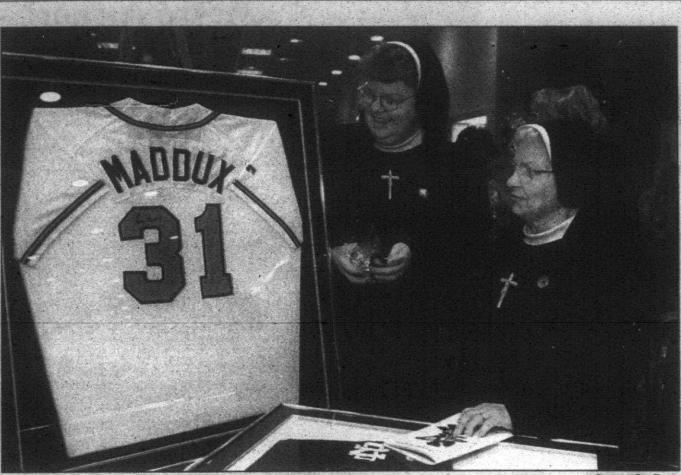




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Fresh treats: Rosemary Mintz of Westland, a hospice volunteer, samples a strawberry from Joe's Produce of Livonia.



Big names: Sister Mary Ann Smith, left, and Sister Angela Marie of Ladywood High School check out the jersey of Atlanta Braves' star pitcher Greg Maddux, one of many sports related auction items.

It was a dogfight.

Two bidders took their best shots to be Top Gun Sunday at the 12th Annual Light Up a Life benefit for Angela Hospice. One of the 25 items up for live auction was a

chance to be fighter pilot for a day. The winner would have a chance to fly a state of the art military aircraft after attending flight school and engage in an aerial dogfight using lasers.

One shot followed another until the final bidder cried out \$3,000. At the urging of auctioneer Dan Stall, the losing bidder decided he wanted to go flying at \$3,000 as well.

Angela Hospice in Livonia was the beneficiary of this and other spirited bidding wars at Jacobson's Laurel Park store. This year's event drew a crowd of 800 and raised \$130,000, up from last year's record \$100,000.

The proceeds will go toward supporting many Angela Hospice programs including their "My Nest is Best" pediatric program, home care and others. Top auction bids in addition to the fighter pilot contest were \$2,000 for a trip to Chicago to see the Oprah Winfrey Show, \$2,000 for a trip to New York to see "Law and Order" being shot, \$1,900 for a trip to Hilton Head and \$1,550 for an autographed Red Wing hockey stick.

In addition to the live auction and a silent auction, the evening also included gourmet food offerings from 28 area restaurants and food companies.

Attendees were able to shop at Jacobson's and for every sales receipt \$100 and more, Jacobson's donated \$20 to Angela Hospice. Honorary chairs for this year's event are

David Brandon and wife Jan with Angela Hospice President Sister Mary Giovanni, Carolyn DiComo and Georgia Scappaticci, the benefit chairs.

The event was sponsored by the Jacobson's and the Italian American Club of Livonia. Media celebrities attended to give the evening a special festive air.

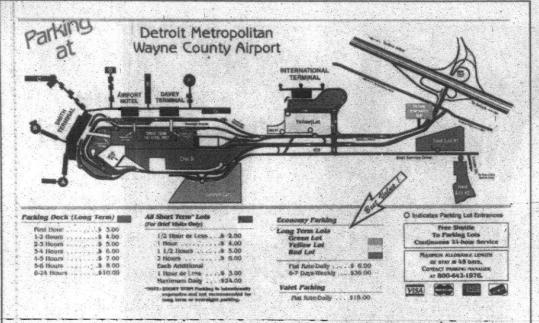




Raffle hopefuls: Monica Cahill, left, of Novi and Sue Slavin, of Novi, sign up for the dollar raffle with Giovanni Manzo and Mary Campagna.



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Parking places: Holiday travelers have approximately 12,000 parking places from which to choose at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, but they should allow themselves extra time as airport officials expect Wednesday and Sunday to be the busiest travel days this holiday season. For parking information, call (1-800) 642-1978.



Metro Airport says plan ahead for the busiest travel weekend

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Officials at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport are expecting 100,000 travelers to arrive at or depart from the airport this Thanksgiving weekend.

With that amount of traffic, along with relatives picking up or dropping off travelers Wednesday and Sunday, people should plan ahead and give themselves plenty of time.

Doing little things like filling out identification cards on lug gage at home before arriving a the airport can save time and is one less thing to worry about before leaving town, said Brian

Lassaline; airport spokesman. "If you are traveling on a domestic flight, you also should arrive at the airport at least two hours before your departure time, and if you fly an international flight, you should be here

leaves," Lassaline said.

the last 74 months when Detroit Metro set new records for pasup 9.3 percent over the first nine months of 1998.

Last year Detroit Metro serviced 31.6 million passengers. In 1998 Metro was ranked the sixth busiest North American airport, according to passenger traffic statistics.

The curbside space near the Davey Terminal has been tripled to allow for more vehicles for relatives and friends dropping off

"Commercial vehicles now park on the outer lane and pri- saline said. Jeweiry, money, vate vehicles can use the inner passports and cameras should be lane for dropoff and pickups, which will help family and friends for dropoffs and pickups of passengers," Lassaline said.

call their airline to confirm

three hours before the flight arrival and departure times. Travelers can call the airport's September marked the 69th of 24-hour parking hotline at (1-800) 642-1978. Detroit Metro houses about 12,000 parking senger volume. Airport traffic is spaces with 800 added in the red overflow lots.

Travelers also are assisted now with the message signs on Rogell Drive upon entering the airport. Next to the parking deck peo-

ple can wait in their cars for airplane passengers in a 40,000square-foot parking lot across from the Davey Terminal.

If travelers happen to be transporting holiday gifts, they hould not wrap them until they arrive at their destination, Laspacked in carry-on luggage, he added

All travelers over the age of 18 f passengers, Lassaline said. Lassaline advises people to all their airline to confirm ed.

Deputy prosecutor found dead in van

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS

Ray Walsh, deputy Wayne County prosecutor and Northville Township resident, was found dead in his van Tuesday morning. Northville Township police are treating the death as an apparent suicide. Northville Township police

locked in his van on the north end of the parking lot of Meijer, 20401 Haggerty Road, 12:54 a.m. **Fuesday** The body was turned over to the county medical examiner

found the 53-year-old man

death Police could offer no immediate explanation for the death of Walsh, who was the subject of

numerous stories in The Northville Record regarding his department's investigation into the political activities of a Northville Township resident. "There was no note or any evi-

dence indicating what led up to this," said Chip Snider, Northville Township public safety director

Snider said the cause of death has yet to be determined pending completion of the medical examiner's report. He said there was no blood in the van and investigators are focusing on possible suffocation.

Police say Walsh's family filed a missing person's report at 2:20 p.m. Monday. The family told police they had last seen Walsh early Saturday night. Police discovered Walsh in the back of the van behind two bucket seats Tuesday morning.

A subsequent review of Meijer security cameras showed Walsh's van entering the parking lot at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Snider said.

"The missing person informant gave information on the last known vehicle he was in and our officers were given a BOL," Snider said.

A BOL is a "be on the lookout" alert, Snider said, and includes detailed information on the vehicle. Snider said officers patrol the Meijer parking lot regularly, and when doing so early Tuesday found the van matching the description of the vehicle from the BOL.

After they opened the door with a "slim jim" prying device, Snider said Walsh was discovered dead in the back of the van.

Walsh lived in Northville Township and has a wife and two children. He worked for the prosecutor's office for about 25 years. Walsh was appointed deputy chief of the out-county prosecutor's office in Westland about five years ago. He was credited with starting the faxing of warrant requests and using video cameras for interrogating witnesses to support warrant

Chief Assistant Prosecutor George Ward called Walsh "a lems Walsh may have suffered. wonderful public servant, a very creative guy." "He was really such a hard

working prosecutor," Ward said. *If an out-county police department had a legal question for him, he just worked until he got them the answer."

Of his death: "This is just an immense personal tragedy for all Clem and Leanne Rogers con-tributed to this started

'This is just an immense personal tragedy for all of us.'

George Ward Chief assistant prosecutor

Carol May, also of the prosecutor's office, said: "He was a very respected member of the staff and his death is a great loss not only to his coworkers, but family as well."

May said Walsh was responsi who is investigating the cause of ble for bringing "innovative and creative" methods to his position "I'm sure he was under a lot of

pressure," said Dorothy Knox, chief investigator for John O'Hair, Wayne County chief prosecutor. "And I'm sure a lot of it came from (The Northville Record) office."

Walsh had been part of more than 20 articles in the Record concerning an investigation into local businessman Jim Nield, whose wife, Martha, is a Northville school district elected trustee. The investigation was started after Walsh filed a complaint against Nield and said his office had received a complaint that Nield was using school district property and labor for personal matters

Several governmental officials, including O'Hair, state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes (R-Livonia) later investigated Walsh but he was cleared in all probes, including the attorney general's investigation just last week.

"Everyone is shocked," May said. "I can't speak for everybody, but that's my guess."

Walsh and Prosecutor John O'Hair recently represented the prosecutor's office in receiving a resolution from Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard (D-Westland) citing prosecutors for their work in shutting down the adult-entertainment Melody Theater in Inkster. Garden City Police Chief David Harvey represented that city's police department, which was also recognized, along with Westland, Wayne and Inkster police departments

"Ray was very much on a crusade against child pornography and pornography in general." Harvey said

Garden City police take all of their felony warrant requests to the out-county prosecutor's office that was headed by Walsh.

"You could always turn to Ray for an answer. Whether I was a detective, a lieutenant or chief, he always would stop what he was doing to take the call," said Harvey. "He would research things and give us an answer."

Ward didn't have personal knowledge of any health prob-"I played golf with him in September. He played better this year than he did last year. talked to him Friday and he sounded fine to me."

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He was a member of Phi Delta

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ble Post 6695 in Plymouth. In

his retirement years he worked

the Korean Service Medal and

three Bronze Stars. He loved

MYRTLE K. HOUSMAN

Services for Myrtle K. Housman, 98, of Canton were held Nov. 19 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton, with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Ino Livonia.

Dearborn and died Nov. 16 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker who came to the Canton community in 1948 from Ypsilanti. She also lived in South Lyon and -Redford Township and was a member of the Senior Citizens in Canton Township. She loved cooking, sewing, and family gatherings. She liked to visit family and friends and enjoyed playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Matthew and Minnic (Bartel) Waldecker; her hus-hand Maynard J Housman one the Mayflower Hotel. He served band, Maynard J. Housman; one in the U.S. Army as a sergeant daughter, June Woolsey; and in the Korean War. He earned four brothers, Frank, Robert, John and Arthur Waldecker.

Survivors include her son-inlaw, Clark S. Woolsey of Canton; sister-in-law, Avis Waldecker of Plymouth; two grandchildren, Pamela McMichael of Westland and Carl Woolsey of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; one great granddaughter, Jessica McMichael of Arlene F. McLennan of Ply

Westland; and several nieces | mouth; two daughters, Mary (Mark) McGraw of Dearborn Heights, Amy (Douglas) Fraleigh Memorials may be made to St Michael Lutheran Church. of Ann Arbor: one son. James McLennan III of Waterford; and Local arrangements were one granddaughter, Sanna made by the Schrader-Howell

Fraleigh of Ann Arbor. Memorials may be made to Individualized Hospice, 3003 A memorial gathering for Washtenaw, Suite #2, Ann James H. McLennan, Jr., 69, of Arbor, MI 48104. Plymouth was held Nov. 23 at

Local arrangements weremade by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. FREDERICK W. GALLINAT

Services for Frederick W. Gallinat, 89, of Canton were held Nov. 23 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livonia with the Rev. William Lindholm officiating. Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery

He was born Oct. 18, 1910. He died Nov. 18 in Canton. He was a jewelry store owner.

Survivors include his two laughters, Barbara (Wright) Hollingsworth, Patricia (James) Bevak; three grandchildren; and

wo great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church or

Arbor Hospice. Local arrangements were nade by Neely-Turowski Funer-

said. "It's not theory." First things first, however. H nust win the election.

Bennett realizes that he has pened himself up to criticism for announcing his bid so early. But he maintains vigorously that the race won't take away that happen.' from his duties in the senate.

Bennett from page A1

"It's something I go from morning to night seven days a week," Bennett said. "I'm always up on the issues."

He points out that he has a 100 percent attendance and voting record in the senate. Bennett says he'd be shooting himself in the foot if he slacked now in to run a winning campaign also Lansing.

"If my performance slips for any reason," he said, "it will be a negative for my campaign. It would be crazy to let that happen." Bennett thinks he won't be the

Save sentiment for your family

last politician to announce a bid

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'If my (Senate) performance slips for any reason it will be a negative for my campaign. It would be crazy to let

-Sen. Loren Bennett

for a different seat early. Term limits make it necessary, he said.

The amount of money needed predicate an early start.

Miller spent about \$270,000 to take the secretary of state job in 1994. She spent \$870,000 just four years later. Bennett estimates \$1 million is needed for

"I'm confident I can raise that Kidney foundation seeks 4-wheel donations

If you car is a turkey, Thanks- Program. The money raised will something more valuable than a research, patient services, organ over - a tax deduction. donation and public education. The donation procedure is a lot

None

YEAR 2000 REPORT

provision of emergency preparedness and Y2K compliance

Absent:

ITEM 1:

giving just may be the time to help support programs in sink full of dishes when it's

For more information, call the simpler than cooking a meal for foundation at 800-488-CARS

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 16, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on November 23.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor Publish: November 25, 199

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 16, 1999

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

Canton was held Tuesday, November 16,1999 at 1150 South Canton Cente Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

A review by the Departments of Public Safety/Police and Fire, Resource

Development and Administrative Services was presented to the Board indicating that due diligence has been made during the past year for the

McLaughlin Shefferly, Yack; Members

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Com the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on th ollowing proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

GOFF/JOHNSON FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS. 130 99 0003 000, 130 99 0004 000, AND 130 99 000 000. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue.

CANTON TOWNSHIP INTIATED FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT - CONSIDER AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS/ACRE) FOR THE SOUTH 660 FEET OF MEADOW VILLAGE ON #2 AND FROM LIGHT INDUSTRI. UM-HIG DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NOS 129 99 0009 000, 131 99 0001 000, 131 99 0002 000, 131 99 0003 000, 131 95 0004 000, 131 99 0005 000, 131 99 0006 000, 131 99 0007 000, 131 99 0010 000, 131 99 0011 000, 131 99 0012 000, 131 99 0013 000, 131 99 0014 000. AND 131 99 0015 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road. A

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This hearing is rescheduled from September 13, 1999 ents addressed to the Planning Commission should be Written com received at the above address prior to Thursday, December 2, 1999 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman Publish: November 4 and 25, 1999

dinner and donate your used car to the National Kidney Foundaal Home, Livonia. tion of Michigan's Kidney Cars 25 and you might actually get (2277). CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

Publish: November 25, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS **NOVEMBER 17, 1999**

A special joint meeting of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth was held Wednesday, November 17, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Canton Township Supervisor and Chairman of WTUA Board

f Commissioners Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. ROLL CALL: Canton Board of Trustees Present: Bennett, Burdiziak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack; Canton Board of Trustees Absent: Kirkgatter; Canton Staff Members Present: Machnk; Also Present: Johnson, Canton Planning Commission; Members of WTUA Board of Commissioners, Northville Township Board of Trustees, Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees, YCUA Board of ioners, WTUA staff, YCUA staff, members of the public.

ITEM I YOUA EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY Following introductions, opening comments were made by Supervisor/Chairman Yack, WTUA Operations Mgr Faas, and YCUA Director Thomas. A presentation by Joh Kang, McNamee, Porter and Seeley, Consulting Engineers for YCUA, was made outlining the content and findings of the feasibility study to expand the existing 29 mgd YCUA wastewater treatment plant. Following the presentation, a brief questions and answer period was held. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

TERRY G BENNETT Clerk

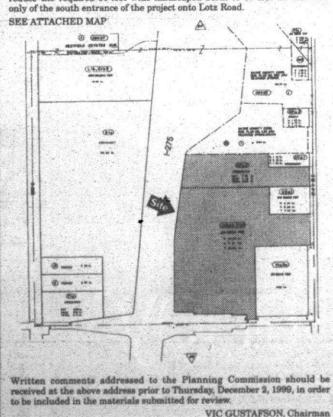
The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 17, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the regular meeting of the Board on December 14, 1999. THOMAS J. YACK. Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk ublish: Nevenber 25, 1999

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE CONDOMINIUM NO. 138 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Condominium Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. to consider the request by the petitioner to permit the following proposed variance to the Condominium Ordinance for the project known as DEER CREEK SITE CONDOMINIUMS located on the west side of Lotz Road north of Palmer Road.

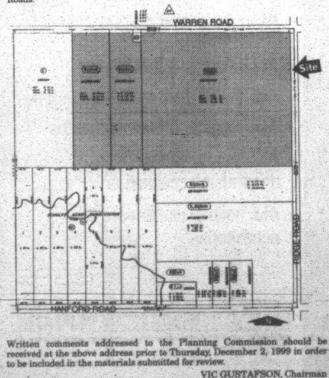
The petitioner has requested a variance pursuant to Article 4, Design Standards, Section 4.1A1, Street and Alleys, Access to Major Streets, to reduce the required 50-foot wide landscaped berm to 30 feet for one side

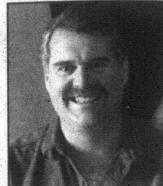


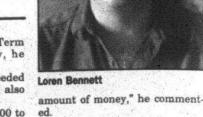
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE

NOTICE IS INERCEDI OFVER pursuant to Act 104 of the Florid Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:







the 2002 campaign.

He'd like December's fundraiser to be a rarity, though.

"I prefer to meet people oneon-one," Bennett said. "My game plan is to get out and meet a lot of people."





CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of th Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

SCHULER HYDROFORMING SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR HEADQUARTERS, PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT AND LIGHT MANUFACTURING IN THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.1 AND 6.08D.7 FOR PART OF PARCEL NOS. 003 99 0008 714 AND 046 99 0002 001. Property is located on the west side of Commerce Boulevard between Koppernick and Warren

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, December 2, 1999, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review. SEE ATTACHED MAP



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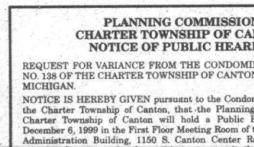
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COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

CALVARY BAPTIST/SINGH REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 025 99 0001 002 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R.1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (1 D.U/ACRE) AND PARCEL NOS 025 99 0001 0004 AND 025 99 0001 005 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO RE, RURAL ESTATE (1 D.U/2)

ACRES). Property is located on the southwest corner of Warren and Ridge Roads.

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



Police launch campaign to ensure kids are buckled up

children are buckled up at rates substantially below that of readying to take action by strictly enforcing child safety belt aws.

More than 400 Michigan law enforcement agencies are joining Monday through the Thanksgiving weekend, police departments, county sheriffs and Michigan State Police will patrol city streets, county roads and who neglect to buckle up chil-

dren. According to the National Air Bag and Safety Belt Campaign, Michigan has among the highest number of participating police agencies in the nation.

A just-released Michigan survey reveals that "forgotten chil-

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 18 time, according to the University they were buckled up. /PRNewswire/ - Armed with of Michigan Transportation new information that Michigan Research Institute (UMTRI). This special survey, conducted earlier this year, examined safeadults, hundreds of Michigan ty belt use for children ages 0 to law enforcement agencies are 15. Researchers found that overall restraint use for this group is 66 percent (59 percent for Wayne County) and 93 percent for children ages 0 to four

Each year, UMTRI conducts a the national effort, Operation survey for the state to determine at all ages." ABC Mobilization: America safety belt use by front seat vehi-Buckles Up Children. Starting cle occupants. Belt use for this group, mainly adults, is about 70 percent, the 1998 study found.

"It's appalling that adults are not taking this responsibility seriously," said Col. Michael D. expressways looking for adults Robinson, director of the Michigan Department of State Police. We can do something about this

by taking aggressive enforcement action. Traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for children of all races. Nationally, nearly six out of 10 children who die in crashes are unbuckled. Of dren," ages 4 through 15, are those, nearly half would be alive

"This kind of law enforcement

participation and support is ages 1 to 4 must be in a child and rear seating positions. nearly unprecedented," Colonel Robinson said. "There is overwhelming support to protect our state's children by seeing to it in the back seat. Passengers up that they're buckled up. These children are being forgotten after they grow out of their toddler seats. Parents need to be aware that safety restraints are needed

The UMTRI study also found that child safety restraint use is closely related to driver belt use with child restraint use at more than 81 percent when the driver is buckled and only 33 percent when the driver is unbuckled.

"It's a parent's responsibility to see to it that they do everything within their power to keep them safe," said Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus. According to Posthumus, seat belts and safety seats do just that. "They provide important protection if there is ever a crash," Posthumus added.

Current Michigan law requires buckled up only 58 percent of the today if an adult had made sure children up to age one to be in a

The hill will be on the House cal-

Bennett's bill won approval in endar when it returns to session

the Senate in the spring. It was Nov. 30, but Bennett believes

reported from the Criminal Law "high priorities" will keep it from

and Corrections Committee in being taken up until the start of

safety seat in the front seat. That same age group must be in safety belt in the front or back seat.

Beginning Spring 2000, Michigan's standard safety belt law Ottawa, Ingham, Kalamazoo, will take effect. Children up to Saginaw, Bay, Barry, Berrien,

back seat of a vehicle. Children in a child safety seat in the front

In addition, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning is funding special overtime enforcement to further support to age 16 must be wearing a the program in the state's 15 highest crash counties. These counties are: Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Genesee,

child safety seat in the front or age four will be required to ride Eaton, Mason and Newaygo. Michigan began building statewide support for the ABC campaign in May 1999, when more than 300 law enforcement agencies took part in a national Memorial Day mobilization to buckle up children. The next enforcement wave will take place Feb. 13-19, 2000, in conjunction with National Child Passenger Safety Week.

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Bennett bill would bar students who riot from campus for 2 years

cover the cost of damage done.

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Rioting on campus at a university in Michigan will get you the House earlier this month. the new year. barred from college all across the state for as much as two years. under a bill proposed by state

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. The bill is a response to disturbances at Michigan universities, most recently Michigan State. But Bennett's legislative aide Bill Sullivan said there have also been incidents at the University of Michigan, Central Michigan and Western in recent years. The MSU disturbances "just brought it to a head" for the senator, Sullivan explained.

Under Senate Bill 525, students convicted of a misdemeanor related to a riot within 2,500 feet of a college campus can be barred from college property for up to a year, at the discretion of the judge. For those convicted of a riot-related felony, a judge could order them to stay away from college property for up to two years.

And the bill applies to all campuses in Michigan. Students from Western were recorded at the MSU disturbance saying they thought "it was great" being able to participate in the disturbance at MSU without getting in trouble at their own school, Sul-

livan explained. For anyone caught participating in a campus riot who is not a student, the bill also allows a judge to order restitution to

Rep. Rivers holds coffees in December

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will conduct "coffee hours" in Canton and Livonia over the next several weeks.

Rivers will visit with constituents at Tim Horton's, 41276 Ford Road, in Canton, 8:30-10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, and again during the same hours on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Silverman's Restaurant, 36480 Plymouth, in Livonia.

All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss concerns with her.

Rivers also will hold a town hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at South Middle School, 45201 Owen, in Belleville. Constituents are encouraged to attend and discuss

concerns they have about the federal government. For directions or further information, call Deborah Johnson in

Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1999

Superintendent Decision requires great care

the second round of interviews is under way to fill the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent's job and we like what we're hearing - both in terms of questions asked by the board and responses from the finalists. The district, its students, staff, residents and all three candidates



Outgoing: Interim Superintendent Ken Walcott has said he won't stay long after his contract expires in January.

trustees to keep an open mind about the search and its parameters - even if that means starting over again and/or finding a new interim superintendent after Ken Walcott's contract expires in January.

School board members interviewed William Weber, currently an assistant superintendent in South Redford, last week. This week's scheduled interview is with Phyllis Wilson, deputy superintendent in Columbus, Ohio; and next week trustees will meet with Kath-

leen Booher, current Berkley superintendent. Trustees hope to begin negotiations with a too candidate next month and name a superintendent by Jan. 1.

The superintendent's job is too important to fill on a stop-gap basis, or with anyone less than an ideally qualified candidate who is a good fit for Plymouth-Canton. The superintendent's job obviously calls for a top educator and administrator. But we also believe Plymouth-Canton is at a crucial juncture, requiring someone with long-term vision about educational needs in the next century and the fortitude to make those changes. This is not intended as a slight to the three

finalists. But some board members expressed disappointment following the first round of interviews earlier this month. And others have questioned whether the plan to fill the job in the middle of a school year hurt the overall quality of the applicant field.

Walcott has stated his preference is to leave at the conclusion of his contract, which effectively turns up the pressure on the board to finish the search process in a timely manner. Finding a second, qualified interim leader at this late date wouldn't be easy.

And we're sure teachers and other employees would like a done deal. It's always easier to get the job done when there's stability in top management

The Observer believes it would, indeed, be rough working with an interim superintendent for the remainder of the school year. But that's a far better scenario than hiring the wrong person for the permanent job.

Thanksgiving: Tolerance reins

Every year on the fourth Thursday of November we sit down to a feast with our families to give thanks for all that we have and for bringing us through yet another year.

We do this in commemoration of a hearty band of English subjects who came to this country on a small sailing ship they called The Mayflower. About half of those who left Plymouth, England, were religious non-conformists who had previously escaped to Holland; the others were people just anxious to leave their old lives behind.

Before disembarking, these two often-contentious groups came together to sign The Mayflower Compact. This document gave validity to the group, which was about to settle in an area north of the official Virginia

As the group settled, they established a more detailed organizational charter, a prepeace with the Indian Massasoit, outlining a just relationship between the two peoples whose ways were alien to each other. Of course, we know that relations between white settlers and Indians did not remain hospitable. We know that the Pilgrims and their

cursor of our Constitution. They also made

followers would create an atmosphere of intolerance that others would rise to protest. But for one brief moment, probably sometime in late October 1621 the white settlers from England who had survived the terrible previous winter and their new-found Indian friends would come together to share athletic games, a harvest feast and the strange friendship of people at the end of the earth.

It is that glorious moment of tolerance, sharing and humble supplication that we honor and hope to recreate in our own lives.

May your Thanksgiving be in that spirit.

Keep teen drivers accountable

State Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Hills) has the right idea. Simply stated: No school ... no wheels. It's just that simple, boys and girls - and parents, too. Michigan's teenagers attend classes on a regular basis, or they just don't drive.

So says Peters, who recently introduced legislation that would give school officials new ways to enforce attendance requirements. A key part of the package, Senate Bill 759, would allow a court to delay issuance of a driver's license, or suspend an existing license, for a student who is not regularly attending school.

Peters' package, Senate Bills 758-761, would also

Require parents to be notified if a student is absent without an excuse twice in 30 days. Require an "agreement for attendance" if a student is absent without an excuse five

times in a month, and allow court intervention if a child is absent seven times in a month. Increase penalties for parents who fail to send their children to school. Sentences for

parents could include fines from \$50 to \$500, or jail terms from two to 90 days. While we can't endorse the entire package

without additional information, we think the basic idea of linking a driver's license to attendance in school has merit, and we hope the Legislature takes favorable action.

What a wonderful attention-getter for chronic truants - youngsters who have yet to learn the importance of an education - and also for parents who won's make their kids go to school!

Finally obtaining that driver's license is a

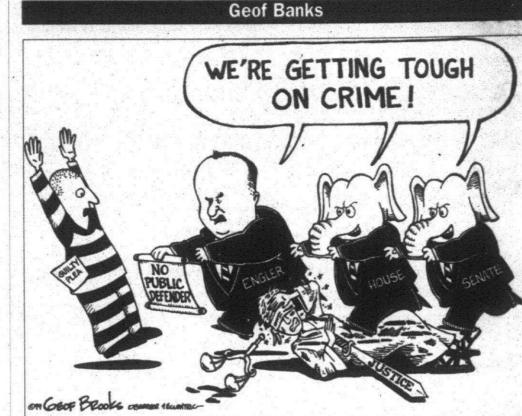
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huge event in the lives of most American teenagers. If there's a more important "right of passage" for a young person, we've not noticed it. And parents, who have come to depend on just-licensed Johnny or Janey to run those family errands in the family van. would be most unhappy at the prospect of losing their designated drivers.

Peters told reporter Mike Malott of our HomeTown News Service that the package is a way to intervene early in the lives of youngsters headed for trouble. Truancy is often an early sign a youth is on the way to delinquency, the senator said. Seen by many as a "status crime," truancy often is not taken seriously. Some school districts punish truants by suspending the offending students from classes. That makes no sense at all.

It would be up to the Family Court and Protective Services to determine which parents are making the effort and which should be subjected to the sanctions.

However the details finally are worked out, it appears that Sen. Peters has come up with a good strategy to cope with a problem that affects school districts across the state. We pe the idea eventually gets a chance.



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Tedd Schneider, Canton Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Tedd at (734) 459-4224 or emailed to tschneider@oe.homecomm.net

Invites violence

With national and local media focusing on issues of teen violence in schools, I am pleased to see that the Plymouth-Canton Teacher's Association is supporting the educators responsible for the recent "Gay Displays" in two local schools.

According to the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, our nation's safest schools provide a welcoming climate, which promotes the success and development of all children. Violence is linked to intolerance, as evidenced in the Columbine shootings and the death of Matthew Shepard.

We know that homosexuals attend our schools, go to college, and get jobs in our community. Diversity in race, religion, age, and sexual preference exists regardless of public opinion; history shows us that it always has. Federal laws exist to protect us all from discrimination on these grounds. Tolerance is required.

Perhaps it should not be necessary to display famous homosexuals on bulletin boards to prove that we are tolerant of diversity. However, when we demand their removal, we sanction intolerance. We are teaching our children that some people are not welcome in school, and we invite violence.

In order to emphasize the dangers of intolerance to our children and promote tolerance through education, I move that we celebrate "International Day for Tolerance" on Nov. 16 as proclaimed by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. Let's even allow a few bulletin boards on the

> **Barbara Wells** Plymouth

Homosexuality is immoral

Gentine that appeared in the Observer of Nov.

I have little to add to his sentiments except that I would note that voices urging us to "tolerate" and "accept" homosexuality are not new. They were present and in the majority when parts of the Pentateuch were written.

They were wrong then and they are wrong Others who urged the acceptance and encouraged the practice of homosexuality

were having their say in the first century A.D. (year of Our Lord), when Paul wrote his epistle to the Romans (see Chapter 1). To those whose knowledge of the history of

moral sensibilities goes back no further than the '60s, I would say that there is an objective morality attached to all actions involving sexual expression, and the direction that morality must take can be determined by taking cursory note of the construction of the male and female anatomy

One can deny the existence of the Creator who set all this in place just as one can "deny" the presence of malignancy in the body - for a time. But eventually, there will be a price to pay. Our society will pay for its immorality in

> Margaret Waldecker Cantor

Tolerate too much

May I please express my admiration and support of Ken Walcott, Plymouth-Canton superintendent, who ordered the dismantling of displays "celebrating" Gay and Lesbian History Month. It's time we stopped celebrating deviancy.

me on the Plymouth-Canton Education Association's grievance committee for caving in to special interests of this small whiny privileged minority and lacking the fortitude to withstand the pressure of political correct-

And, shame on Joan Gustafson, co-chairman of the teachers' union grievance committee, who was quoted as saying "the district is in violation of academic freedom," and that "teachers are free to teach areas considered controversial. Sometimes, we tolerate far too much. It's time for a little temperance.

The school house and classroom are no places for this ideological and political claptrap, or an arena for its inculcation. It's for academics, pure and simple. So, get back to work!

> Marilyn B. O'Brien Troy



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Wow I wish I myself had written the princi-pled, ever-so-pertinent letter by Scott

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POINTS OF VIEW

Pathetic sewer meeting a true waste of time

y father always used to tell me that there was a right and wrong way of doing things. If you're not going to do it the right way, he would say, don't bother.

If you happened to have the misfortune of attending the Nov. 17 meeting between the townships of Canton. Plymouth and Northville and Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority officials, you saw a perfect illustration of the wrong way of doing things. Not that I'm faulting any of the township representatives. A good portion of each community's board held at Canton's administration building. They appeared genuinely interested in hearing what YCUA had

That was a mistake. For their trouble, board members were treated to a patronizing and pathetic presentation. Having taught elementary school, I can tell you directly I've seen better reports from

The authority made a feeble

attempt at manipulating numbers. It was an effort to convince the boards they should help pay for an expansion of the Ypsi-SCOTT DANIEL lanti waste-

water treat ment plant instead of building their

It was insulting. Anyone with even showed up for the meeting, which was a rudimentary understanding of the situation had to bite their lip, as one Plymouth Township official did, to

> keep from bursting out with laughter. Perhaps a bit of background might help explain why.

In 1974, YCUA was formed. It serves the city of Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township. The two municipalities comprise the authority's board. Superior, Pittsfield, Augusta and Sumpter townships are YCUA customers. So, too, are Canton, Plymouth

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and Northville, which form the Western Townships Utilities Authority. Each town receives water and/or wastewater service from Ypsilanti. WTUA began shipping wastewater to

the authority in the early 1990s. The Ypsilanti plant has a current capacity of treating 29 million gallons of wastewater per day. It's nearly at capacity now with WTUA sending about 9 million gallons every day

The question is, is it more costeffective for the townships to help expand YCUA's facilities or construct their own plant?

Further clouding the issue is the idea of representation.

YCUA has steadfastly refused to give the townships a voice on its board. That means WTUA has no control over what its residents are billed for wastewater services.

Understandably, WTUA's board, which is composed of each community's supervisor, voted to build its own plant in September. The move was designed to end the authority's relationships with YCUA and Detroit.

It's a \$130 million proposition, however. That being the case, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathlee Keen McCarthy asked for a last-ditch negotiation effort between WTUA and osilanti officials.

Talks have been ongoing for more than a month. A final bargaining session was held Friday.

WTUA Operations Manager Tim Faas said after the Nov. 17 meeting that he always tries to see the glass as being half-full when it comes to negotiations. Frankly, it's a courtesy Faas doesn't owe YCUA.

Ypsilanti Engineer Joe Kang made the presentation to the townships. He explained how expanding YCUA in two phases would "save" the townships big money.

If a 16-million-gallon-per-day facility were built by 2004, Kang said WTUA would save nearly \$50 million in capital costs. He failed to mention a few things.

First, the townships are planning to build a 29-million-gallon-per-day

facility. While it's true WTUA would

save in the short term, it would pay more money later to help Ypsilanti expand a second time. There's no savings.

In fact, it's likely that building a plant big enough to handle all of the townships' future needs now will be cheaper over the long haul. We know what the cost is in today's dollars. Higher interest rates, labor costs, etc... will mean more out-of-pocket

On Monday, Faas will recommend to WTUA's board on which direction it should go.

I, for one, think the choice is painfully obvious. If you want to con-

tinue to get treated like children. stick with YCUA. If you want to control your own destiny, provide better and more cost-effective service to residents, build your own plant.

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Turning the holiday table: She who gobbles last gobbles best

sweet...and succulent.

I'm talking about one nasty, fowlmouthed, beady-eyed, overweight old hen who persistently pursued me at Roperti's Turkey Farm in Livonia the

OK, so I entered the turkey quarters uninvited (by the turkeys), but reporters go to a lot of places uninvited. I didn't mean to ruffle any feathers. I had a job to do. My editor wanted a Thanksgiving story.

I'm convinced that savage bird pegged me for a good pecking as soon as I closed the gate behind me. She emerged from a sea of white feathers and headed my way, head bobbing and knee-level gaze never wavering.

"Isn't she cute ... ooohhh, birdie, birdie ... don't get so close ... nice turkey, go away...no, don't...no!" Peck, peck, peck. "It's your buttons," said Christine

surrounded by a flock of turkey

groupies. Black Dot stood transfixed

RENEE SKOGLUND

in front of me.

Roperti, foster mother to Black Dot and her 4,500 siblings. I looked down my dress. Twelve

shiny brown buttons, from neck to mid-calve. Holy white meat. I was turkey feed. I took several steps back-

wards. Black Dot followed. Peck, peck, peck. I wasn't going to give up my but-

tons without a fight. THWACK! I broadsided the bird with my notebook, knocking her a couple of feet across the yard. She regained her drumsticks in no time.

Peck, peck, peck. THWACK! THWACK! THWACK! This time, Black Dot budged less than a foot. I was going to lose the great Button Battle. I ran to the other side of the yard, parting those BroadBreasted White Wilfords like Moses parting the Red Sea. Ah, safe,

Peck, peck, peck.

I know. By now you're expecting me to roll out the credits to Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds." (Was that Tippi Hedren or Tipper Gore?) But this scenario was "The Birds" on steroids. This was "The Turkeys."

By the time Christine came to my rescue, I had decided my editor would have a bird-less Thanksgiving edition. No story was worth being stripped of my buttons.

However, once safely outside the turkey yard, I changed my mind. "I'd like to see your slaughter

house," I told Christine. "You would?"

"Why?"

"Yup."

She needed to ask? I looked over my shoulder and gave Black Dot and all the other \$2.39-a-pound gobblers the cranberries

"Christine, I'd like to order one of your birds this year," I said, following her into the turkeys' death chamber. "Do you take special requests?"

Heh, heh, heh..., revenge indeed is sweet. Remember, Thanksgiving is at my house this year. Four o'clock. Black Dot and all the trimmings.

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State's economy a bright spot

Rothwell, The Michigan Economic D opment Corporation has just issued a provocative report, "Strategic Directions for Michigan's Future.

Among other things, the report argues that Michigan's economy needs to go way beyond automotive metal bending. It identifies three areas where Michigan has a real competitive advantage against other states:

Advanced manufacturing, which means highly flexible, short run, nearly customized manufacturing capability, an extension of our existing base in regular manufacturing.

Information technology. Headquarters for Internet 2, the effort to produce the next version of the Internet, is in Ann Arbor. Everybody knows how fast the Internet is changing the entire world, and it only makes sense for Michi-

gan to take fullest advantage of the IT capability now emerging right here. An enormous chunk of The sciences research is now going on in our universities where, for example, the University of Michigan leads the nation in sponsored research, much of which is in things medical and biological. State government has pledged to plow \$50 million per year into life sciences initiatives now emerging at U-M, MSU and at the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids. The potential here is awesome. What MEDC wants to do is get people focusing on how best to get there. The report recognizes, for example, that the skills and intelligence of our work force are vital. But the perception of many of Michigan's brightest young people is that there are "hotter economies to

work in and cooler places to be." The report suggests some good ideas such as tax reductions and tuition support for college and technical school students and promotion of careers in technology at high schools. Using money from the tobacco lawsuit settlement, Gov. Engler has funded college scholarships at Michigan schools for kids who score well on every section of the 11th-grade MEAP test. This alone should encourage many bright kids to stay home for college and, hopefully, thereafter. One idea, not mentioned in the MEDC report, has been kicking around for years: Establish a Michigan Math and Science Academy, where the brightest kids in the state would go to get really serious math and science training from the best teachers in the state. It could start as a summer program modeled on the music curriculum of Interlochen, but there's no reason it could not be year-round and residential. Certainly a state that proposes to spend billions on prisons could afford to spend a few millions on an insti-

tution that might keep our science and math

whizzes here in Michigan.

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Another area highlighted by the report is infrastructure. This begins with adequate roads and effective airports and ends with high bandwidth fiber optic connections into every home and business. Around a third of the Michigan business leaders surveyed in the MEDC report consider Michigan "in the dark ages" when it omes to technology.

A couple of years ago, I served as a member of the Michigan Information Technology Commission. Supported by a generous grant from the Kellogg Foundation, the Commission chewed on how best Michigan could become a world leader in IT.

One of the ideas that came out of our discussions was to create the equivalent of the Baldridge Award - a rigorous and much soughtafter award given to companies that absolutely excel in their sector - for local communities that get their information technology infrastructure in order. Towns that, for instance, require developers to put fiber optic connections in all new omes and offered incentives for phone and cable companies to retrofit existing structures with fiber could be certified as "technologically friendly."

We reasoned that once folks understood what such a designation could do for local jobs and economic development, natural competition between communities could spur improvements in infrastructure through the entire state without having to rely on the heavy hand of governnent regulation.

Reading the MEDC report is encouraging. It suggests the time has passed for hand-wringing about the state of our economy, and it provides focus for what needs to be done to grow a diversified and healthy economy into the coming millennium.

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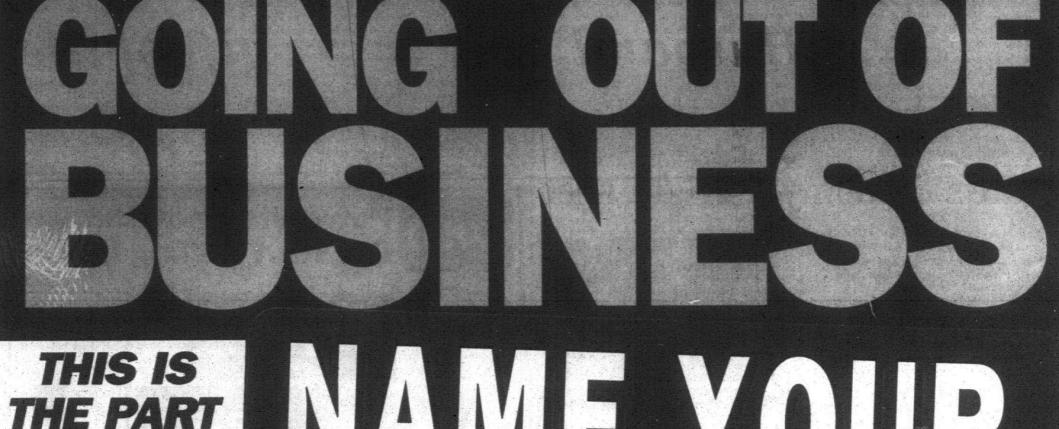
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JACK GLADDEN

Have 'berry' good dinner

orty years ago this month – on Nov. 9, 1959 – Arthur Fleming, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, made an ominous announcement: A shipment of cranberries from Oregon had been found by FDA investigators to be contaminated with aminotriazole, a weed killer that had been approved for use in cranberry bogs, but only after the harvest.

He said other berries from Oregon and Washington "might be" contaminated. And, while he said that berries from Massachusetts, Wisconsin and New Jersey showed no evidence of contamination, he was asked by a reporter if a housewife could be sure the cranberries she was buying were safe

Fleming's response: "To be on the safe side, she doesn't buy."

The announcement and Fleming's offhand remark set off a national panic that later came to be known as "The Great Cranberry Scare of 1959." In Chicago and San Francisco - and in the entire state of Ohio - cranberry sales were banned. Other states -Kentucky, Michigan and Washington

called for voluntary suspensions. Stores pulled cranberry products off the shelves, restaurants took cranberry dishes off the menus and schools dumped anything containing cranberries

Agreed to help

Cranberry producers agreed to help the government look for contaminated berries, but, facing potential losses of millions of dollars in cranberry sales, they demanded an apology from Fleming.

As far as aminotriazole was concerned, it had been tested on laboratory rats and, indeed, shown to produce cancer in the rodents. But, according to the American Council on Science and Health, the risk to humans, if there ever was one, was infinitesimal at best. The lab rats were given a dosage that would have been equivalent to a human consuming 15,000 POUNDS of berries every day for several years.

Other government officials, worried that the scare was getting out of hand, tried to smooth things out a bit. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft ed that ing cranberries for Thanksgiving. And presidential candidates Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy consumed cranberry sauce and cranberry juice at campaign stops. Even Fleming announced that he was having cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving dinner. By the time Thanksgiving actually arrived, canned cranberry sauce was back on supermarket shelves, with labels telling buyers that the fruit had been inspected and was safe. But the damage had been done and millions of nervous Americans had cranberryless Thanksgiving dinners.

Something to be thankful for



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

In sickness and in health: This Thanksgiving Day John and Stacey Blackport of Canton Township have plenty to be thankful for. For John, it's the gift of life his wife gave him. For Stacey, it's being a match so she could give her husband one of her kidneys.

Husband, wife share gift of life

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

tacey Blackport came up with the best anniversary gift ever - a kidney that saved her husband's life.

On Oct. 20 they both underwent surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to transplant Stacey's kidney to John's body. They were married Dec. 5, 1998.

"From the beginning she thought she would be a match," John said. "She saved my life."

It turned out that her hunch was right despite what statisticians would have predicted. Since they aren't blood relatives the chances that she would be a compatible donor are rare, however, medical advances are making it more and more common for people who aren't related to donate kidneys, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Stacey, 30, returned to their Canton Township apartment two days after the operation and John, 36, joined her one day later.

John, who has a small incision where the doctors dropped in Stacey's kidney, is recovering much quicker than his wife. Stacey has a 9-inch scar reaching from her front to her back.

"She's having trouble getting up and down and I'm here bopping around," John said.

kidney, John remained on two kidney transplant waiting lists - one at the U-M Hospital and another at the University of Wisconsin Hospital.

"No one in these two states could help me, whether they were dead or living," Blackport said. "Stacey did something that no one in the world could do for me."

John's medical problems began when he was 12 and was diagnosed with diabetes. His regimen included daily insulin shots and a restricted diet, but over the years, the stress of the disease weakened his kidneys

Finally, in February 1994 his name was chosen to receive a kidney and pancreas from someone who had died. His organs weren't removed during either transplant.

"It's like a lottery and you wait for your name to be picked," John said.

If his stomach seems to protrude a bit, it's not from eating too much fast food or drinking beer, he said, but because he has three extra organs. He has four kidneys and two pancreas' Most people have two kidneys and one pancreas.

Meanwhile the operation forever changed his life, because the new pancreas worked properly and that meant he was no longer diabetic.

"That was a blessing," John said.

But, the operation wasn't all good news. His new

tations. He also ingested piles of pills everyday.

"It's hard to watch your diet all the time and take all the pills, including 16 for breakfast, when I didn't even feel like a piece of toast," John said.

Suitable match

The Blackports learned Stacey was a suitable match about two years ago, but the operation was delayed, because she had high blood pressure and he had an infection from his dialysis treatments.

His new kidney has given him another chance at a healthy life, except for a recuperation period. When the Blackports returned from the hospital, they were told not to drive for two weeks and not to lift anything heavier than a telephone for six weeks

Their ordeal has been lightened by friends at the Church of the Savior in Livonia, the church Stacey has attended since her childhood.

Families there took turns bringing dinners, gro cery shopping, doing laundry and house cleaning, taking them to doctor visits, running other errands and even providing financial aid.

"John and Stacey are a wonderful couple," said the Rev. Tom Daubenspeck, Church of the Savior pastor.

Likewise, the couple are bowled over by the

Back to normal, but ...

By the next year people had forgotten about contaminated cranberries and Thanksgiving dinners were back to normal. But the cranberry panic was just the beginning. It was the first of the modern food "scares."

Dr. Elizabeth Whelan, president of the American Council on Science and Health, summed it up:

"The cranberry scare of 1959 set the stage for decades of unfounded anxiety about trace levels of agricultural chemicals and additives in food. Many other food scares based solely on highdose animal studies would follow, involving nitrite in bacon, the artificial sweetener saccharin, and most notably, the chemical Alar, which was used in regulating the growth of

So if you have bacon and eggs for breakfast, then a Thanksgiving dinner including apple pie, cranberry sauce and coffee sweetened with saccharin, don't pig out (moderation is always best), but don't panic either. It's all perfectly safe (unless you're a laboratory rat).

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for The Observer Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

Laughing and then pausing, Stacey added: "Now you look healthy and I don't."

"I'm waiting on her hand and foot for a change, John said. "I can't do enough for her now. It's great. I love her so much that it's fun."

A 4-year wait

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kidney began to fail two years later and his body began to weaken.

"The kidney was rejected, but the transplant was a blessing, because it worked for nearly two vears," he added.

John was on dialysis for four years, which meant his diet was highly restricted again, with no dairy For nearly four years before he received Stacey's products or dark pops to name a couple of the limi-

"I think (the organ donation has) done some things at several levels," Daubenspeck said. "It's brought John and Stacey closer in a short period of time than most couples ever are. In terms of their own faith, it's been a great experience putting their trust in God and seeing God at work in their

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Letter-writing 'elf' handles Santa mail

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER @oe.homecomm.net

Kristy Even tells her children she's one of Santa's elves, but her children -Micaela, 5, and Connor, 2 - don't believe her. When she dressed the part for a craft show last year, they thought she was silly.

But they do help her stuff envelopes with very special letters and magic keys and snowflakes for other boys and girls around the country. Even is a member of the Professional Association of Santa's Elves.

"I've been doing it four years, and each year it's grown," said the Garden City resident. "I started doing it for the kids and my nephews and nieces for their scrapbooks. And when I went through AOL looking for a home-based business, I found PASE."

Founded in 1997, PASE ensures that its members have the resources necessary to write quality letters for Santa. PASE letter-writing elves "are dedicated to putting a smile on the face of a child and also offer Santa's encourage ment in areas that need improvement." For \$5, Even writes a personalized

letter from Santa Claus to a child, an adult, even a family pet. She has written letters encouraging a 3-year-old to go to bed on his own or another to become potty trained and letting a boy know his girlfriend knew he had cheated on her. For that, he received a naughty letter with a bag of coal.

She has helped children who are dealing with divorce or the death of a grandparent ("those are not good letters to write") and sent some magic snowflakes to a child who lacked courage.

"I used the 'Wizard of Oz' idea and told him to put the magic snowflakes in his pocket," said Even. "His father wrote back to say that that little trick helped him keep his courage up.

"I sent one to my nephew who was 8 and at that age where they don't quite believe in Santa Claus. I included the names of his teacher and his friends. His mom said his mouth just dropped. He knew only Santa would know his teacher's name.

Getting the word out

Even uses fliers that she leaves on

Please see LETTERS, B2

Santa's helper: Kristy Even of Garden City has "a lot of fun" writing personalized letters to children on behalf of Santa Claus.



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bulletin boards at places like Meijers and Kroger, at several bowling alleys, including Novi Bowl and Drakeshire Lanes, and her Web site - http:// members. aol.com /Dkforce02 / BelvnSnt. htm - to get the word out about her personalized Santa letters.

The fliers include forms that provide the information she needs to write the letters. The forms also can be obtained through the Web site.

People also can call (734) 422-5280 and leave a fax number or address and she'll send out the form. The Santa letters are mailed after Dec. 1 and "after Santa is at the malls." The deadline for ordering is Dec. 10.

The first few years, the flier said. "My husband (Dana) yells included a spot for information

The Blackports have been an

inspiration to church members,

and standing on the side lines,

too, he added.

cheering for them."

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about the toys the children wanted, but Even revamped the form to make it less materialistic. "I do it so the kids can see how proud their parents and grand-

"It's a self-esteem booster which parents want for their kids." The first few years, it took Even up to a half hour to write each letter She shuns form letters, using filler paragraphs about Rudolph the Red-Nosed

sonal information is provided. now that I have the hang of it, but ones like the grandmother died I have to think about," she

parents are of them," she said.

Reindeer and Frosty the Snow-

"It takes about five minutes

Santa wrote the letter. Each let-

man only when not enough perat me because I personalize all of

A touch of magic The letters come with the magic snowflakes or reindeer food, magic keys to hang on doorknobs or a snowflake ornament to hang on the Christmas tree and a certificate saying that

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ter is hand signed in gold ink and stamped from the North Some of the enclosures she makes on her computer. She buys the crocheted snowflakes at a craft store and starches them to make them into ornaments. The keys are bogus ones that she paints gold and attaches to poems telling the children to leave them outside so Santa can

makes me feel good that he has

pink to him instead of a yellow

"It was like it was meant to be

"Stacey knew there was some-

tone all the time."

"We hung one on our door for the kids," said Even. "If you don't have a fireplace, it's a good way to explain how Santa gets into the house."

Even also does birthday letters from Santa Claus and letters from the Easter Bunny, which aren't as popular as the letters from Santa. The first year, Even wrote 10

Santa letters, the next year it was 20. Last year, she wrote 150 and is hoping to triple the number this year

She does most of her writing while Connor is napping or when her husband takes the children to see grandma. The letter writing is in addition to working part-time as a customer service specialist at SnethKamp Chrysler Jeep and part-time as a customer service auditor for

about 100 stores. Even isn't getting rich doing the letters. She does it mostly for fun. The head elf, whom she looks up to, makes \$40,000 a year for the six weeks leading up to Christmas. He hires his children to work for him and has 10

printers running, she said. "I mainly make \$1 from the letter and \$1 I donate (of each \$5) to charity (Canine Companions for Independence)," Even said. "It's a lot of fun ... a lot of work, but a lot of fun."

NEW VOICES

Mark and Donna Seremak of Westland announce the birth of Brittany Katelyn June 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital, She has a sister, Ashlee, 3. Grandparents are Ethel Seremak of Livonia, Ted Seremak of Vermillion, S.D.

Scott and Victoria Maki of Canton announce the birth of Jacob Scott Aug. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City and Carol Pagna and Gary and MaryJo Maki.

Kirk Thompson of Westland and Colleen Thompson of Gar- of Wayne. den City announce the birth of Kyle Darian Aug. 6 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Karen and Bert Edwards of Garden City and Sharon and Mike Wallen of Westland and Curt and Maryann Thompson of Deckerville

Leo and Carrie Szabelski of wood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Josephine Szabelski of Livonia and William and Marilyn Cole of Garden City.

Ty and Kelly Iles of Livonia Ann Aug. 7 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Oakland County. She parents are Tom and Grace of Garden City. Makowski of Middletown, N.Y., Richard and Karen Porter of Holly and Eileen Iles of Frankfort. Ill. Great-grandmother is

John and Michelle Cook of Livonia announce the birth of Nicole Maldondo-Cook Aug. 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has three siblings, Natalie, 12, Jennifer, 13, and Jaclyn, 13. Grandmother is

Lisa Brandenberg of Livonia

nounce the birth of Melanie Nicole Gjeldum Aug. 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a sister, Megan, 13. Grandparents are Al and Judy Brandenberg of Livonia and Anthony and Jenny Gjeldum of Utica.

Leon Smith and Jodi Edwards of Westland announce the birth of Melissa Taite Smith Aug. 9 at the Birthing Hospital. Grandparents are Center of Garden City Hospital Monty and Susan Lewis, Dennis She has a sister, Jordan, 4 1/2, and a brother, Mike, 14. Grandparents are Loretta and Leon Smith and Diane Timoszyk, all

Gerald and Brenda Redmond of Westland announce the birth of Ashley Hunter Aug. 9 Center-Wayne. She has a sister, Megan

Jim and Sharon Peruski of Garden City announce the birth of Marikate Elizabeth Aug. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Livonia announce the birth of Center-Wayne. Grandparents Kristin Nicole Aug. 7 at Oak- are Michele Szczepanik of Garden City and Larry and Kay Peruski of Detroit.

Karl and Danielle Kerkhof of Garden City announce the birth of Shelby Danielle Aug. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garannounce the birth of Casey den City Hospital. She has a brother, Tyler, 4. Grandparents are Gary Kerkhof of Ypsilanti has a sister, Dana Anne. Grand- and Mike and Deborah Cannon

Paul and Misty Young of Westland announce the birth of Hope Lynn Aug. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Tom and Pam Janis of Westland and Ron and Corrine Young of Royal

Anthony and Jennifer Gossett of Westland announce the birth of Roman Bailey Aug. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has one brother, Steven Brolyes III. Grandparents are Richard and Carol Tiernlund of Garden City and David Gossett and Judy Byrnes

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is employed as a registered nurse at Children's Hospital in Detroit. The groom is a graduate of Wayne State University and Michigan State University. He is employed as a district sales executive by Expeditors Internation-The bride asked Andrea Kosi-

ba to serve as maid of honor. with bridesmaids Maria Huhn, Kim Kregoski and Gina Yaquinto helping. Shelby Armstrong was the flower girl.

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Dennis Spieth and Cindia Spi-

eth of Napoleon, Ohio, announce

the forthcoming marriage of

their daughter, Kelly Ann. to

Kevin Kenneth Kneip, the son of

Kenneth and Jayne Kneip of

The bride-to-be is a 1994 grad-

uate of Napoleon High School

and is attending Eastern Michi-

gan University. She works as a

customer service agent for

Northwest Airlines at Detroit

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate

of Wayne Memorial High School.

He is employed as a equipment

service employee by Northwest

Airlines at Detroit Metropolitan

Scott Thibodeau officiated.

merly of Livonia.

Metropolitan Airport.



of Allen Park. **CANTON 6** tows 4pm to 6pm daily 4.25 Matiness before 4 pm, ors, & Everyone all day Tues Kids, Seniore, & Everyone \$5.50 with Student ID after Spin 5.25 Lata Shows Fri & Sat DIGITAL STERE O No Passes or Tuesday die Free Drink & .25¢ Corn Refill MOVIE GUIDE

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Unit #5225 - Rodriguez - Washer, dryer, refrigerator, wood. ublish: November 18 and 25, 1996

WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JOINT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES STUDY SESSION SYNOPSIS

- 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, 1999 Study session was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
- Present were members from the following: WTUA Board of Commissioners Canton Township Board of Trustees
- Northville Township Board of Trustees Plymouth Township Board of Trustees
- Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees YCUA Board of Commissioner
- WTUA Staff YCUA Staff
- Members of the Public

The one agenda ifem was a presentation of the YCUA Expansion Feasibility Study. Following introductions, opening comments were made by Thomas J. Yack

Following introductions, opening comments were made by Thomas J. Yack (YTUA Board Chairman), Timothy Faas (WTUA Operations Manager) and Larry Thomas (YCUA Director). tion by Joh Kang (McNamee, Porter and Seeley, Consulting meers for YCUA) was made outlining the content and findings of the ibility study to expand the existing 29 mgd YCUA wastewater tment plant.

wing the presentation, a brief question and answer period was held. The study session was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. THOMAS J. YACK, Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Publish: Novamber 25, 1999

"When I met him he was sick and it really was a blessing from and on dialysis," Stacey said. the Lord," John added. "I started "We just kind of fell in love. I attending her church and getting church together. They've all didn't grow up planning on closer to the Lord and we relied tried to help them out anyway falling in love with someone that on him a lot. they can by praying for them was terminally ill. Luckily

enough, we were a match (for

worked in the accounting depart-

ment and he was selling and fix-

ing tanning beds. They dated for

five years. "Tough times pull churches, people and families together," he said. "It's really pulled this

thing from beginning that some-Stacey to donate a kidney). thing good would happen from John and Stacey's story "We feel that God put us together began at NailCo in together. Other than being a lit-Farmington Hills where she tle sore, overall I feel good and it we're off on a new life." this relationship. Now, it's like

the reputation of cable tv.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Bohrer-Fleszar

Anne Kristen Fleszar and Matthew Russell Bohrer were married June 12 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia by the Rev. Denis Theroux. The bride is the daughter of Eugene and Joan Fleszar of Livonia. The groom is the son of Raymond and Stephanie Bohrer of Traverse City. The bride is a 1992 graduate of

Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing. She is employed by Abbott Laborato-The groom is a 1993 graduate November wedding is of Traverse City Central High planned at Emmanuel Lutheran

School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance. He is employed by Jake Brehmer, Pat Erway and Financial Investment Management Group in Suttons Bay. The bride asked Denise Trues-

dell to serve as maid of honor with Megan Bohrer, Jean Butrico-Cooper, Michelle Kopek, Kelly Pizzuti and Melaney Truesdell Jessica Fleszar were the flower

Hale-Meyers

Donald and Janice Hale of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter. Jennifer Ellen, to Dean Arthur Meyers, the son of Don Mevers and Carol Mevers of St. Clair Shores.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 grad



The groom asked Chris Willbur to serve as best man with Aaron Bohrer, David Bohrer, Justin Fleszar as groomsmen. Josh Bohrer was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They are as bridesmaids. Jennifer and making their home in Traverse City

> uate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed as a shipping and receiving clerk with Air Gage Co. in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of St. Clair High School. He is employed as a service engineer

at Air Gage Co. A May wedding is planned at El Dorado Country Club.

DECEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING

AN EVENING OF MAGIC

Greater Detroit Chapter Significant Other Dinner

WHEN:

COST

For information on APICS write

Doug Sokolowski at:

drski0422@aol.com

Cheal-Clapham

Robert Cheal and Sharon Barbara of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Barbars, to Matthew Aaron Clapham, the son of Edwin and Patricia Clapham of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a senior inthe elementary teacher education program at Eastern Michigan University. She works in the chemistry department at the university.

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan where he majored in engineering and music. He is employed by Microsoft in Redmond, Wash

Daniels-Smukal

Michael and Kathy Daniels of Hartland announce the engage ment of their daughter, Inga Britt, to Garrett Smukal, the son of Garrett Smukal of Livonia and Kim McKay of Lincoln, Neb. The bride-to-be is a graduate

Lutheran High School Westland. She is employed as a secretary in the family business. Her fiancé also is a graduate of

Lutheran High School Westland. He is studying to become an elec-

A September wedding is being

WHERE: Illusions Bar & Grill, 326 West Fourth St., Royal Oak

\$35.00 individual / \$50.00 couple (Cash Bar)

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5:30 Cocktails, 6:30 Dinner, 8:00 Show

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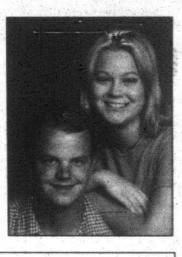
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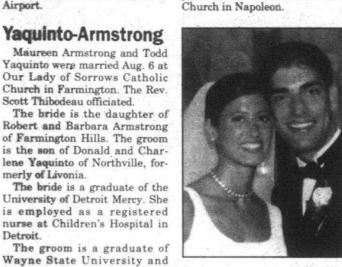
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A May 2001 wedding is planned





with groomsmen Blaise Krol. T.J. Armstrong and Andrew Karlo. Spencer Dunn was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a recention at the Shenandoah Country club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Jamaica. They are making their home in The groom asked Tony Northville.

Announcement forms available

Have an announcement to Forms are available to announce an engagement, birth at our offices at 36251 2700.

Schoolcraft, Livonia, or 794 S. Main St., Plymouth. For more information, call Sue Mason at (734) 953-2131 wedding, anniversary and or Tiffanie Lacey at (734) 459-







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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON WEEKEND

Kindermusik presents "S tory Time with Miss Karen, Saturday, Dec. 4, at Little Professor Book Center, 380 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, and at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at th Plymouth Coffee Bean, 88 4 Penniman in downtown H lymouth. Call (734) 455-52 20 or (734) 454-0178.

TOY COLLECTION Mel's Golden Razor Ann

STORY TIME

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ual Toy Collection will take place from Nov. 25 until D ec. 18 at 595 Forest, Plymouth. There will be new a nd used toys for needy and handicapped children for C hristmas. Call (734) 455-90

CANTON GOODFELLOWS The Canton Goodfel-

lows will be collecting toys and non-perishable food ite ms until Tuesday, Dec. 14, to provide gifts and holiday food baskets for needy Can ton families and senior citizens. The collection is now under way. Non-perishable food items needed include: soup, canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, cereal, pe anut butter, jelly, snacks, t reats such as candy and gu m. holiday dinner trimmings including cranber-

ry sauce, stuffing/dressing, instant potatoes, gravy Jell-O, pudding, cake mix es and frosting. Please don' gift wrap toys as they mu st be sorted by age and gen der. Donations may be drop ped off at the Hanford Roa d Clubhouse in Sunflower Village, 45800 Hanford, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tues days and Thursdays, 6-8 p.

m. Wednesdays. **PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS** The Plymouth Goodfellows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families n need of assistance for the upcoming holiday sea-

son. The Goodfellows Association exists to ensure tha t no child will miss the opp ortunity of receiving a present for Christmas. Within the next few weeks, the Goodfellows will begin iden. tifying families to receive a sistance. If you are in nee d of help, or if you know of family in need, please sen i the name, address, phone number and number of chi ldren in the family to: Plymouth Goodfellows Association, P.O. Box 700912, Ply mouth, MI 48170. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfel-

lows at the same-address. The Goodfellows fund-raiser (selling the Goodfellows edition at area road in tersections) will be held Sa

turday, Dec. 4. PAPER SALE

The Plymouth Goodfel-lows will hold a paper sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sat | their children, kinderuroay, Dec. 4, at the Fire S tation behind Plymouth Cit v Hall. Volunteers are need

ed to help sell papers. Pro-ceeds go to help Ply-mouth and Plymouth Town ship resident families with mouth. Call (734) 453-5534 Christmas gifts and food fo

r the holidays. Call (734) 4 16-9656. SPORTS SALE Canton Parks and Recre-

ation Services is sponsoring its Annual Used Sports Equipment Sale from 10 a. h Friday of the month. Bab m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, D y-sitting is provided. Call K ec. 4, at Pheasant Run Golf im at (734) 459-7035 or Sh Club Clubhouse, 46500 Su mmit Parkway in Can-

sell their sports or recreational equipment at this s ale. Sellers can bring their equipment to the Pheas-

ant Run Golf Club clubhouse from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be p riced and tagged for the sal e on Saturday, Dec. 4. You set the prices, you get the money (Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15 per-

cent). Volunteers will be on hand to do the selling, so y ou need not be present. Yo may collect your money o r pick up your unsold items from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, D ec. 4. Call Canton Parks an d Recreation Services at (7 34) 397-5110.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Bring the family to have brunch with Mr. Claus him self at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Su nday, Dec. 5, or Sunday, De c. 12, at the Summit on the Park, Canton, in the Banquet and Conference Center. Cost is \$15 for adults a nd \$8 for children. Children under 4 are free. All c hildren will receive a photo Reservations are required Reservations can be made 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through W ednesday, Nov. 24. Call (73

4) 397-5110, ext. 410. HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW

There will be a "Holiday Doll Show," Sunday, D ec 12 at the Plymouth Cul tural Center located at 525 Farmer St. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admision is \$5, and \$2 for people age 4-12. The show features dealers, collectors an d doll artists selling new, u sed, antique, collectible doll s and doll accessories of all kinds. Call (734) 455-2110.

AROUND TOWN

EXHIBIT anton Adult Education Dep The Plymouth Communiartment. Evening testing w ty Arts Council features "S ill take place 5-10 p.m. Mo pirit Earth," the recent wat nday, Nov. 29, and Wednes colors of Todd Marsee De day, Dec. 1. Day testing wil 1 through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, ' Tuesday, Nov. 30, and Thu 74 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 v test. The test will be held a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesat Starkweather Education day and Thursday, 9 a.m. t Center, 550 N. Holbrook, P o 9 p.m. Wednesday and Fr iday and weekends by appo ntment. (Dec. 17 through t he holidays by appoint-**OPEN HOUSE** ment only). A reception to meet the artist is 5:30-7:30

p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Arts Council. Call (734) 20 7 - 3918

BNI MEETING The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly

meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thurs day, Dec. 2, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Call the BNI regional offic

e at (810) 323-3800. The Canton chapter of B usiness Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, C

anton. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800. MOPS MEETING The Plymouth Baptist C

hurch holds Mothers Of Pr eschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the

first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with garten aged and younger may attend for a time of fel lowship and fun with other vided. The church is at 420

mouth. Call (734) 453-5534

M.O.M. MEETING Meet Other Mothers (M. O.M.) invites you to join th em for guest speakers and discussion from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every second and fourt annon at (734) 354-0191.

GALLERY EXHIBITS ton. The public is invited to Plymouth Community Ar ts Council is having a galle ry exhibit featuring torn pa per collages by E. Lynne O' Rourke and seed bead desi gns by Colleen O'Rourke th rough Nov. 23, at 774 N. S heldon at Junction in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278

> **GED TESTING** GED testing will be offer ed through the Plymouth-C

iday classics in duet. Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skat es by Mary Mapes Dodge a nd The Bird's Christmas C arol by Kate Douglas Wigbe offered 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | gin will be performed at 7 p .m. Dec. 3 at the PCAC; at rsday, Dec. 2. It is a two-da | 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 4; and at 2 p.m. Dec. 5. Tickets are \$5 for all ages. Call (73 4) 416-4278.

vmouth. Registration fee i

\$ \$75. Register in advance. Call (734) 416-4901. Summit on the Park invi tes parents to come and obs erve a small demonstration, meet the instructor an d ask any questions you ma y have about the Kindermusik program 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Ash Room at Summit on th e Park, Canton, Kindermusik is designed for lap b abies, crawlers and walkers between the ages of ne wborn and 1 1/2 years. This class will open the door to your relationship with your baby through music. You will sing, dance, explore ins truments and meet new pa 0 Five Mile Road, Livorents. Call (734) 397-5110.

ART & JEWELRY FESTIVAL Native-West will celebrate its 10th annual "Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival" 3-9 p.m. Thursday, De :. 2; 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Fr iday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4; and | Park in Canton. These are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sun-90-minute sessions where s day, Dec. 5. The festival wil include new art jewelry b y Native American artists. The show will be held at 86

CALENDAR

3 W. An Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8838 HOLIDAY DUETS The Plymouth Communi

ty Arts Council "Whistle St op Players" children's theater group presents two hol The Plymouth-Canton Ki Glahn, (734) 453-8253.

CANDLE LIGHTING

L.A. Turowski and Neely -Turowski Funeral Homes will host a memorial candle lighting service at 4 p.m. S unday, Dec. 5. The public is invited to attend and pay t ribute to a loved one. In ad dition to the candle lighting service a special presentation will be made enti tled, "Handling The Holidays," which will provide s pecific information about h ow to more effectively deal with grief during the holiday season. Wes Baldwin, director of Pointe Counseling will lead the pr esentation. The service will be held at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 3020

nia. Call (734) 525-9020. PRINCETON REVIEW The Princeton Review wi Il hold free strategy sessions for students and parents on the SAT and ACT f rom 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, D · ec. 6, at the Summit on the

tudents learn SAT and AC T test-taking techniques as well as receive information on the college admissions process. Students and | tainment books offer up to 5 /or parents must call the Pr inceton Review to register f

or the strategy sessions. Th ey may call to register by di aling (800) 2-REVIEW. **KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB**

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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wanis Breakfast Club has a new meeting place at 7 a. m. every Tuesday at the Pl vmouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

ment 2000 Book is available from the Plymouth Co mmunity Chorus to support its educational and ch aritable activities. The boo k contains coupons offering 50-percent discounts at res taurants, hotels, cleaners, e tc. The book covers all of so utheastern Michigan. The price is \$40. The books are delivered to you. Call (734) 459-6829

League is offering the 199 9 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at h drode of restau nts an

ervices and events. The boo k is available from the Plymouth Symphony League b y calling 453-3016. Copies are also available at the Pl mouth Symphony Office, 8 19 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth. The Ultimate E ntertainment Book is \$40, with all proceeds used to su pport the Plymouth Sym-

mouth Optimist Club. All pr oceeds will be used for chil-

dren's causes throughout so utheast Michigan. Enter-0-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40, home de livered. Call Ken Fisher at (734) 728-7619, or Bill Von

FORM

Entertainment 2000 savings books are available thr ough the Divine Savior Sen ior Jet Setters. Save money at restaurants, movie theaters, video rentals, car car e, and more. This year's bo ok is \$40. For more information or to order, call Mik e at (734) 464-1263 or Dolo res at (734) 464-0369. DISCUSSION GROUP

"Shooting the Breeze,"

new discussion group, will meet in the Senior Center at the Summit to discuss such timely topics as p olitics, education, arts and music, local Michigan happenings, influential people, movies and TV, sports and environmental concerns. E ach discussion period will l ast for one hour, one time p er week. Anyone interested in discussing any of these t opics may join the "Shooting The Breeze" group. A d onation of \$8 for the entire list of discussions is reques ted. For more information and to register, call Di anne Neihengen at the Sen ior Center at (734) 397-544

KIWANIS CLUB

M The Plymouth Kiwanis C ub meets at 6:30 p.m. ever y Tuesday at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-47 82.

NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

Plymouth Children's Nur sery 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 provid ing a nurturing environment for children with supportive parent participation. Call (734) 455-6250. First Baptist Church of I lymouth-Canton Kindermusik still has openings for

their winter session enrollment. Sign up in November and receive a free T-shirt o an instrument. Call (734) 354-9109. Garfield Co-Op still has o penings for children 18 mo

nths to 5 years. Garfield Co -Op is located in Livonia, at Case Elemen-

tary, 34633 Munger, S. of S ix Mile and West of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462 -0135

SUPPORT **STARTING OVER**

Starting Over is a group for widowed men and wom en younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and t hird Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Chr ist. Call (734) 662-5999 for details.

ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice sponsors g rief support programs that are open to the public. If yo u would like more informa tion or to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

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 mo nth. Call Becky Rouse at (7 34) 522-4244 for more information.

COUNTERPOINT

Counterpoint Shelter an d Crisis Center offers free c ounseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. Call (73 4) 563-5005 for additional information.

ANGELA HOSPICE

Angela Hospice offers fre e monthly grief support gro | burban Stamp Club take p ups for people who have experienced the loss of a love d one. All groups meet at t he Angela Hospice Care Ce nter in Livonia. For meeting dates and times, call R uth Favor, (734) 464-7810.

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Plymouth-Canton Head Start, in Central Middle S hool, is looking for volun teers to help in the classroom with large-group act vities, to assist children du ring recess, participate in he Learning Centers and a ssist during meal times. It you have a morning or afte rnoon free Monday throug Thursday, call 416-6196. 🔳 Angel Care, a volunteer rganization, is looking for olunteers to sew, crochet. nit, etc., blankets and buri al gowns to donate to local ospitals for infants who l ave died. Contact Mary Pic ntek for patterns and info mation, (313) 534-6496.

Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Ply nouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotion

il support, companionship and comfort. Call (313 582-2382 William Beaumont Hos

pital Hospice is looking for olunteers to support the c are of people with terminal illn esses and their fan ilies. Call (248) 853-8931. Head Start needs volum teers to help in the classroom with large-group acti vities, to assist during meal times and participate in th e learning centers with sub jects such as art, computer and library. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call (734) 416-6196. Se nior citizens and retirees in

the Plymouth/Canton area are welcome. Volunteer drivers are ne eded for New Morning Scho ol's Swim/Gym program at the Livonia YMCA 8:30-11: 30 a.m. Fridays. Volunteers may also help in the p ool if desired. Call (734) 42 0-3331 New Morning Sch

ol is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of School CANCER SOCIETY American Cancer Societ

needs volunteers. Call (24 8) 557-5353, ext. 336: ALZHEIMER'S The Alzheimer's Associa

tion is seeking volunteers t people experiencing memory loss. Call Adam Sterling. (248) 557-8277

CLUBS

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES The Plymouth-Canton M others of Multiples Club m eets 7 p.m. the first and thi rd Monday of each month.

Call Barb at (734) 207-5224 . Play group meets every of her Tuesday. Call Sue at (7 34) 459-9324. HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

The Human Rights Grou p meets at 7 p.m. the first inday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trai 1, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION

County Connection Cho rus of Sweet Adelines Inter national, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is always looking for new mem-

bers. Rehearsals take place 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Y psilanti. Call (734) 480-884 3 for more information.

STAMP CLUB

Meetings of the West Su ace at 8 p.m. the first and t hird Fridays of the month a t The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, C anton. Web site is www. oe online. com/~ pnj/ wssc. ht ml

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Helping each other Group brings adoptive families together

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

When Maria Galloway's kidney problems made having children an impossibility, she and husband Jeff turned to foreign adoption.

For the Allen Park couple, there was no question about the country

"Jeff is a Korean adoptee;" said Maria. "His mom and dad had three girls and adopted four more children from Korea. He was adopted in 1958."

The Galloways adopted their first child - Jason, who's now 8 years old - in 1991. During the process, the agency they were working with told them about a support group and suggested they see if they liked it.

Nine years and the addition of daughter Emily, 5, later, they are the coordinators of Families for Children, a support group for families who have adopted children from foreign countries. Most members have adopted children from Korea, but there also are youngsters from China,

Japan and India. "I knew a little about it (the support group) from when my parents were adopting," said Jeff. "I'm 42 and I have a friend

who lives in Muskegon whom I met as a child through a support

FFC has about 150 member families living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. It has an elected board that meets monthly at each other's homes. The four counties are split into six areas with leaders who hold monthly meetings at area restaurants or members'

The support group meets September through May and holds group activities around the four-county area, activities such as a fall hayride at Middleton Berry Farms in Lake Orion and the upcoming Dec. 11 Christmas party at Joy Manor in Westland "We're involved with the Korean (Methodist) Church in Ann Arbor," said Maria. "We share information and celebrate the Korean New Year's Day. The Korean Presbyterian Church in Southfield sponsors a Korean cultural camp where the children learn about the culture, the

songs and draw pictures. "We also have an adoption seminar in the spring and bring in the different adoption agencies, and Dr. Linda Yellin does programs on adoption issues." Get the word out

With November being National Adoption Month, The Galloways want to get the word out about support groups like FFC. Yes, they say, there is a lot of information out there, but it's

important for families with foreign adoptees to have one-on-one contact with a similar family. "It's so vital and important to meet other families no matter where the children are from," said Maria. "The parents share a common goal of the kids and the kids meet other kids their age

from their birth country." "I can identify with what the children go through," said Jeff who also belongs to an adult adoptee support group. "I grew up in Lincoln Park and at that time there were no other racial groups. I was called names like 'gook' and 'slant eyes.' It was a different time, a different culture when my parents adopted. "Adoption is not a big deal

now. There's a lot more networking and information out there." The Galloways have found that most families join when their children are small and tend to drop out by the time the kids are teenagers.

They speak from experience They took over the job of coordinating the group from a man

race for Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving

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Illinois-based Mueller Manufac-

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years and whose sons had gotten

"We're going on our seventh year as coordinators," said Jeff "It's more or less a labor of love." "Jason really looks forward to seeing his buddies," Maria added. "But I know there'll come a time when he doesn't want to do it. By age 8 or 9, they want to

be like other kids." With that in mind, the Galloways are looking to start a preteen group with activities geared for older children, things like pizza parties and roller skating.

Going home

An Amer-Asian (part Korean and part American), Jeff has been back to his homeland twice once with Maria to get Jason and the second time by himself to pick up Emily. "It was very emotional going

back to Korea in 1991," he said "My mom and dad went in 1963 and had home movies: I had an image of Korea from that, but it was so different

"When I went back the second time. I felt more comfortable.] fell in love with the country, the people and the customs. Now, 1 feel proud to be Korean." The Galloways know Jason

will want to go back some day, and when he's ready they will take him.

"Emily and Jason know they are adopted and Jason has been asking questions," Maria said. "We tell the kids they've been

Americanized," said Jeff. "We tell them we can't change the color of their skin. We tell them we can't change their heritage,

but they can be proud of it." People interested in more nformation about Families for Children can call the Galloways at (313) 389-1846 or Area 4 lead ers Jim and Lisa Nelson at (248 229-2677

Area 4 includes the communi ties of Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Westlighter-weight auto, was in the land, Ann Arbor, Northville lead when a passing sleigh cut Dearborn Heights, Inkster. Brighton, Novi and South Lyon.

Evelyn Mundy has sold a lot of nuts and candies. A charter member of the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, which started in 1979 she's been active in the club's annual major fund-

candy sale going on now.

raiser Sister Elizabeth Ann, the newest club member, is getting her first taste, so to speak, of the

Mundy is a founder and owner/operator of Mundv's Sports Medicine, established in 1946. She retired two years ago and was recently honored by the National Trainers Association. Sister Elizabeth Ann is the administrator of Marywood Nursing Care Center and Mary brook Manor in Livonia.

And for the two women and other members of the Zonta club. it's Koeze Nuts time

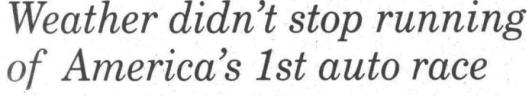
Members are selling a selection of nuts and candies, some in glass canisters, at prices ranging from \$10 to \$26 and packaged for gift giving.

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Money raised by the club from the Koeze sale and fashion show goes to both local and international projects like the Amelia Earhart Scholarship supports omen graduate students in the fields of aerospace-related sciences and engineering.

Locally, the club supports Seedlings Braille Books for Children, the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College age in Livonia.

For Koeze nuts and candy orders, call (734) 459-8374 or



HOOKED partment Store **ON HISTORY** and J. L. Hudbegan crowds with Thanksgiving Day parades around 75 years ago. That makes the tradition old enough to have captured the

PARKER hearts of genera glimpse of how folks entertained themselves on the holiday at the turn of the last century. There was, however, a single

event in 1895 that excited Victorian crowds lining the streets of Chicago. Many did not yet believe the event that particular snowy Thanksgiving Day sig-America's first auto race.

races with sleek cars pushing

aged 12 to 15 miles an hour. Ironically, Chicago, which hosted the race, had just that delighting year banned autos from public streets to protect bicyclists and pedestrians. A photo exists of bicycle cops there purportedly pulling over an inventor for breaking this law. Nervous Nellies in cities every where passed restrictive laws.

tary engines. At best, they aver-

Some regulated speed limits to two or three miles per hour. Oth ations, but too young to provide ers required that red flags (following railroad tradition) or lanterns precede cars into town, or that Roman candles be fired off to warn approaching horsedrawn vehicles.

A ragged start

The Chicago competition got off to a ragged start. It was originaled the advent of dramatic nally scheduled for Nov. 2, but changes, but it did. This was only two of the 83 prospective gasoline, steam, and electric It was nothing like today's machines managed to show up. The race's sponsor, the Chica

speedometers to incredible go Times-Herald, turned the 92heights. These early automotive mile course into an exhibition inventions were simply carriages and scheduled a revised, 55-mile rendered horseless by elemen- Chicago-to-Evanston roundtrip



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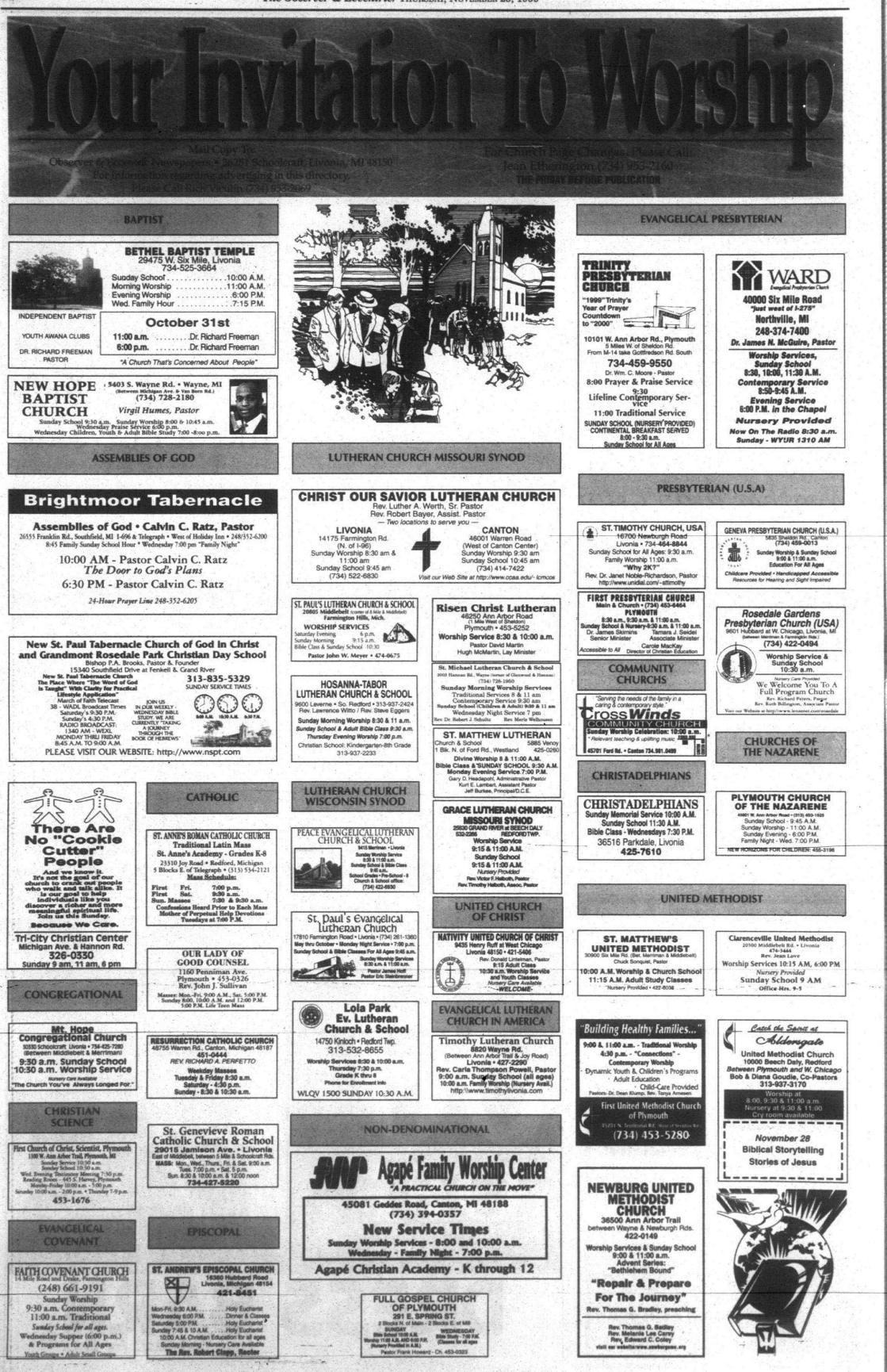
How about It?: Sister Elizabeth Ann (left) and Evelyn

Munday practice their sales technique for Zonta Club

of Northwest Wayne County's annual Koeze nuts and

Zonta club feels

'like a nut' sale



Our Savior Lutheran Church, Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. The service will feature a blend of traditional and contemporary music and Bayer's Thanksgiving message. For more information on the services, call the church office at (734) 522-6830. Residents are invited to join the members of Trinity Lutheran Church in giving thanks to the Lord for all the blessings they've received at a Thanksgiving Eve service with communion at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the

Families dressed in Pilgrim mouth

Listings for the Religious News Garden City Presbyterian should be submitted in writing Church will have a Thanksgivno later than noon Friday for the ing service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, next Thursday's issue. They can Nov. 24, at the church, 1841 be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Middlebelt Road, Garden City Livonia 48150, or by fax at For more information, call the (734) 591-7279. For more infor- church at (734) 421-7620. mation, call (734) 953-2131. BLANKET DAYS THANKSGIVING SERVICE Garden City Presbyterian The First Church of Christ, Church and the Church of Christ Scientist, will have a special serin Livonia are serving as drop-off vice on Thanksgiving Day for sites for the American red people to feel more of God's beneficence, to express their Cross's Blanket Days. People are asked to bring heartfelt thanks for the good slightly used of new blankets to

God has for all, whether or not it Garden City Presbyterian, 1841 is presently felt. Middlebelt Road, Garden City, The service will be at 10:30 between 9:30 a.m. and noon Sun a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at the days through Jan. 2. Blankets also can be dropped off at Gar den City Park, Merriman and Plymouth. For more information Cherry Hill roads, after the call the church at (734) 453-Santa parade Saturday, Nov. 27. 0970. Look for the Blanket Days sign. The church hopes to collect 8,000 blankets for the Red Cross and guests for the annual which will distribute them to Thanksgiving Eve services 7 homeless, domestic violence and

church, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, north of Harvey Street,

attire will greet the congregation p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Ply-

Oakland and Macomb counties. 4 p.m. daily Saturday, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman Road at Five Mile Road, Livonia, For more information. call the church at (734) 427-8743. IN CONCERT David Weaver and the Trio

The service recreates the worship services attended by the Pilgrims who met at Old South Church in Boston. For more information, call (734) 459-9550. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will present a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the will bring their Gospel music to church, 14175 Farmington Road, the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 4580 W, Ann Arbor Livonia The service will feature music by Road, Plymouth Sunday, Nov. the Christ Our Savior Choir, the 28. The group will perform at 6 Cherub and Chorister Choirs,

Sunday School Singers, instrumentalists and the Jubellation Handbell Choir. The Rev. Robert

Bayer will deliver the Thanks-

giving message. There also will be a Thanksgiving service at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at Christ

church 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290 or visit its Web site at www.timothvlivonia.com

him off. Not unlike accidents on car's driver, debilitated by streets and expressways today, exhaustion and cold, had to be his quadricycle skidded into a replaced, and his unconscious ditch, damaging the differential observer had to be carried off inhousing and putting an end to a cutter. Charles King, later that day's driving.

The night before the resched- tive history, took the controls uled race, a blizzard descended and finished the course. on the city. Rising and falling temperatures left wires and rule or another, the judges took train and trolley tracks encased a week to decide the victors. In in ice. A hard crust and ruts of the end, everyone was a winner. packed snow hampered travel. Even with horse-drawn scrap- the Mueller second. Awards were

ers clearing the way, road condi- also handed out for design, worktions eliminated all but six of the manship and technical excel-100 entrants. Among those com- lence, noise, odor, vibration conpeting for the astounding top trol and safety. prize of \$2,000 were the Duryea and the Mueller.

A carnival atmosphere accompanied the spectacle. Crowds that these primitive, turn-of-thecheered and jeered along the century autos were not the earliway. Sleigh bells jingled. est self-propelled carriages. Engines rumbled and backfired. It's reported that 200 kids threw the idea for 125 years! The first, snowballs at policemen near the a French design in 1770, was a finish line. Twenty people partic- rogue contraption remembéred ipated as drivers, ride-along for knocking down a wall.

umpires and observers and judges.

issues, although the vehicles will damage to roads in this state ment that would make Michigan Historian and author Virginia

degree in history and a master's

From the start Mishaps abounded from the Chicago auto race. They were a start. The two electrics dropped long way from being perfected, out when their batteries wore though, since, by 1863, the down, but they proved their record run was six hours to travmachines could handle short dis- el three miles.

Two more dropped out. No road aid or roadside have undergone incredible transgarages were around. The formations. Perhaps airmoblies drivers had to seek help at a will routinely glide above the blacksmith shop and, with some highways. persuasion, induced a tinsmith ... Given weather and traffic to open on the holiday. The race was down to two. The which, no doubt, will still be a Duryea, the only American-made problem - that is one advancegas-powered car, finished the course in just 10 hours and 23 drivers rejoice. minutes! This was long after dark, however, and weary Bailey Parker has a bachelor's onlookers had all gone home. Mueller brought up the rear 24 degree in historic preservation. minutes later. However, that She lives in Canton Township.

A century after the race, we're tances Mechanical repairs, deep still trying to improve technolosnow, wrong turns, a passing gy, pollution control and safety. train blocking an intersection. One hundred years from now and an overturned sleigh in the at the dawn on the next century road delayed the contestants. - these will probably still be

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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teen runaway shelters in Wayne. People can drop off blankets 2-

Proclaim, with soloist Jim Kitchen will be 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 tickets, call (313) 255 ST. ANDREW'S DAY

St. James Presbyterian

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

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Christmas giving is theme of retreat

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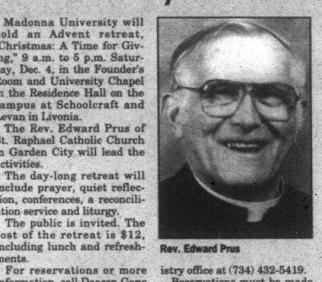
The Rev. Edward Prus of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City will lead the The day-long retreat will

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. information, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais in the campus min- by Dec. 1.

an 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.

THE GATHERING Dr. Julius Del Pino, senior



Reservations must be made

pastor of the Detroit Metropolitan United Methodist Church will be the guest speaker at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at The Gathering at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia,

The son of a United Methodist minister, his special interests include providing ministries where the church can enable its members to grow in their ability to exercise their faith by engag-

ing and becoming involved in the

lives of those less fortunate, less educated, less hopeful and less knowledgeable of the gospel of Christ. For more information, call Sonja Styles at (248) 474-3444.

BLOOD DRIVE Aldersgate United Methodist Church will have a Red Cross

blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. Call (313) 937-3170 for a blood donation appointment.

WOMEN'S SERVICE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have its annual women's Advent service and creche display at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. There will be a tea reception following the service. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-1470. ADVENT SERVICES

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to remember "One Night in Bethle hem" during Advent services 7:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1 and 15, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Drama, music and a brief mes sage will help worshippers focus on the history-changing events of Bethlehem 2000 years ago. Each of the three weeks will focus on a different scene in Bethlehem -"At the Inn" on Dec. 1. "In the Fields" on Dec. 8 and "Near the Stable" on Dec. 15.

There will be a fellowship dinner 5-6 p.m. prior to the services and mid-week classes and confirmation classes 6-7:20 p.m.. The cost of the meals will be \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children age 3-12 and free for those age 2 and

under. A package deal of three meals for \$9 is available, if ordered by Nov. 28. Reservation can be made by calling the church office at (734) 522-6830.

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Trinity Lutheran Church will have Advent supper and services Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8 and 15, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be a simple supper at 7 p.m. and worship service at 7:30 p.m. which will center around remembering the hungry and needy of the world. Midweek offerings will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. For more infor mation, call (734) 427-2290. NEW MILLENNIUM

"Can the new millennium

change your life?" will be addressed by David Degler of Nashville, Tenn., at a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the First Church of Christ," Scientist, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Degler has a master's degree in journalism from Ohio University. He is in the full-time practice of Christian Science healing 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. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-

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Teens want to hear more from parents about sex, values

In Chapter 4 of "Healthy Teen: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives," Alice McCarthy presents an overview of issues parents and caregivers need to consider as they discuss sexuality with their teen.

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Teens want to hear more from their parents about sex, values and relationships, according to James Jaccard, distinguished professor at the State University of New York in Albany, who has studied information from 20,000 students in grades 7 through 12.

Contrary to popular expectations, kids care about what adults think, even though parents and other adults often say they feel awkward discussing sex and relationships with teens, that they are not sure what to say, or that teens do not listen anyway.

"Don't nag or lecture," says Jaccard, a researcher with the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. "Listen to what your adolescent has to say with an open mind. Express your feelings and expectations."

Dr. Jaccard outlines central facts in communicating with teens about sexual activity. These are:

Parents and caregivers tend to underestimate the sexual activity of their children. They may talk to their children about sexual issues at around 12 years of age, but statistics show that a number of children are sexually active at this age. It is important to talk about sexuality before your child becomes sexually active.

Adults talking to their children about sexual activity will do so using their own value system. If parents and caregivers talk about a broad range of reasons for not engaging in sexual-risk behavior, they will be more successful than dwelling on just pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases.

Another consideration is to talk about what positive benefits your teen sees in engaging in risky behavior. If a boyfriend or girlfriend is pushing for sexual activity, what does this say about a relationship?

Too often, adults turn discussions into one-way lectures. This will not work with adolescents. Communication, in this area as in every other area with your adolescent, should be honest, open and respectful. Each side needs to listen to the other.

Parents and caregivers need to be sure that discussions about sexuality and sexual activity are held in a quiet place, free of interruption and stress. It is not a good idea to combine tasks with this kind of discussion.

Adolescents who say they know all there is to know about sexual issues do not know any more than other teens. Statements such as "I know everything" should be disregarded; parents and caregivers must take responsibility for providing helpful information.

For adults who know that their child is sexually active, who discover that their daughter is pregnant, that their unmarried son is a father, or that their teen has HIV, the issues are complex.

At such a time it is important to remain as cool as possible and to use these problem-solving strategies: define the problem, carefully discuss options, seek community resources and evaluate your direction. It is a time to do away with ranting and anger and to be supportive about a difficult life experience for a son or daughter.

Practical suggestions include further serious discussions about the value of abstinence and family values. Providing contraceptive information, seeking medical services and treatment are important.

Dangers of ignorance

There are numerous myths about sex, sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases. Be sure to address each of these issues with your child. Ask them to explain to you their views and beliefs about each of these areas and encourage them to be specific and detailed.

Create an environment in which they feel emotionally secure to share with you. There will be no effective communication with them unless you have their trust and respect. When listening to them, it is important that you do not appear to be judgmental or aghast at their responses.

If these topics of discussion are very difficult for you, then perhaps there is a friend or family member whom you trust and who has a good rapport with

Remember, each child eventually seeks answers to their own questions; it is best if those answers come from you or a trusted relative or friend.

your child. Remember, each child eventually seeks answers to their own questions; it is best if those answers come from you or a trusted relative or friend.

All too often, peers and television become the source of reference. Parents and caregivers who make sex education an ongoing process – something normal to discuss – can save themselves and their teens from the awkward, one-time, big deal conversation about sex. They might even save their teen's life.

The following guidelines come from the American Academy of Pediatrics regarding what to tell teens about sex. Well before they reach their early teens, both boys and girls should already know:

The basics of sexual "plumbing," that is, the names and functions of male and female sex organs.

The purpose and meaning of puberty (moving into young womanhood or young manhood).

The function of the menstrual cycle (period).

What sexual intercourse is and how women become pregnant.

Once your child becomes a teenager, the focus of your talks about sex should shift. You should begin to talk to your teen about the social and emotional aspects of sex and about your values.

Try to communicate

Everywhere the researchers for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy went, the teens told them they want to hear more from their parents about sex, values and relationships. Contrary to popular opinion, kids care about what adults think.

Even though you might be uneasy about your conversation, you should not stop trying to communicate. You can always say, "I am uncomfortable with this discussion, but please know how important I believe it is." Be very clear about your values. The more you listen to what your teen is saying, the greater chance of keeping lines of communication open.

Become aware of the world your teen lives in. Talk to a friend, buy some teen magazines, and visit your public library. Read as much as you can about teen sexuality and be prepared to be open and honest in your conversations.

Go to school and read the health lessons offered to middle school and high school students. Follow up with your student's teacher, if you have any questions about the lessons. Join with your school in seeing to it that positive, constructive, thorough information is taught.

Help your teen understand the internal and external pressures

to express their sexuality and to make responsible decisions. In other words, your teen needs to know where you stand. Bear in mind that you do not own your child, nor control his or her thinking. You can influence your teen's decisions but cannot make decisions for him or her.

Make sure that your teen knows the facts about pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases including HIV and AIDS. If you cannot provide information yourself, find someone who can and ask him or her to talk with your teen.

Most importantly, find out when, how and how much information about HIV your student is learning at school. In many states, HIV education is mandated by law; the quantity and quality of the education varies.

Try to be available to your teen, no matter what. Teens tend to live for today. Discussions you and your teens have and decisions you make together

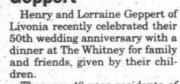
will be tested by time and events in your teen's life. It is a good idea to be realistic about the fears and pressures your teens face on a daily basis.

The environment today is faster paced and perhaps more dangerous than when you were a teen. Sometimes, teens are more capable intellectually than they are emotionally. Let them know you will always be there. Listen to them when they need help without judging or criticizing them for getting stuck in their thinking. Your help in an emotional crisis could lead to lasting awareness.

"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 Pilgrim Road, Birmingham 48009. For more information or to order the book, call (248) 646-1020 or order by e-mail at bridgecomm @aol.com

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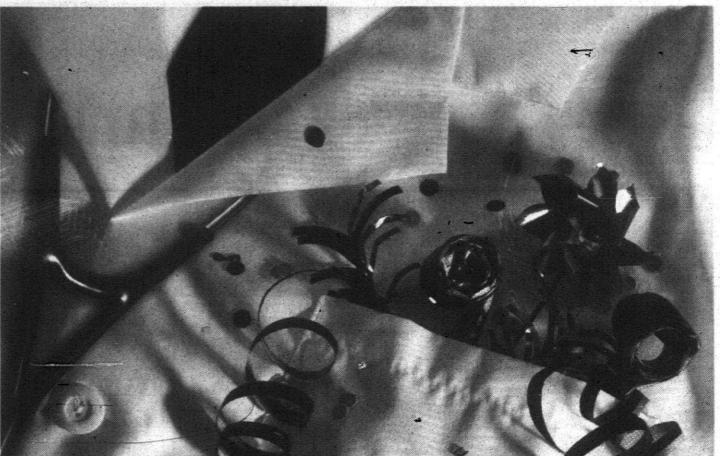
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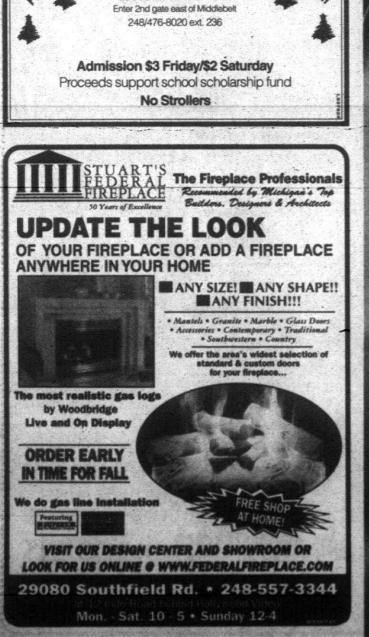
They are 48-year residents of Livonia and have four married daughters.

He worked as a engineer at Detroit Edison.

They are active in their church and enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren.







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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Canton grad sparkles

Plymouth Canton graduate Kristin Mayer scored nine points and made four steals to help her St. John Fisher College women's basketball team rout Seneca College of Canada in an exhibition game Nov. 14.

The Cardinals forced 31 Seneca turnovers in the first half alone while limiting the visiting Sting to 14 points. The win marked the 25thstraight season Fisher opened the season with a win, and improved coach Phil Kahler's overall record to 610-114 - best in NCAA Division III

Spirits soar

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The Plymouth Spirits, an under-9 1/2 boys soccer team, finished first in the Huron Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with a 9-0-1 record - a notable accomplishment, considering it was the Spirits first season in the league.

Team members included Matt Brown, Matt Burgess, Dexter Gregg, Giffin Leiting and Ryan Sohocki, from Plymouth; Andrew Grawbowski, Christian Huch, Logan Lewis, Brad Lineberry, Michael Martucci, James Meiers, Travis Newton and Alex Thorpe from Canton; and Brad Mangune from Livonia.

The team is coached by Lucian Popescu and Jose Mangune, and is managed by Dale Leiting.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.hom

One team had lost nine games. The other had lost just one.

So who's the favorite? That's an easy one — unless that "obvious" underdog happens to be Birmingham Marian, winner of two of the past three Class A state championships in girls basketball.

Don't want to look past the Mustangs, whatever their record. And Plymouth Salem coach Fred Thomann was certain that didn't happen.

But it would be difficult to find another feasible reason for what occurred in Monday's Class A regional semifinal, played at Birmingham Groves. It was almost like role-reversal, with Marian playing like the 21-1 team and Salem looking lost, maybe not even good enough to be 14-9.

The Mustangs jumped all over the Rocks from the start, building a 20-5 lead after one quarter and then repelling all comeback attempts to eventually coast to a 50-34 triumph.

Marian, now 15-9, advances to tonight's (Nov. 24) regional final against West Bloomfield, which defeated Detroit Northern in the other semifinal at Groves Monday.

"You always dream of those kinds of starts," said Marian coach Mary Cicerone. "You lie awake the night before and hope for something like that to happen."

From Salem's viewpoint, that dream was a nightmare. While the Mustangs were scoring the game's first eight points, the Rocks were missing their first four shots and committing four turnovers.

"We had trouble with our post-up (defense)," said Salem's Thomann. "And I knew we might. But we didn't expect 31 (Amber Mazza) getting off



Marian sidelines Salem in regionals, 50-34



Looking to score: Salem's Bree Pastalaniec (with ball) looks to score against Marian's Crystal Andrews. Unfortunately for the Rocks, it was Andrews who did the scoring - 20 points worth.

like that. That hurt us.'

Indeed, throughout the game, it was a two-player show offensively for Marian - Mazza, a 6-foot-1 junior, and Crystal Andrews, a 5-11 senior - and Salem couldn't control it.

Andrews' explosion should have been anticipated. As Cicerone noted, "Crystal's done that all season long, to every-

But not Mazza. The two virtually traded baskets in the first quarter, with Mazza finishing the period with 10 points and Andrews collecting eight.

The two combined to score 34 points in the game, Andrews scoring 20 and

"Our game plan was to get the ball into Crystal, and then kick it back out to Amber," explained Cicerone.

It worked to perfection in the opening quarter, but in the second Salem managed to claw its way back into it. The Rocks limited Marian to three baskets and six points while forcing five turnovers in the period, outscoring the Mustangs 14-6 — thanks to six points from Tiffany Grubaugh and four more from Bree Pastalaniec.

With the deficit trimmed to 26-17, Salem's chances seemed much improved. And through most of the third quarter, it stayed that way.

The Mustangs did get the early jump, with Andrews' three-point play pushing their lead to 33-21 with 5:45 left in the quarter. But over the next 3 1/2 minutes, the Rocks were on top of their game, outscoring Marian 10-4 while forcing six turnovers.

Lindsay Klemmer's basket with 2:10 left in the period made it a six-point game (37-31). And Salem had another chance to narrow the gap with yet another steal of a Marian inbounds pass

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Whalers salvage road trip by beating division leaders



At least the Plymouth Whalers were able to salvage one win from their weekend

road trip. After losing at Peterborough and Kingston, the Whalers bounced back to beat the Ottawa 67s, leaders of the Ontario Hockey League's East Division, 5-2 on Sunday in Ottawa.

The win pushed Plymouth's

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goal for Ottawa, combining to make 17 stops.

Shaun Fisher got Plymouth going with a goal 7:12 into the first period (McBride and Morris assisted). After the 67s Brendan Bell tied it five minutes later, Vernarsky scored on the power



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN Points on the board: The Whalers Steve Morris got one goal and assisted on another over the weekend.

record to 9-12-3; Ottawa is 15-6-

Kris Vernarsky's second goal of the game (and sixth of the season), scored 5:44 into the second period with assists from Steven Morris and Rob McBride, broke a 2-2 tie and ignited the Whalers.

Damian Surma made it 4-2 10:00 into the second period, his 12th goal of the season, with Bryan Thompson assisting. Jared Newman bumped that to 5-2 with his first goal of the season with 2:01 left in the second period, assisted by Tomas Kurka and Surma.

Aaron Molnar made 23 saves in goal to earn the win for the Whalers. Seamus Kotyk and Lavente Szuper divided time in

play (Kurka and Thompson assisting) to make it 2-1 with 14:25 elapsed in the opening period.

Lance Galbraith tied it for Ottawa just 1:57 into the second period.

Two Kurka goals helped keep Plymouth alive in the first period of its game at Kingston last Friday - for a while, anyway. By the time the period ended, seven goals had been scored. The two by Kurka were all the Whalers had, a good reason they ended up losing 8-4.

Jonathan Schill had two of the Frontenac's goals in the opening period. Others were scored by Brett Clouthier, Michael Zigomanis and Tomas Skvaridlo.

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wimmers stall at state

Following last Monday's special state-qualifying session at Ann Arbor Pioneer HS, Plymouth Salem's swim team was well-represented at the Class A state championship meet last weekend at Oakland University in Rochester.

And coach Chuck Olson had high hopes for his team. Unfortunately, those hopes went unattained.

"I thought we were on our way," said Olson Monday. "I thought we were ready to go.

"But we didn't go anywhere." Salem had swimmers qualified in six events. The goal of all swim coaches is to taper their swimmers workouts so that they



peak at the right time, turning in their best performances at the biggest meet.

For swimmers that realize state qualifying times, that meet would be the state finals. But Salem's swimmers improved in just one event, and that drop was slight.

The Rocks had trimmed nearly four seconds from their previous best last Monday in qualifying for the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Kari Foust, Alex Evans, Monica Glowski and Emily Laskie were clocked at 1:55.99.

But that was Monday. In Friday's state preliminaries, their time was 1:57.52.

"Almost all of them were a half-second slower," said Olson, unable to offer an explanation.

The same was true in four of Salem's five other events. Sarah Rogers, who qualified for the 200 freestyle in 2:00.2, had a 2:01.12 time at state.

Glowski qualified in the 50 free in 25.30; at state, she swam 25.57. And Foust's qualifying time in the 100 backstroke was 1:01.59; at state, she turned in 18th-fastest clocking, the 1:01.66.

Glowski, Laskie, Alicia Dotson

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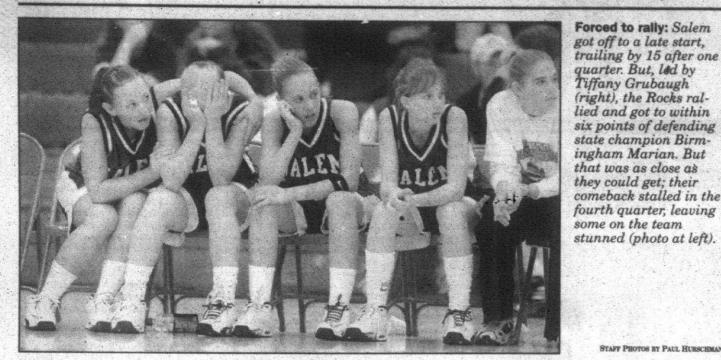
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But the Rocks couldn't capitalize. And then disaster struck. Marian played keep-away, Salem. running the final minute of the clock until, with 12 seconds left a little balloon-popper." in the quarter, Mazza knocked down a short jumper. Salem rushed the ball downcourt for a shot came after the buzzer,

final shot, but it missed. Andrews rebounded, got the ball over midcourt and launched monumental climb," he said. "We the inevitable 40-foot desperation shot - and hit it. The fivepoint surge, which increased

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Marian's lead to 42-31 going into that kind of pace.' the final quarter, finished As for Andrew's quarter-end-

"That," described Cicerone, "is his players "couldn't help think-

Thomann, who believed the agreed. "Getting back from 18-2 first 6 1/2 minutes of the fourth to a two-possession game was a quarter, making its scoreless dry just didn't have enough left. They gave their all. "It's just too hard to maintain

spell 8 1/2 minutes. Monica Mair's triple provided the Rocks with their only points. Grubaugh led Salem, but she

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ing 'Oh my God, what else can go

Salem did not score for the

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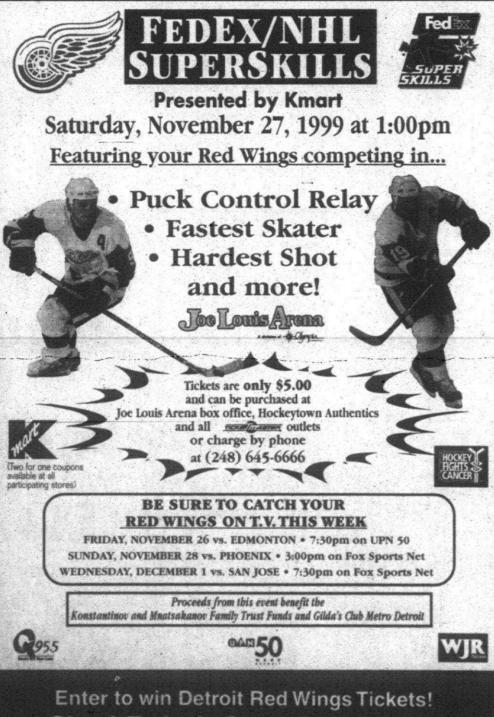
Marian made 21-of-39 shots

best was Kelly Jaskot with

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Sean Avery added a pair of goals in the next two periods. Jean-Francois Seguin also had a

goal. Zigomanis also had four assists, while Avery had three. The Whalers got third-period goals from Morris (from McBride and Vernarsky) and Eric Gooldy

(from Justin Williams and Andre Robichaud). Surma and Jon Billy assisted on one of Kurka's firstperiod goals; the other was unas-

Kingston was 11-8-1 after the weekend. The Whalers play at Owen

Sound Wednesday and at Brampton Thursday before returning to Compuware Arena to host Peterborough at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, they travel to Windsor

Ambassadors in 1st

The Compuware Ambassadors collected their fifth-straight win and took over the top spot in the North American Hockey League's East Division with a two-game sweep of the Grand Rapids BearCats last weekend. The Ambassadors beat the BearCats 4-2 last Friday in Grand Rapids, thanks to two goals by Steve Jackson, including the game-winner. Craig Kowalski was in goal for the win, stopping 29 shots. On Saturday at Plymouth's

Compuware Arena, the Ambassadors beat the BearCats once again, this time by a 7-4 margin. Mike Smith scored four goals and Ryan Webb totaled four assists in the victory, which pushed the Ambassadors ahead of Soo Kewadin Casino Indians in the standings by a point. Smith, who leads Compuware

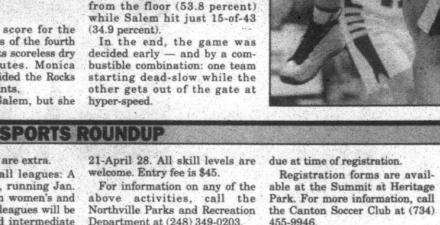
in scoring and has verbally committed to attend Niagara University next fall, has scored 11 goals in his last five games. He has 16 in 18 games this season.

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and Rogers had a performance in the 200 free relay similar to the one turned in by the 200 medley relay. After qualifying at 1:43.20, they went 1:44.21 at The 400 free relay team of

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p.m. Friday

Glowski, Rogers, Jess Hala and Foust qualified in 3:49.03; they went 3:48.51 at state, a drop of

"I guess maybe we should have swam the state meet on Monday." Olson summarized

For Canton's qualifiers, it wasn't any better. None showed drastic improvement over their state qualifying performances. Danielle Drysdale qualified individually in two events for the

Chiefs and swam on the 200 medley relay. Drysdale went 1:02.71 in the 100 butterfly -slightly better than her state qualifying time - and 1:02.28 in the 100 back, slower than her qualifying clocking. Drysdale, Erin Rogala,

Michelle Nilson and Lindsey Muliolis were Canton's 200 medley relay team. They finished in 1:57.66, worse than their qualifying time. Rogala also qualified individu-

ally in the 100 breaststroke; at state, she couldn't match that previous time, finishing in

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State qualifier: Salem's Alex Evans swam the breaststroke leg on the Rocks' state-qualifying 200-yard medley relay. Salem made it to state with a superb, finalchance performance the previous Monday.

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Regina, 362.25; 5. Ellen Van Cleve, Ann Arbor Lakeview; 1:41.85. Pioneer, 361.70; 6. Cara Alcini, Grand Blanc, 100 backstroke: 1. Sara Johnson, Bloom North, 324.60.

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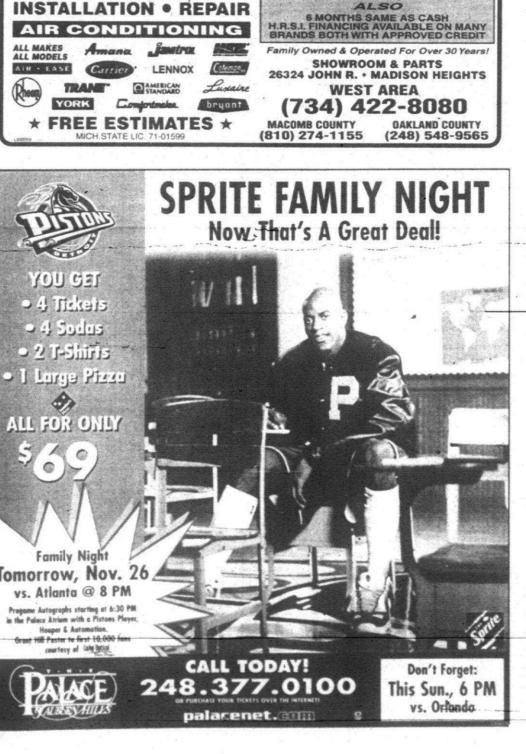
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Marian, 351.50; 8. Katy Ballentine, Livonia land, 58.42; 3. Katje Winkelbaus, Ann Arbor Stevenson, 349.60; 9. Jan Allar, East Kent- Pioneer, 58.57; 4. Marcia Keat, Grosse wood, 345.95; 10. Adrienne Ardis, East Kent Pointe North, 59.16; 5. Lindsi McElriean, wood, 343.90; 11. Rochelle Wells, Jennison, North Farmington, 59.55; 6. Jennifer Thomp-1:49.28; 3 (tie) Livonia Stevenson, 1:49.28; 325.75; 12. Dianna Anderson, Grosse Pointe son, 1:00.87; 7, Tori Throckmorton. Ann Arbor Huron, 1:00.45; 8, Jessica Gracon, Ann Arbor 100 butterfly: 1. Kammy Miller, Grosse Pioneer, 1:00.45; 9. Abby Johnson, Grand Pointe North, 57.52; 2. Michelle Lane, East Haven, 1:00.88; 10. Kathryn Garrison, Rockford, 1:52.19; 10. Novi, 1:52.28; 11. Kentwood, 58.19; 3. Amy Hartland, Novi, Portage Northern, 1:00.94; 11. Renie Green, Dearborn, 1:01:28; 12. Amanda Huizenga

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> 400 freestyle relay: 1. Grosse Pointe North (Mélissa Jamerino, Mary Comillie, Carly Piper Kammy Miller), 3:29.37, new Class A and all Farmington Hills Mercy, 1998; 2. Farmingtor





Canton loses to Redford in final

Redford by period's end.

Canton got on the board just

31 seconds into the second period

on a goal by Jeremy Majszak.

John Bockstanz picked up the

first of his two assists in the

But Redford reasserted itself.

Ryan McCabe opened the third

HOCKEY

Dave Sellin scored three goals and assisted on two others to lead Redford Unified to the championship of the Redford Tournament with an 8-3 victory over Plymouth Canton Saturday at Redford Ice Arena.

Redford Unified is now 2-0 for the season; Canton slipped to 2-Cody Bartlett got Redford off to a fast start, scoring twice in

getting goals from Brad Geistler the first 7:23 of the game. Justin and Sellin to close the second. Jagosz made it 3-0 in favor of

period with a goal for the Chiefs at the 1:25 mark, narrowing the gap to 5-2. But Canton would draw no closer, with Sellin scoring one goal and assisting on another by Dave Aird in the next four minutes.

Majszak got his second goal of the game for the Chiefs (assisted by David Commisky and Bockstanz) at the 7:47 mark, making it 7-3. Sellin closed out the scoring in the game two minutes

Foul-prone Ocelots lose twice at tournament

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Men's hoops

SC and two others had four fouls. Four more had three fouls each as the Ocelots were whistled for 35 fouls. Mount San Antonio also lost three players to fouls, but was called for only 24 fouls.

SC trailed 37-35 at the half, thanks in great part to its 14-of-31 shooting from the floor (45.2 percent). San Antonio was 12-of-26 (46.2 percent) in the first half.

The second half was a different story. San Antonio was 10-of-24 from the field (41.7 percent), including 5-of-10 from threepoint range (50 percent). SC was 11-of-32 (34.4 percent) and missed all seven of its three-

Still, SC managed to stay within four points until the final two minutes

Robert Brown provided the Ocelots with the bulk of their offense, hitting 10-of-11 from the field to score 20 points; he also had three steals. His performance helped earn him a berth on the all-tournament team.

Lamar Bigby added 15 points. but was 3-of-18 from the floor He also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds. Next best was Quentin Mitchell with eight.

Keith Holmes led four San Antonio players to reach double figures in scoring with 17 points. Sean Stokes and Shawn Frederick each scored 14, and Kasib Thomas had 11.



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Crusaders get a split Madonna University salvaged a split Saturday in the Hunting-

ton (Ind.) College women's basketball tournament with a 72-62 consolation victory over Trinity Christian College (Ill.). The Lady Crusaders (3-2 over-

Schoolcraft College's trip to the Southern Idaho Tournament

last weekend didn't reap much.

in terms of victories - the

Ocelots lost two-of-three games.

But it provided some valuable

insight into what SC must do to

On Saturday against Mount

San Antonio, the Ocelots surren-

dered more free-throw attempts

(52) than field-goal shots (50).

With San Antonio converting 34

of those foul shots (a 65.4 per-

centage), it's no wonder SC lost,

The Ocelots fell to .500 at 2-2.

good tournament for us if we had

finished 2-1 instead of 1-2," said

Three players fouled out for

SC coach Carlos Briggs.

"It would have been a real

get its game on line.

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all) got a team-high 22 points from Jennifer Jacek, who made eight of 11 shots from the floor and six of eight free throws. Jacek, who played at Dearborn

Divine Child, also grabbed 11 rebounds. Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) added 14 points, while

Lori Enfield contributed 10.

WOMEN'S HOOPS Point-guard Chris Dietrich dished out nine assists, while Carissa Gizicki grabbed six

rebounds, along with eight steals and four assists. Kara Bruxvoort and Tabithan Mentink scored 17 and 16, respectively, for Trinity Chris-

Madonna led 38-26 at the half. In Friday's opener, Cedarville (Ohio) College rolled to an 80-66 triumph behind Julie Nourse's game-high 23 points and 10

Farmington High product Amanda Porter chipped in with 18 points on eight of 11 shooting from the floor.

Fiorenzi led Madonna with 16 oints, shooting seven of nine from the floor. Enfield added 14 points and nine rebounds, while Jackie Kocis (Schoolcraft Col lege) contributed 10 points.

Madonna trailed 33-26 at half-

The Lady Crusaders shot only 39.1 percent from the floor, while Cedarville hit 30 of 60 shots (50 percent)

Stevenson's Sied commits

This

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BY BRAD EN

If the Michigan State Univerity women's soccer program vas looking for a boost, the Spartans apparently got it by getting a verbal commitment last weekend from a fellow partan --- Livonia Stevenson's Indrea Sied.

Selected Michigan's Miss Soc-cer last spring as a junior, Sied will sign an NCAA letter-of-intent Feb. 2 with MSU. Sied, courted by schools around the country, chose MSU over Michigan, Tennessee and

"After awhile I decided I wanted to stay in-state so I

could be closer to my family — it was going to be either Michi-gan or Michigan State," said Sied, who has helped Stevenson to two state championships 1997-98) and one runner-up (1999) in three seasons. I liked the coaches at Michigan State and I liked the atmophere and the team a lot.

"Plus; I know Tammy Anderon (MSU's assistant coach). She was my ODP (Olympic Development Program) coach or two years Sied, who had 10 goals and

ine assists last year as a weeper, hopes to elevate head

SPORTS NOTABLES

TRAVIS SOTH IN NCAA

Livonia Stevenson graduate Kelly Travis, a sophomore at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, finished 30th out of 255 runners in the NCAA women's cross country championship held Monday at the Indiana University in Bloomington.

Travis covered the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 22.7 seconds. Sophomore Erica Palmer of

Wisconsin was the individual champion in 16:39.5.

Travis qualified for the NCAAs by finishing fourth Nov. 13 in the Southeast Regional at Furman University (Greenville, S.C.) with a time of 17:24, becoming only the second runner in UNC-Charlotte history to qualify for the NCAA meet.

She was also runner-up in the Conference USA meet held in Charlotte with a school-record time of 17:05.5.

MSU'S LEO 175TH

Michigan State University senior Joe Leo (Redford Catholic Centrall) wrapped up his cross country career by placing 175th out of a field of 250 in the NCAA men's cross country champi onship held Monday at Indiana University.

Leo's time in the 10-kilometer race was 33:03.00

Leo, who resides in Northville, qualified for the NCAA by pacing seventh and earning All-Great Lakes Region honors on Nov. 13.

PARKER 13TH AT MEET

Four-time All-Observer runner Andrea Parker (Livonia Stevenson), representing the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association team, took 13th last weekend with a time of 18:34 (for 5,000 meters) in a regional meet held in Dayton, Ohio.

The meet featured teams from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Parker was fourth among Michigan runners. She qualified for one of the 10 state team spots by finishing ninth the week before in Grand Ledge.

COLLEGE SOCCER NOTE

Albion College junior Brian Lindsay (Southfield/Redford Catholic Central) was recently named first-team All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association in men's soccer

Teammate Jeff Boogren (Westland/Redford CC), a sophomore, made honorable mention All-MIAA.

HOOP TEAMS WANTED

A winter basketball league for eighth-grade boys will be held Sunday evenings beginning in January at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland.

Also included will be a seasonending tournament.

Coaches interested in registering a team should call Kim Madeleine of Metro Glass Huskies Basketball at (734) 591-7799.

coach Tom Sazon's program. MSU finished 6-12-3 overall and 3-6-1 in the Big Ten this fall, losing to No. 18-ranked and NCAA qualifier Michigan, 2-1, in overtime in the conference in overtime in the tourna-

Andrea Sied

commits to MSU spot on the U.S. Youth Soccer

ciation's under-18 team. The Midwest team, coached by former Livonia Churchill and Schoolcraft College women's coach Nick O'Shea (now at Oakland University), will open with an exhibition game against the under-16 national team before playing teams from the West, South and East regions.

The other two Michigan players on the Midwest Region team are Plymouth Canton's Anne Morrell and Madison

Heights Bishop Foley's Nicole "Tm just going to go out and play my best," said Sied, who is an outside halfback. "It will be

great if I make it, but if I don't, it will be fine, too. I'm not going to warry about it."

Sied, a three-time All-Observ er first-team selection, was an outstanding runner in middle school and comes from an ath-Michigan letic family. Her younger brother Mar-shall is a member of the Steven-son junior varsity football team. Another brother, Keith, a sev-enth-grader at Holmes Maddle School, plays soccer and basket-ball

group) vying this ball. week (in Th Three of her uncles, twins Tucson, Ariz for a with Bob McClowry, all played football at Michigan State. 18 team. But Sied admits her dad,

Marshall, is a U-M football fan. "My parents left it up to me they didn't try to persuade me one way or another," Andrea said. "I look at Michigan State as an opportunity to play right away in a program that is on the rise."

MSU will not only be getting an outstanding player, but also a top-notch student. Sied, who has an interest in

majoring in psychology, carries a 3.9 grade-point average.

BEST DEALS

OF THE YEAR!

(state cut: 1:56.79) Farmington Hills Mercy 1:46.95 Ivonia Stevenson 1:49.28 North Farmington 1:55.61 Plymouth Salem 1:58.10 hymouth Canton 1:58.42

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

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100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

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the Pontiac Silverdome

chant for passing.

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school season.

Farmington Harrison's defense has to

switch gears and start thinking pass

instead of run for this week's game -

Literally, it's the last game of the high

The Hawks will try to win a record-

they play Grand Rapids Creston for the

Division III title at 8 p.m. Saturday in

It's the last game of the two-day,

eight-game finals weekend sponsored by

the Michigan High School Athletic Asso-

of the tournament by defeating a power

running team in Monroe Jefferson last

week, 24-20. Creston (12-1) presents an

entirely different challenge with its pen-

"They're complete opposites; there

ferent," Harrison coach John Herring-

ton said. "We're going from a team that

runs one or two formations and pounds

it out to 30 formations and a wide-open

Harrison (9-4) reached the final stage

tying 10th state championship when

patterns.

PREVIEV

The booklet containing Harrison's

scouting report on the Polar Bears was

Fourth-year coach Charles (Sparky)

McEwen, a former quarterback for Cre-

ston, runs an offense similar to what

Junior quarterback Carlton Brewster

is the offensive catalyst for the blue-

and-gold Polar Bears. His favorite

receiver is Bret Haney, who wears No.

1, but Creston has a number of other

players who are capable of providing

"They have six people they throw to,"

Herrington said, adding the Hawks

haven't seen a passing team as good as

the Polar Bears since Ryan Huzjak

(University of Toledo) played quarter-

back at Northville nearly a decade ago.

most times we've thrown was probably

and they'll throw it on your 1-yard line.

has a great release. He's tough to sack

because he has quick feet and, if you

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"They'll throw 40 times a game. The

"(Brewster) sees the whole field and

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couldn't be two teams that are more dif-15. They'll throw it on their 1-yard line,

Creston's speed means trouble for Hawks

Ironically, the Hawks were hurt by

lefferson passes in the first half last

"With this team, you know they're

going to pass," Herrington said. "They

don't throw off play-action, so you don't

"In some ways, it's easier but it's

harder, because they have great

receivers. They have outstanding skill

Herrington has said the strength of

the Harrison defense is its secondary of

seniors Nick Hall, Brian Nelson and

The Hawks have given up more pass-

ing yards than they would've liked in

their last three games, but Herrington

believes his secondary will rise to the

"I think we do have a good, solid sec-

"It should be a fun game for people to

watch. It will be an interesting matchup

between our defensive backs and their

ondary, even though the last two weeks

we haven't shown it," he said. "They'll

Lou Hadley and junior Chris Roberson.

have to commit as much to the run.

week, partly due to the fact they were

looking for the run so much.

sition players.

occasion Saturday.

step it up for this game.

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RABBIT

another.

Maurice Carthen, whom Herrington considers the best defensive lineman he has seen this year. The Polar Bears also

"We have to move the ball and do a rington said. "We don't want to let their offense have it.

"The past couple weeks Lou has come

some plays, we're going to have to take line up with five receivers and no backs, it right at them and break some seams. "Like every big game, special teams will be important. We have to contain

"I don't think we can get outside

kicker

"They pro pass block," Herrington said. "It's nothing real complicated. They have big bodies. They get side by side and use their hands to keep pass ing the defensive linemen off one to

dome and the scores are not as high as on as a thrower, and we definitely have

because of the speed they have. On attack had the opposite effect last week. Though the Polar Bears sometimes they do have a good runner in senior tailback Andrew Terry.

easy to overlook Creston's running down

game, much as Jefferson's rushing

"This team has the most skilled players since we played (Saginaw) Arthur Hill (in 1989) with Shonte Peoples (Michigan) and Brian Pruitt (Central Michigan),* Herrington said. The Hawks, led by all-state quarter-

back Mill Coleman, won that game in Saginaw, 34-18. "We have speed (in the secondary). We have good cover people, but we can't forget they run the ball, too," Herring-

ton added. "And, when they spread you out so much, they run the ball effective-Harrison has speedy backs in Kevin

Woods and Chris Roberson, and quar- have good size up front defensively and terback Lou Hadley is coming off his at linebacker. best game as a passer.

between two finesse teams. Could it be a high-scoring shootout? "It could be, but you get to the Silver-

But all the talk of passing makes it you think," Herrington said. "If we get a the receivers with people like Hall, Nelfew sacks or picks, it could slow things son, Agim (Shabaj) and (Tim) Doig."

them and put some pressure on their

The Polar Bears have good size on the offensive line, averaging 227 between the tackles.

Creston is led defensively by senior

The game shapes up as a contest good job holding on to the ball," Her-

Late fumble saves Harrison, earns berth in final

receivers.

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

The situation appeared bleak. the Hawk 9-yard line with a It, as well as everyone on the Farmington Harrison side of the football field, cried out for deci-

sive action. Junior linebacker Tim Doig gave the Hawks what they desperately needed and hoped to see — a turnover!

With Monroe Jefferson headed for the winning touchdown, Doig caused a fumble that enabled Harrison to hang on and win a Division III semifinal game at Rochester High School, 24-20.

After blocking a punt at midfield, the Bears had the ball at

minute remaining.

Doig made contact with Jefferson fullback Adam Servey, who chewed up the Harrison defense for most of his 142 yards (34 car-

ries) in the second half, and knocked the ball loose. Senior Brian Nelson, who recovered the fumble at the 2, and the rest of the Hawks were

overjoyed at Doig's big hit. "I hit him as hard as I could. Doig said. "I put my face on the

ball and ran through him. "We knew we had to stop

them. They were pounding the son said. "Coach told me to play had to step up the D. We knew plete pass bounced off Harrison SEMIFINALS

> "I didn't know it was a fumble. around and (then) I knew we got The fumble recovery, which allowed quarterback Lou Hadley

out the clock, afforded Nelson the opportunity for redemption. He intercepted a fourth-down pass (his seventh) at the Harri-

son 46 instead of knocking it down, which would have given the Hawks possession at the Jefferson 21 with under three minutes left.

ball on us at the end, and we had tight D and stay on him. I wasn't even thinking it was fourth down." "We would've had the ball at the 20, and that would've been

the game," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "But, then, if he's not there maybe they catch the ball, too." The Hawks (9-4) failed to get a

first down, and the Bears (11-2) blocked Nelson's punt with 2:13 to play, setting up Jefferson for a the first half, thanks to the passshort drive from the 35 and the potential winning TD.

"We thought we had things going our way," Nelson said. "After the blocked punt, we sorta got down. I was just thinking we

we could do it." It took the Bears four plays to reach the 9 at which point the game took a fortunate bounce

and turn for the Hawks. "Their back did a great job the whole game and fumbled," Herrington said. "It was just fortunate for us he did. But it was a

caused fumble. Doig went in there and knocked it loose. Harrison was in good shape in ing arm of Hadley, who had his best game of the season, completing eight of 12 passes for 206 yards and three touchdowns.

Hadley had first-half TD tosses of 21 yards to junior Chris Roberson, 41 to sophomore Agim Shabaj and 40 to Nick Hall.

Senior Kris Wong's three extra points gave the Hawks a comfortable, 21-6 lead, but the game began to turn around just before

Ironically, Harrison did a good job against Jefferson's strong rushing attack in the first half but was stung by the passing of quarterback Steve Kinsland, who was 6-of-7 for 84 yards and two touchdowns in the first half. Tight end Lee Wilder caught both TD passes — a 12-yarder that made the score 7-6 and a 5yarder on the final play of the

senior defensive end Brad Per son, who almost certainly would've had a touchdown (for a possible 28-6 lead) if he had ntercepted

"We were concerned, when they got their second touchdown, it would give them momentum for their opening drive (of the second half)," Herrington said.

It did. The Bears, resorting to the ground game, went 79 yards in 17 running plays to start the third quarter to score on a 1yard run by Servey. Kinsland passed to Jeff Davidson for the two-point conversion, cutting the Harrison lead to 21-20.

Wong kicked a 38-yard field goal for a little insurance, and the Hawks stopped the Bears on downs on their next two poss sions, the second ending in Nelson's interception

Given the unusual turn of events, Cisco still held out hope even after the lost fumble.

"I've been in this game too ong," he said. "Anything can happen until that scoreboard (clock) is dead."

Fortunately for the Hawks. nothing else of consequence did. Jefferson had a 236-98 advantage on the ground and a 334 293 edge in total yards. Zeke Jaworski added 47 yards on nine carries for the Bears, Mike Mason 37 on five. Kinsland was 8-of-10 passing overall for 98 vards The Hawks, who had only 72

vards in the second half had 53

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half after Mike Barton made a 33-yard catch as he was falling down and out of bounds at the Harrison 5 with :01 on the clock. Wilder also missed both extra points, leaving the halftime

to come up big. I just saw everyone jumping to down the ball twice and run

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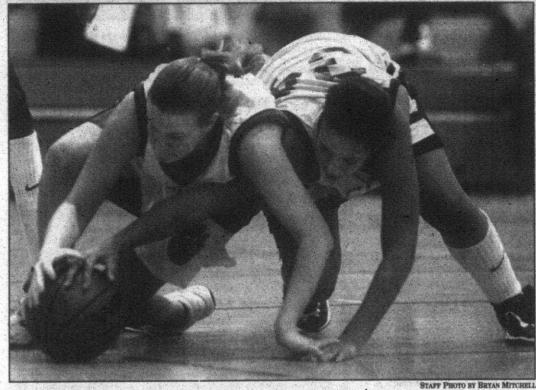
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Scrambling toward a win: St. Agatha's Jessica James (right) battles for a loose ball, showing the kind of scrappiness the Aggies needed to get past Lenawee Christian.

Into the finals Aggies trip Lenawee Christian

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER skowalski@oe.h

CS(CP)

That Krystol Dennis earned a starting role in her first year on Redford St. Agatha's girls basketball team wasn't such a surprise

That Dennis is still playing this late in the season, however, will raise some evebrows.

Dennis, who transferred to St. Agatha last January after 2 1/2 years at Redford Bishop Borgess, scored a game-high 15 points as the Aggies continued their best season in years with a 40-39 win over Adrian Lenawee Christian in the Class D regional semifinal in Potterville.

The win earned the Aggies, 23-1 overall, a spot in the regional finals at 7 p.m. against Portland St. Patrick.

Krystol showed potential but rarely played in three seasons at Borgess. The irony is the Spartans, who made six straight trips to the Class C Final Four, were eliminated this season in the district championship game.

At St. Agatha she joined her sister, sophomore forward Kim Dennis, who also starts.

"I love it," said Krystol Dennis. "It's funner."

Holding her portable Compact Disc player after the game, Krystol Dennis also mumbled something about Jang-A-Lang, one of her favorite sayings on the big screen, while celebrating the victory with teammates.

"She's obviously our main low post threat and it's a great luxu-Aget

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with 10 points, finished its season with a 19-5 record.

"The height factor we had to deal with - I think 22 (Krystol Dennis) had a soft touch - and more than anything she kept us from getting second looks (rebounds after missed shots),' Lenawee Christian coach Cheri Smith said. "When you're not shooting well, like we were tonight, that's what you count on.

The Aggies trailed 7-5 after one quarter but used a 15-9 second-quarter advantage to lead at halftime, 20-16. Lenawee Christian cut its deficit to one, 29-28, after oustcoring St. Agatha 12-9 in the third quarter.

Krystol Dennis, who made four

of five free throw attempts, scored nine second-half points. She was the only one who shot well from the line, however, as the Aggies were 5-for-15 as a team.

Senior forward Kerry Shivers, who added six points, seems to be reminded each practice of Krystol Dennis' presence.

"Most of my bruises are from her, her and Jessica (James),' said Shivers, who added that rebounding is stressed by the new coaching staff, which includes Patricia Rich. "They've helped us improve our weak spots, like boxing out and fight-ing for the ball. We're not just watching the ball roll out of bounds.

James is proud of her aggressiveness

"I'm the girl on the ground most of the game," she said.



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Tim Szakal said. "We're not deep at guard and she also helps when teams press us because she's a big target. Having her in the middle as a safety valve is great.

While Krystol Dennis and Kim Dennis, who added eight points, played key roles, the biggest points came from the smallest player on the court: senior guard Sonia Lousia.

Trailing 39-38 in the final minute, Lousia and Jessica James trapped a Lenawee Christian player near half-court, causing a turnover. Lousia, who hadn't scored in the previous 31 minutes, got the steal and coasted in for an uncontested layup with 42 seconds left for a 40-39 lead.

It was a little redemption for Lousia, who had turned the ball over on the previous two St. Agatha possessions.

"I thought it was my turn, that I've got to make this layup," Lousia said. "I was thinking 'There's no one behind me because the girl was stuck behind Jessica. Just concentrate on going slow.' Lousia St. Agatha senior forward Kerry Shivers is grateful for her new teammate, but her body isn't sure it's worth it.

The Cougars still had a chance to win but a missed shot from inside the paint with 8.5 seconds left was rebounded by Krystol Dennis. The Aggies missed a free throw at the other end, which also was rebounded by Krystol Dennis, and the final seconds ticked off the clock without the Cougars getting another shot attempt.

Lenawee Christian, led by senior forward Danielle Psante



Entertainment

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The Observer

THE WEEKEND





WDET "Folks Like Us" host Matt Watroba joins Neil Woodward and Gary Weisenburg of Redford for an evening of folk music at the Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Doors open 7:30 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets \$12, call (734) 761-1451.

SATURDAY



Classic American toys are the highlight this year at "Traditions of the Season" through Jan. 2 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The museum and village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

SUNDAY



Robert Urich and the Merry Murderesses appear in a scene from the Broadway musical "Chicago," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Tickets run \$20 to





New musical: Erin Dilly as Bertrande (left to right), John Herrera as Father Dominic and Hugh Panaro as Martin Guerre in a scene from "Martin Guerre."

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WHERE The Fisher

BY JULIE YOLLES PECIAL WRITER

When Erin Dilly was 16, she and her best friend, Danny Gurwin, went downtown to the Fisher Theatre to see "Les Miserables" for the first time.

"The lights went down, and when Eponine came on stage, I just cried, 'I

want to be her, I want to do this.' That was the first moment in my life when I realized that I wanted to be a professional actor," said Dilly, who grew up in Southfield.

Eleven years later, when Dilly heads downtown again to the Fisher Theatre on Dec. 1, she'll have the best seat in the house. Center stage, in fact. Dilly's coming back home as Bertrande, the female lead of the U.S.

premiere of "Martin Guerre," is a little mind-blowing for Dilly, she said. As a high schooler at Birmingham was like the Energi

never do professionally," said the 27year-old actress, who's been performing since graduating from the musical theater program at the University of Michigan.

"I was Dolly in 'Hello Dolly' when I was 17, which still makes me giggle. I also played Maria in West Side Story.' Here I am blonde and blue-

eyed. I was so far away from this Spanish woman but, you know, WHEN: Opens Wednessomeone's got to play those parts. tinues through Sunday, Dec. 19: Perfor-

Millionaire theatrical producer Cameron Mackintosh chose Dilly to play the plum part in the pre-Broadway run of "Martin Guerre" after an eight-month search. Knighted "The Wizard of Ahhhs" by Forbes ASAP Mackintosh has produced more than 300

shows and is best known for "Cats," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables" and "Miss

Saigon. Mack Miz" and "Saigon" French composing team Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg for "Guerre."

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are available at the box office and Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666. For more information call (313) 983-6611.

ERIN DILLY

Bunny; she just kept on going, and going and going. The self-professed study bug was on the varsity tennis team, the forensics team and an actor.

"I did all the roles that I could

The "Martin Guerre" casting team

Please see GUERRE, E2

Holiday spec-

tacular: Paul

Hopper, (left)

Cratchit and

Scrooge, in a

scene from

"A Christ-

mas Carol."

Booth Col-

man, as

Ebenezer

as Bob

HOLIDAY TRADITION

Subtle changes keep 'A Christmas Carol' fresh and fun

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe.homecom comm.net

Just as families in southeast Michigan carry on the tradition of seeing "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre every year, the tradition of the play is just as strong for many of the actors.

Take Paul Hopper, for instance. A familiar face in the annual production, he repeats his roles as Bob Cratchit and Fezziwig this season. He once played the role of Young Scrooge.

"Not since I lost my hair," quipped Hopper.

This year, he's giving up a trip to Hawaii with his wife, Barbara Ellis (Coven) and daughter, Nicole Coven, to return to the theater for multiple performances of the holiday play.

"I don't know what I'd do at Christmastime if I

weren't in 'A Christmas Carol,'* said Hopper, who lives in Milford. He has 16 ears with the play under his belt.

But how do Hopper, the others actors

on stage and those involved backstage keep the production fresh when it has opened to audiences more than 800 times?

Charles Nolte is the author and director of the beloved "A Christmas Carol" script adapted from the original story written by Charles Dickens. The

"A Christmas Carol"

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Dec. 26. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-and 2 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday. The exceptions are 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Wednes day, Dec. 22, and 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University. **Rochester Hills**

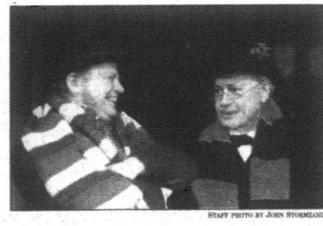
TICKETS: \$26 to \$37, available at the Meadow Brook box office (248) 377-3300, and all Ticketmaster locations, (248) 645-6666.

1999 production is the 16th using Nolte's script. There were two years when other scripts were used but the theater returned to Nolte's version three seasons ago.

Nolte flies in from his home in Minneapolis for rehearsals and stays through the first week or two of performances. returning throughout the run to look things over. He works hard at keeping the play fresh but tries to do it in subtle ways that don't attract attention.

"I always change the

blocking and other things a little according to who is in the cast," said Nolte, who created the title role in the original production of "Billy Bud."



'Many of our actors return to us year after year, but we also get new ones, particularly in the children's roles."

In this year's production, for instance, the actors in the umbrella scene are moving differently from in years past.

Booth Colman, the epitome of Ebenezer Scrooge, has played the role every year but one since 1981.

"This isn't a difficult role to keep fresh because the play isn't a straight run," said the actor, who lives in Los Angeles. "We have almost a year off

from the time it ends in Recembe until we open the next November

He said much of what keeps the play fresh is the interaction with the other actors on the stage.

"Different actors facilitate a different response," Hopper added.

For Mary Benson, who plays Mrs Cratchit and Mrs. Fezziwig, performing in "A Christmas Carol" is like coming home from her West Virginia residence She's done the holiday play at

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Tradition from page E1

Meadow Brook for seven years. "It's so much fun," she said. "I Tiny Tim.

Barbara Jenks and her crew of seamstresses are challenged every year to make the more than 100 costumes in "A Christ-mas Carol" look rich and resplendent or poor and shabby, depending on the character who wears them.

Every year we try to freshen up the look by making a new cos-tume here and there." she said. This year, people are seeing Scrooge in a new, handmade tail-

"I try to create postcard scenes on stage," Jenks said. "We try to take care of every detail so it ooks picture postcard perfect."

Colman's fans can look forward to seeing him in a new movie, "Return to Secret Gar- watch 'It's a Wonderful Life' deh," to be released in the spring every year.

We try to take care of every detail so it perfect.'

Barbara Jenks Seamstress

of 2000. He plays the role of Dickens (not Charles Dickens)

as an older man. Gregg Bloomfield, managing director of Meadow Brook Theatre, doesn't anticipate a change from Nolte's "A Christmas Carol" to another holiday play any time soon

"From all the years of reading viewers' comments, we've learned our audiences like to see the same script, the same staging, the same story every year" he said. "It's part of their holiday. tradition, just like people who

Paul Hop per (left to right) as Cratchit. Booth Col man (Ebenezer Scrooge), Mary Benson (Mrs. Cratchit), and director Charles Nolte work on a scene from "A Christmas Carol." STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAL

Guerre from page E1 continually called Dilly to audi- approached me, extended his Theatre in London's West End save his life. Arnaud returns to just do what you feel is best for tion for the show. But she was hand, hugged me and said Well, either on the national tour of we start rehearsals in eight "Beauty and the Beast" as Belle, ill with the flu or had just

pened off-Broadway. pening night of the play, and I was in no shape to audition. But they kept calling me back, and I said 'Oh, OK, I'll go in," Dilly said. "I had slept late, didn't even later." take a shower, threw on some clothes, jumped in a cab and got Guerre" has been an eight-year caught in a traffic jam. I had no battle. Dissatisfied with the inimusic with me. I did the audition tial version of "Guerre," that completely by the seat of my pants.

Dilly was called back. "Here I was, standing there, unshowered, hair sticking up all berg started writing a revised over the place, no makeup on version. That version of "Martin and 'They wanted to see me again." she laughed

She was hired five days later.

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weeks.' I said, 'Oh, my God.' The conductor looked at me and said 'It was the morning after very few moments in your life Dilly. where Cameron Mackintosh will offer you a job on the spot.' It was all so surreal, it really didn't sink in until about two weeks

> For Mackintosh, "Martin opened in London in July 1996, Mackintosh closed down the production after three months. Mackintosh, Boublil and Schon-Guerre" won the 1997 Olivier Award for best new musical and

before Mackintosh shut it down Artigat to bear the tragic news the moment and sometimes that again for a total overhaul. Detroit audiences will see the

third version, featuring an all-'Remember this day, there are American cast that includes The epic is on a five-stop pre-

Broadway tour and will open in New York on April 26, 2000. After its premiere at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, "Guerre" comes to Detroit with Dilly Dec. 1 and runs through Dec. 19.

Boublil and Schonberg set out to recreate the legend of Martin Guerre (played by Hugh Panaro) in 1553 Artigat, France. After a loveless marriage to Bertrande (Dilly) and ridicule by the villagers, Guerre leaves the town for a better life. Seven years exciting look that gets to the later, on a battlefield in France, Guerre is presumed dead after ran for more than 700 perfor- his friend Arnaud du Thil low to keep you out of trouble

Guerre by the townsfolk. Through the deception, Arnaud and Bertrande fall in love. "They both actually live the

perfect love for a very short time " said Mackintosh

"The story hasn't changed at all (from the initial version), but what's changed dramatically which is why its been so well received now - is actually we've done it better. We've done it through the eyes of the characters. ... We start with a flashback, and we see the story through the central trio's eyes. The visual look is very simple, but a theatrically and terribly heart of the storytelling.

"There's no golden rule to fol-"After the audition, Cameron mances at the Prince Edward (Stephen Buntrock) attempts to when putting on a musical. You

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to Bertrande and is mistaken for moment takes a lot longer than you really thought it would in the first place."

"Cameron Mackintosh has always been this extraordinary name in the theater. He's almost been this icon that didn't seem like I could ever attach it with the literal person." Dilly said. "But when I met him, he's the most salt-of-the earth, warmest man I've ever met. He's completely accessible, wildly creative with a phenomenal sense of humor. I've never met a man so passionate about a show."

Mackintosh has more than 50 musicals in production, including "Putting it Together," the Stephen Sondheim review that just opened on Broadway and stars Carol Burnett.

Together" while she was on a sthink that's rare."

small hiatus from "Guerre" before coming to Detroit. Dilly was temporarily living at Danny Gurwin's apartment. One show she definitely wasn't going to miss was "The Scarlet Pimpernel" on Broadway, with best-

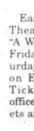
Both had appeared in Nancy Gurwin (Danny's mom) Produc tions in West Bloomfield and attended the homecoming dances together at Birmingham Groves and Southfield-Lathrup High School

"I'm thrilled to be able to come to my hometown in a show that I'm so proud of," said Dilly. She will stay for three weeks with her parents. Stewart and Ann Dilly, in the house Erin grew up in. "It's the kind of theater that Dilly hoped to catch "Putting it can change a person's life, and I

friend Gurwin in the show.

Rehearsing:

accepted.

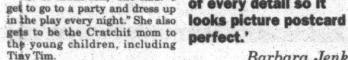


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COMMUNITY THEATER

Show highlights local talent The Players Guild of Dearborn E Cindy Gonko of Can-

presents the adult comedy "Don't Dress for Dinner," written by Marc Camoletti, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26.27, at the Guild playhouse 21730 Madison near Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. Tickets are \$11, all seats are reserved. Senior and student rates are available. To purchase tickets, call (313) 561-TKTS. Visa and MasterCard

BY SUE SUCHYTA

SPECIAL WRITER When a husband uses his best friend as an alibi for a weekend with his mistress, trouble ensues when his wife decides to stav at home and renew her affair with the best friend. The best friend, who is hiding both infidelities, then mistakes the caterer for the mistress, setting the stage for subterfuge and silliness.

Kirk Haas, who directed the Buffalo" last year, has assembled a talented ensemble worthy of the clever script and capable of bination of talent and breakneck

Bernard, the philandering husweekend turn into a chaotic yet hysterically funny romp. Donovan is the master of understatehouse with laughter with a wellaimed look or his physical come-

ton ... brings her own flair and energy to the equation, and is an enthusiastic and selfassured addition to the ensemble.

ous changes of clothing.

To intensify the comic treat, Joe is paired with his real life wife Kim Donovan, who plays his stage wife Jacqueline. The two make a dynamic duo from a comedv standpoint, and have delighted Guild audiences in the past as the couple in "Move Over Mrs. Markham" and in numerous other roles.

Kim Donovan exudes class and stage presence while keeping a ight enough touch to keep the show funny and moving along at Guild's comic delight "Moon Over a brisk pace. She was able to switch from passionate to sisterly with the bat of an eye.

Ron Williams of Redford shows delivering it with a crucial com- he can play the debonair bachelor Robert as well as the troubled teen he portraved so well in Joe Donovan of Farmington last season's "Blood Brothers." Hills is clever and acerbic as He has the right blend of teddy hear cuddliness and sophisticatband whose plans for a relaxing ed conniving to be both convincing and likable.

As he must concoct more lies and convince more people to go ment, and can bring down the along with them, he invokes gales of laughter from the appreciative house. He also deserves a with an elegant sophistication dy. He not only caught the commendation for memorizing and deserves combat pay for the seltzer in the pants, he wore the an extremely long, funny and constant costume clean-ups main course of the intended din- complicated speech that ner party. Kudos to the costume attempts to finally catalog every encounters with spray bottles committee for supplying numer- lie, subterfuge and mistaken and errant food.

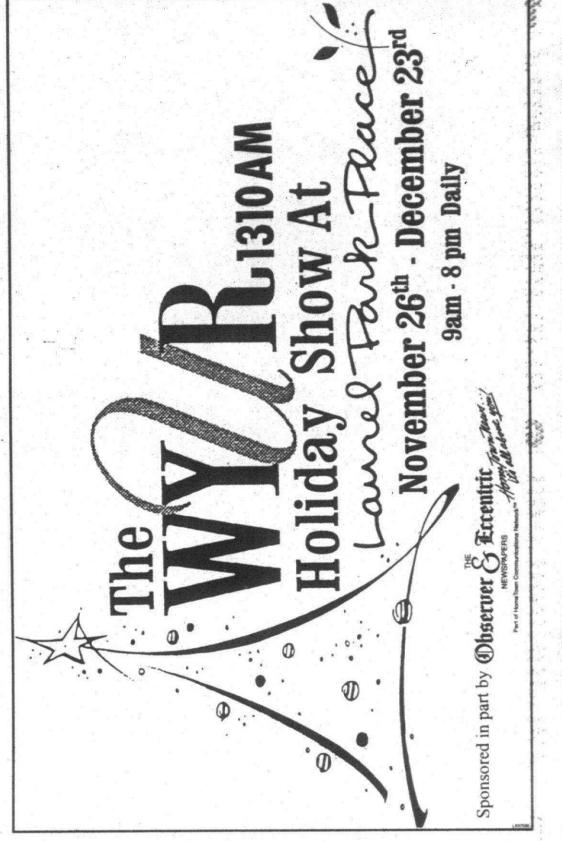
Cindy Gonko of Canton, who plays the cook, is mistaken by Robert as the mistress. She brings her own flair and energy to the equation, and is an enthusiastic and self-assured addition to the ensemble.

Gonko has fun with the role, and is probably the only cast member who eventually understands the entire equation. Her ability to wear a waitress skirt like a strapless designer original gown is a very funny part of the comic romp. Her composure in the face of chaos gives the character the ability to inspire even more laughter.

Maria Kovac of Royal Oak is the perfect mistress, oozing the glamour and sophisticated wit to which a man like Bernard would be attracted. She makes her character likable and sympathet ic, avoiding the stereotypical flakiness associated with the mistress role and bringing the right mixture of coy charm and naughty poise to the role. Hank Bennett of Farmington

Hills completes the ensemble as George, the cook's understandably confused and indignant husband who stumbles into the mess at the height of the action Haas designed a set as worthy

of praise as the cast he assemoled. Ceiling beams lend a permanence to the nicely decorated farmhouse, which is wellappointed. Costumer Marsha Barnett-Krause dressed the cast demanded by Bernard's ongoing



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Story of 'Truth' told at EMU

Eastern Michigan University's Friday, Dec. 3 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Quirk Theatre. on EMU's Ypsilanti campus. Tickets are \$13.Call the box as a young girl. office at (734) 487-1221 for tick-

"A Woman Called Truth," writ- as a respected speaker on the and taken away from her family her Battle Creek home. The story follows her historic Zimmer, the play is appropriate

Theatre of the Young presents ten by Sandra Fenichel Asher, is abolition of slavery and impor-"A Woman Called Truth," 8 p.m. a celebration of the life, courage tance of women's rights. Truth and wit of Sojourner Truth, a continued fighting for those woman who was sold as a slave causes until her death in 1883 in

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Revival at Possum Kingdom

Community Church," through Dec 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Feb. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater 33 Madison Ave. Detroit. (313) 963-9800

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE "A Woman Called Truth," 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and Friday, Dec.3, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday, Nov. 20-21 and Saturday Dec. 4, Quirk Theatre, on the Ypsilanti campus. \$8 Thursdays, \$13 Fridays-Saturdays, \$11 Sunday matinee, (734) 487-1221 UD-MERCY

"Skylarks,"8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 5. (313) 993-1130 WSU HILLBERRY

"Some Americans Abroad," through Feb. 5, 8 p.m. Friday Nov. 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27; "Merchant o Venice," 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the theater 4743 Cass. Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS "The Women," a comedy by Clare Booth Luce, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 26-27, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, \$12. (248)

553-2955

PLANET ANT THEATRE Sexual Perversity in Chicago, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 19.8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and H:7 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, \$10, \$35 season tickets available until Dec. 19. (313) 365-4948

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD "It's a Wonderful Life." 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 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, Northville, \$10, \$7 students ages 18 and under. (248) 349-7110

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

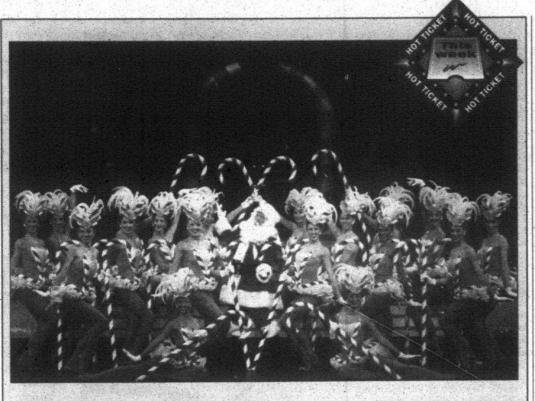
"To Forgive, Divine," a comedy by Jack Neary, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 26-27, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, between Haggerty and I-275, Livonia. \$10, \$5 Sundays. (734) 464-6302

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF HINGHAM

"The Man Who Came to Dinner, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 26-27, at the theater, Chestnut 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," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666



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YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT PUPPET THEATER The classic Russian tale "The Firebird," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Nov. 27-28. at the theater, 25 E. Grand River Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777 GEMINI

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, instrument-petting zoo onehalf hour before the shows, at The Ark, at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, \$7. (734) 761-1800 MAROUIS THEATRE

"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater 135 E. Main, Northville, \$7. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING

PARADE 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, from Woodward and Mack. ART TRAIN USA

"Artistry of Space" features works from NASA and the National Air and Space Museum 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5 and 11-12, at 1100 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor Free: (734) 747-8300

COBO CARNIVAL Through Dec. 5, in Oakland Hall at Cobo Center, Detroit. Free. (313) 923-7400

HOLIDAY PARADE/SNOW CARNIVAL

11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 (parade), noon to 2 p.m. Snow Carnival from Wisner Stadium on. Oakland Avenue to the Phoenix Center on Saginaw Street, Pontiac, (248) 209-2621

- HOLIDAY PIANO CONCERT Rvan O'Naill performs 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the JC Penney Store at Westland Mall, Wayne and Warren roads.
- Westland. (888-966-3455 PROGRESSIVE DOG CLUB SHOW All breed dog show and obedience trial 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in the Michigan Mart, West Mall and Ag Buildings at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Eight Mile and Woodward, Detroit. \$4, \$1

seniors/children under 12, (248) 477-8477/(734) 425-0857 RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Starring the Rockettes Friday, Nov. 26 to Friday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$20-\$55. (248) 645-6666/(248) 433-1515 EDDY BEAR BRUNCH

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"WILD LIGHTS"

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Dec. 9-11, entertainment by Good Neighbors All and the col lege's Madrigal Singers, in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$35, proceeds go to the student scholarship fund. (734) 462-4417

TRIBLITE TO ROSA PARKS

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Aretha Franklin, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$75-\$200, proceeds to Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. (313) 576-5111 TURKEY TROT

8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at the corner of Jefferson and Woodward, \$20, proceeds benefi America's Thanksgiving Parade. (248) 544-9099

CLASSICAL DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Bach and Handel, with soprano Christine Brandes and mezzo. soprano Marietta Simpson, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 2-3, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward,

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ARETHA FRANKLIN With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.\$25-\$75. (313) 576-5111 MERIDIAN

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 865-9300 IM PARAVANTES

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AUDITIONS THEATRE GUILD OF REDFORD Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical

comedy theater. Call (313) 531 0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest t the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford. 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 of 2000. (734) 451-2112

CHORAL

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE Sing Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols" 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Felician. Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel at I 96 and Levan Road, Livonia; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at historic St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms \$10 pro towards the chorale's tour to Ireland in June. (734) 432-5708 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 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

COMMUNITY CHOIR' Holiday concerts featuring Mozart's "Regina Coeli and Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria" as well as other season favorites, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward, between Warren and Hancock, Detroit. Free: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted. (248) 349-

8175/(734) 462-4435 UMS CHORAL UNION Handel's "Messiah," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$10-\$18. (734) 764-

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- Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 351-2925 WARREN COMMISSION
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Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 PAMELA WISE & THE AFRO-CUBAN ALLSTARS 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at

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POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN 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 Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-

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BUCKCHERRY

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DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit, Regular

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THE ALLIGATORS 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Lower

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Carl Reiner's "Oh God" (1977) gave us George Burns and a Borscht Belt take on the Old Testament. In Kevin Smith's profound and profane comedy-fantasy "Dogma," the Lord is angst singer Alanis Morisette. If you can accept that, the rest of the often clever, quite pro-faith plot may make perfect sense. Loki (Matt Damon) and

Bartleby (Ben Affleck) are fallen angels of death. Expelled from Heaven, they've been commanded to live in Wisconsin for the length of human existence. This

The two discover a loophole Jesus. It seems that Mary and that will allow them back into Joseph did a bit of begetting of Paradise if they can pass their own. through the archway of a newly rededicated church in New Jer- The 13th apostle, for example. with New Jersey.

Voice of God (Alan Rickman) is albums up there, as Rufus rips dispatched to enlist the aid of a off old Mel Brooks punchlines human to save all humankind. with no remorse. And why They choose an abortion clinic haven't we heard of him? "I was volunteer, Bethany (Linda left out because I'm black." Just Fiorentino). No random choice, what we need, an apostle with Bethany is - stand back, now - an attitude is some cruel God we're talking the great, great, great (repeat a "Dogma" takes on a lot, and

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And there's more, lots more sey. But for two fallen angels, to He's an angry young man named return home would prove an Rufus (Chris Rock), who literally infallible God to be fallible; this falls from the sky to help out. would negate everything and Did he really know Jesus, asks everyone - starting, we assume, Bethany. "Knew him? He owes me 12 bucks." Apparently they To prevent Armageddon, the listen to "2000 Year Old Man"

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DARREN MICHAELS/LIONS GATE FILMS Comedy-Fantasy: Matt Damon and Ben Affleck in a scene from director Kevin Smith's latest effort "Dogma."

explaining Catholic doctrines enough below the sophomoric that inspired Smith. such as plenary indulgence, language and "Lost in Space" which is an eternal amnesty of effects (a demon from the bowels sorts. At the heart of the film, of the earth is a poop-monster to the role. And Smith, himself, however, is writer/director that emerges from a toilet). Smith's assertions that an idea is better than a belief and it Butch and Sundance routine as ("Mall Rats," "Clerks" and "Chasdoesn't matter what you have well as any contemporary duo ing Amy") as hipsters Jay and faith in as long as you have could; Rickman and Rock are Silent Bob. faith.

or not, "Dogma" is as pro-Bible George Carlin as a cardinal is as it is anti-organized religion. great casting, as it was Carlin's There is a real "Wizard of Oz" original comedy monologues on it has long ago stopped being sweetness there if you dig far his parochial school upbringing funny.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 24

Kevin Pollack.

um, this thriller follows Satan's visit to New York City in search of a bride with whom he hopes to rule the next thou-

each hilarious in delivering their For all its controversy, planned very different types of humor.

ger, Gabriel Byrne, Robin Tunney and

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 10 THE GREEN MILE"

Remarkable story of a guard in a Southern prison's death row in 1935 and one of the inmates over which he has charge. Based on the 1996 serial-

ized novel by Stephen King. Stars Tom Hanks.

"ANNA AND.THE KING" Set in 19th century Thailand, the true story of the relationship between a British schoolteacher and the King of Siam, Based on historical information Stars Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat.

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Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 22 "ANY GIVEN SUNDAY" Drama about a an aging star quarter sand years. Stars Arnold Schwarzeneg- back who is induced to play hurt

COMING ATTRACTIONS because a gifted and unprincipled young talent is seeking to replace him. The coach who struggles to remain true to the ideals that drew him to his

Fiorentino as the modern-day

Dorothy brings nothing special

teams up with Jason Mewes for

Many of those who flock to this

It may or may not be a sin, but

film may find Jay's unceasing

foul mouth funny.

Affleck and Damon do the the fourth time in his films

career, and the ambitious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis

Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25 "LIBERTY HEIGHTS"

A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s which focuses on issues of religion, race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Adrien Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Mantegna

MANSFIELD PARK

Based on the book by Jane Austin, the story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure her place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller

Film lacks believability, focus

her own people and burned at

Besson ("The Fifth Element")

as convinced as they were.

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

Some husbands put their wives on a pedestal. French filmmaker Luc Besson put his (model/actress Milla Jovovich) on the big screen with thousands of extras. A few husbands may think of their wives as a saint. Besson's was cast as one. And then, to believe the tabloids, she left him.

Frankly, their off-screen lives may prove more exciting than this latest retelling of Joan of Arc.

Before the details, one warning is in order. "The Messenger" is not the film to take your cate- ing, bear arms and lead an the English troops lined up chism student to. He or she will army. learn about Joan, all right, but Joan convinces Charles (a also about the language the prissy John Malkovich) and his your King Henry from God - go English used to describe her. It mother-in-law (Faye Dunaway) is very plain English, not how of her divinely blessed mission. we thought they talked in the and indeed wins a series of batpristine 15th century. A groan- tles before being betrayed by iff. Finally, at the burning, she's ing audience seemed to agree. If you're still interested, "The the stake as a heretic in 1431.

Messenger" is an ambitious and graphically detailed. Young shivering and stammering tered about), but the troops and her older sister raped and mur- message." She is quick to lose from the Romans. dered during the bloody Hun- her temper, foolish in battle and dred Years' War. A deciding faccontrol the city of Orleans. Only one thing could save France ... a miracle

Soon after, Joan hears voices from the sky and has strange chosen one who will restore France and give aid to the might be crowned king. To do middle, after cutting her long Messenger." Dauphin Charles so that he

In battle: Milla Jovovich is Joan of Arc in 'The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc" in theaters

JACK ENGLISH

now.

so, she must wear men's cloth- locks, she's a redhead. She tells against her outnumbered forces, "I have a message for home!" Well sorry but she looks like Opie telling the school bully that his father's the sherplainly a brunette.

The battle scenes are well . staged, albeit quite graphic (a effort that is visually attractive presents Joan as a petrified kid, head is severed, limbs are scatpeasant girl Joan witnesses her things like, "I am the drum on their uniforms all look alike. At tiny French village overrun and which God is beating out his least you could tell Spartacus

Where "The Messenger" is lacks confidence. Now all this meaningful is in Joan's prison tor in the war was who would might well have been true, but scenes, where she is confronted something told those soldiers to by her conscience (a hooded and follow her; the viewer is just not bearded Dustin Hoffman). Only here is Joan's uncertainty Jovovich in armor is out of believable, but the fact that her her, element. As an actress, conscience is so much smarter visions. She is, she is told, the she's a terrific model. And than she is becomes confusing. what's the deal with her hair At one point she says "Get thee color? She's a sunny blond to behind me, Satan," which only begin with. Somewhere in the adds to the muddle that is "The

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reflective expres-STEPHANIE A. CASOLA sions of a group of musicians warm-. . ly welcoming me into their domain.

If you haven't already heard of you've seen these musicians perover the years. Singer-songwriter Ferris George, bassist Ray Echlin, guitarist Allen Liggett, drummer Scott Spellman and fiddler Jim Flynn have made their way in and around the local music scene, each searching for the perfect combination, the perfect sound. Together,

they seem to have found it. **Creating** a buzz

Give members are currently first album, and performing regumight have caught the band at a gift of word." Whitney Garden Party, or perform-

Stepping into Town Pump in Detroit. It was out- Writing music is a collaborative Tempermill side the Town Pump that band's and somewhat spontaneous effort Recording Studio moniker adopted meaning. Echlin for Give. "It's more emotional," said n Ferndale Tues- was approached — in a Detroit George, strumming softly on his day night, I heard alley - by a man who seemed to guitar "We just sit in a room and the intermittent know immediately he was a musi- watch the vibe happen." Echlin said sounds of a cian. The man said four profound the band's songs develop from a strumming gui- words in reference to the band and simple riff or the initial boom of a tar, and the quiet, its music: "God is visiting Earth." bass line. Even if they argue over a Give is an acronym for those words. song structure, the bandmates Give formed less than two years

> age with George and Echlin at the helm, just an upright bass, lap steel guitar and the sound of George's he sees the music going. voice. Additional instruments and sound which has come to signify mainstream modern rock (even of times these ideas will stick." though the band doesn't really fit any particular mold).

The creative approach

Songs, like the melodic "Up and dictable" are carried in the forefront by George's voice, lyrics and modest, romantic, and gently pervasive side to the music. Give is far working on what will become their from your typical drum-bass-guitar rock combo. "Ferris writes the larly in area clubs. Music fans lyrics," said Echlin. "He's got the

agree they are passionate about the music. Echlin said he doesn't

always use words to express where "You can communicate it easier Give, chances are pretty good musicians were added into the with a guitar," he said. "Often I find myself scatting a drum or Ferris forming in other successful bands the band - a genre Flynn calls will hum a bassline in my ear. A lot

> Give's song lyrics take on the same sort of life of their own. George admitted that: "Sometimes I don't even know what the theme of the song's going to be... If you trust Down" and "Something Unpre- it, it comes out almost perfect." The true test of the music, according to George, is the emotional impact it acoustics. Flynn's fiddle gives a expresses. "Is it touching me?" he asks of a song. "If it touches me it must touch someone else."

But Flynn insists the real magic of Give is to be experienced in a live Echlin - who at this point is

But as far as music goes, the providing the appropriate "intering at "Pumpstock" outside the band bounces ideas off one another. view music" on a nearby piano.



adds confidently "It's always a posi tive reaction. People come and listen." While you might be moved to dance or sway when Give takes the stage, it's more likely the music will capture your attention and your mind. "Some of the music is kind of trance-v." Liggett explained.

Flynn added of the typical audience: "They get into the zone with

What's most evident about this group of musicians is the passion they share for making music Liggett said the passion for per forming and making music simply something you're born with, something he's always wanted to do. From the first show Give performed as a five-piece, a benefit for a fellow musician at St. Andrews Hall, he said "We all knew it was something special. Dave Feeny, owner of Tempermill

Studio and sound engineer, knows first-hand how the musicians work. "It's an interesting collective," he said of Give. "Their strengths are their experience of being around the block, knowing what it takes to put something together," added Feeny, while the block. It's a double-edged national level. sword. Everyone has a strong opin-

to make the band's passion for music that much more noticeable.

"The album is going to be a workn-progress," said Liggett. With five songs near completion, Give is compiling material to send out to record companies and radio stations, while completing a full album

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cians like Give to seek the limelight. "Detroit's a real hotbed," said " Flynn of the musical talent flooding vorking on a song. Their weakness the metro area. It's only begun to is their experience of being around receive recognition as such on a "We all couldn't believe, when we

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first started playing together, how Those strong opinions only serve well we just jelled," said Liggett. As for future aspirations, Echlin

offered a blanket-statement: "We just want to share the music with a lot of people, to give the music out." See Give perform Friday, Nov. 26 at Lili's 21, 2930 Jacob in Hamtramck. Call (313) 875-6555.

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> The Luxury of Time **RCA** Records

Since Fat Boy Slim and Len have made smart pop singles hip again, music fans should be the Indigo Girls. primed and ready for David

ury of Time," the guitarist/composer takes his clever, shrouded lyrics and laces in upstart

instrumentation to create thirteen instantly familiar tunes. Comparisons to Squeeze, Elvis Costello, Beck and even the Beatles are almost unavoidable, yet

whose vision is solely-owned and musical ambitions sustained. With "Touch of Mascara" and "Breathe You In," the engaging "Chris Gaines" and David no unnecessary risks. tenor redefines ballads as warm Bowie's "Ziggy Stardust" began

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Local musicians may submit and integral chapters in a collec- circulating, there was no choice

But with a fat bass guitar, a retro Wurlitzer, the Havana horns and beguiling lyrics in the time phone number c/o Arts and "World of a King," Mead proves he can pump out glossy tomes,

The familiar themes of love and loss are evident throughout this album with a seemingly endless array of emotional twists and turns. Mead recorded "The Luxury of Time" with Jason Lehning and British producer Peter Collins, whose credits include Brian Setzer, Jewel and

The result is a tight debut effort which hearkens back to On his debut album "The Lux- classic pop style - not lost in time - but merely luxuriating in its inexhaustibility.

Garth Brooks

In the Life of Chris Gaines Capitol Records When it was announced that Garth Brooks' latest release this is the work of a young artist would be an alter-ego rock concept album, fans and foes were understandably confused. And when comparisons between his country, his rocker persona takes

full-length compact discs, which tion, rather than mere footnotes but to offer up a bit of skepticism: "You, sir, are no Ziggy Star dust

Trouble is "Garth Brooks ... In the Life of Chris Gaines" is good. It's not groundbreaking, but it is an ambitious attempt by the man who has sold more albums than any recording artist save the Beatles.

The album is billed as a "presoundtrack" to a movie. Whether Brooks retains the Trent Reznor wig and artsy "soul patch" to play the capricious rock star is still a Paramount secret. Produced by Detroit-area native Don Was, "Gaines" is a carefully crafted, solid production which pulls from many musical genres. "Main Street," co-written by

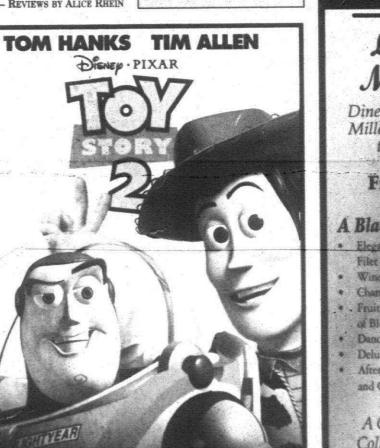
Trisha Yearwood, draws heavily from Dylan, and "Right Now," which combines a '90s rap with the Youngbloods' classic "Get Together," is the album's most compelling tune.

Though Brooks has the talent to reach beyond the confines of

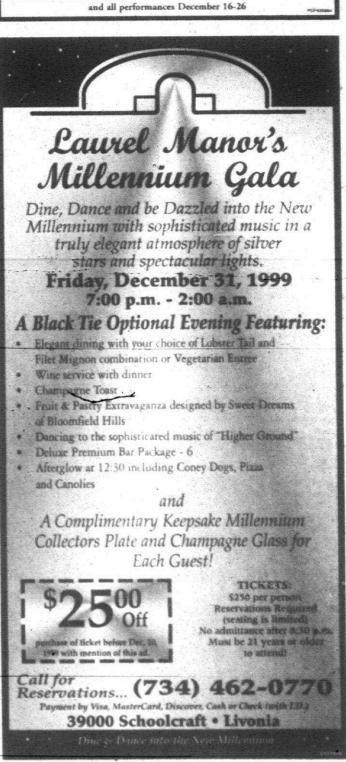
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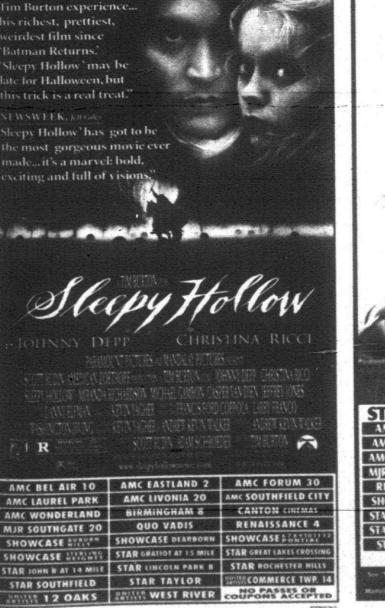
STAY TUNED Somewhere between Turkey-induced slumber and football scores there's a space for alternative rock hit-makers Third Eye Blind. The band

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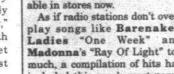


will debut their new single "Never Let You Go" at half-time on Thanksgiving Day. Look for the band on Fox Television during the Detroit Lions/Chicago Bears Football game, which kicks off at 12:40 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25. The song is featured on Third Eve Blind's latest release "Blue which hit stores Nov. 23. Feeling blue? Hip-O Records has the cure. On Nov. 2, the company released "Broken

Hearted Soul Essentials," compilation of R&B hits like Percy Sledge's "When a Man Loves a Woman" and Smokey Robinson's "The Tracks of My Tears." Two volumes are avail ble in stores now.

fast-forward.

lay songs like Barenaked Ladies "One Week" and Madonna's "Ray Of Light" too much, a compilation of hits has lar songs on "Totally Hits." With names like Kid Rock and Santana, it's radio with rewind and



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If you're too busy to cook, try The Intelligent Chicken

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

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Pressured for time to eat well? The holidays bring this on! Take-out often becomes a highfat, high-calorie, high cholesterol solution. Unless you discover The Intelligent Chicken in Farmington Hills.

Perhaps you remember the name. A 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management, owner Todd Rones first opened The Intelligent Chicken in 1993 at Crosswinds Mall, West Bloomfield. When the mall underwent a multi-million dollar renovation, his lease was bought out by the management and he moved on to other entrepreneurial ventures outside the world of restaurants.

Relocation to Northwestern Highway last month allowed Rones to double the size of his eatery and thereby expand dinein and catering capabilities.

While take-out is the specialty, dine-in seating for about 40 is

available in comfortable, light, simple surroundings, reflecting the essence of The Intelligent Chicken's food items. Eat-in service is cafeteria style with plastic plates and flatware, in an area well away from the carry-out counter.

Rotisserie chicken is marinated in house-made barbecue sauce, then slow roasted. Its sumptuous natural flavors don't need a sauce, but you can have your choice from among honey mustard, garlic and herb, or Dijon mustard.

Orders of rotisserie chicken serving two or more with side dishes and rolls are intelligently named for the three oldest Detroit high schools, Mumford, Cass Tech, and Central. The Mumford is the most popular, **The Intelligent Chicken**

Where: 32431 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, between Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road (248)855-4455. Open: Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday until 3 p.m.,

Sunday 4-8:30 p.m. Menu: Carry-out or deliver and dine-in restaurant featuring natural

ingredient marinated, low-fat char-broiled or rotisserie chicken plus fresh salads, sandwiches, side dishes, and soups. Cost: Average \$5-6 per person without soft drink.

Credit cards: All majors accepted. Details: All items carry-out. Two-item kid's menu. Catering and corporate lunches.

"only because it serves two to three, a popular size," Rones explains.

The Intelligent Chicken specializes in low-fat, great-tasting canola oil based marinated boneless, skinless char-broiled chicken breasts, served with the same three sauces mentioned above. This time, portions for two or more are named for the three largest suburban high schools, not named after their city: Andover, Lahser, and Harrison. For the same reason as The Mumford, The Andover is the favorite.

Chef Andy Brenner also offers salads, sandwiches, side dishes, and two homemade soups, Mom's Chicken Noodle and Grandma's Minestrone, "Mom" is Todd Rones mother Rona and it is her recipe with broad noodles, carrots, celery, parsley, and generous chunks of chicken.

"If you're chickened out, there's minestrone," Rones quipped.

Not on the regular menu, but running as a special some days s Chicken Chili without beans. With chunky tomatoes, onions, and plenty of pulled chicken, it's a twist on the standard with a light level of spicing. Brenner sometimes makes a batch with beans, so ask.

If you crave a burger, the

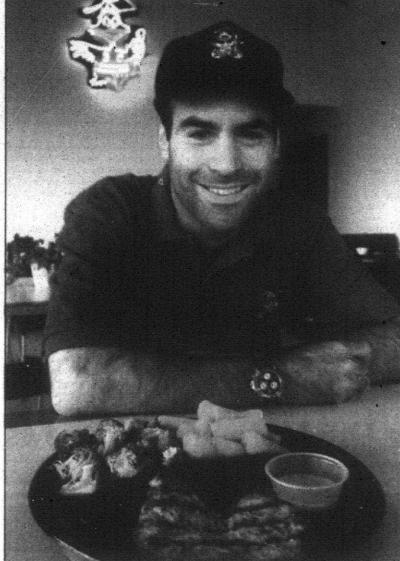
ostrich is the intelligent chicken's other feathered friend. Marinated in a beef marinade, then grilled to sear in great taste, the Big Bird Burger, served on a Kaiser roll, is a way to eat flavorful red meat with less fat and

cholesterol. For chickadees (the kids!), two items including a kiddie side, soft drink or milk, and a surprise are available. Chicken Little Special is a char-broiled half chicken breast. Baked Chicken Nuggets come with honey mustard dipping sauce. Booster chairs are available.

The Intelligent Chicken has Michigan restaurant exclusivity to carry and sell the popular Mucky Duck Mustard, which could, up to now, be found only in specialty grocery stores.

Intelligent Lunch in a Box is a brainy idea for busy executives needing tasty corporate lunches. The Intelligent Chicken is computer savvy and ready for Ecommerce on line at www.food.com. Once logged on, go to Detroit, then the Intelligent Chicken to place an order.

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food and wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.



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Taste of the Arts - An evening of food, art and classical music 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 38315 Joy Road, between Wayne and Newburgh, Westland. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call (734) 326-7222 for information. "Taste of the Arts" will feature samplings of food and beverages from more than 20 local businesses including Italian Market & Erma's and the Fire Academy Brewery and Grill. Art works by students from Wayne-Westland Schools will be exhibited and will be for sale. During a silent auction, you can even place a bid on works by a number of local artists, including Norma McQueen and Mary Brittain. A string quartet will provide entertainment for the evening. Event benefits the Family Resource Center and the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Maui Travel, International Minute Press, the Hellenic Cultural Center, North Bros Ford, and other local businesses. Millennium white wine — If you read about the special millennium white wine Galilee 2000, hailing from the Galilee In Israel, in O&E's AT HOME holiday section on Oct. 21, and have not been able to find it, it's available for about \$10 at Cloverleaf Fine Wines, Applegate Square; Spitzer's Books & Gifts, Eleven Mile Road at Lahser; Borenstein Books & Gifts, 10 Mile Road at Greenfield; and Big Ten Party Store, Ann Arbor. However, any retail wine shop can order the wine for you from the distributor Regal Wines in Dearborn. Red Robin --- Restaurants in Madison Heights, Novi, and Westland, will be selling mini versions of its mascot "Red" the robin for \$1.99 with kid's meals through Dec. 31, or until supplies last. The restaurant is selling the "Mini Reds" in honor of its redesigned mascot, making its debut in the restaurants this month. Red Robin will donate \$1 of each Mini Red toy sale to Canine Companions for Independence. For more information,

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visit www.redrobin.com **Ristorante Ciaro** — Newly opened, cozy 80-seat Italian

south of Michigan Ave., Dearborn. House specialty is woodfired, thin crust pizzas baked in restaurant, 1024 Monroe St., a wood burning oven. Homemade

pastas, veal and seafood dishes also available. Open 5-11 p.m. Monday-Saturday for dinner. Call (313) 274-2426.





• 150.00 per person

until Dec. 6th

Limited Seating

(734) 427-9110

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until Dec. 6th

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