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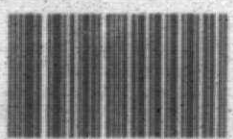
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**Loves her job:** Marlene Lloyd laughs during show and tell with Lynn Chou on her lap at the Plymouth Children's Nursery in Canton.



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## First teacher: Preschoolers are 'pumpkins' in her eyes

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
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For Plymouth Children's Nursery preschool teacher Marlene Lloyd, the key to connecting with children is in not losing touch with her own inner child.

"I have more fun than they do," Lloyd said of her 3- and 4-year-old students. She teaches an average of 42 a day and has taught - and influenced - hundreds throughout her tenure.

Lloyd was nominated as a Canton Observer "Everyday Hero" by parent Theresa Pawczuk of Can-

### EVERYDAY HEROES



Pawczuk said she was particularly impressed with Lloyd's rapport with shy children, particularly her 4-year-old daughter, Emily. She cried on her first day of

preschool when mom left. "She is just a wonderful teacher," Pawczuk said. "The kids really connect with her. I think Marlene makes the school."

"I called as soon as I got home to see how she was doing," Pawczuk said. Lloyd reassured her that her daughter was doing fine. "She really works with (shy children)," Pawczuk said. Another way Lloyd makes children feel special is by calling them "pumpkin."

"Every child is called 'pumpkin,'" Pawczuk said.

"They all think they're the only one who's called pumpkin," Lloyd

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## Finalists get strong ratings from board

### SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

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The search for a new Plymouth-Canton school superintendent may be nearing a conclusion as many on the board of education and the Superintendent Search Committee feel they have three strong candidates to choose from.

Following a two-hour interview Tuesday night with the last of the three finalists, Berkley Superintendent Kathleen Booher quickly rose as the top candidate of most of the Superintendent Search Committee members.

However, not far behind was William Weber, assistant superintendent of South Redford Schools.

The third finalist, Phyllis Wilson, deputy superintendent of Columbus

(Ohio) Public Schools, received high marks from committee members. However, many felt her lack of knowledge of Michigan school funding could mean a longer learning curve, while the other two could take over the district with a running start.

"Dr. Booher was the strongest candidate, the only one with experience as a superintendent," Maureen Sullivan-Wolski of Canton told the board after the last interview. "She has the experience and resources to address serious issues in the district. The other two are intelligent and capable, but we shouldn't be the proving ground for them."

"I think she's a leader, and kids appear to be her first interest," said

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## DDA pushes holiday spirit for Ford Road

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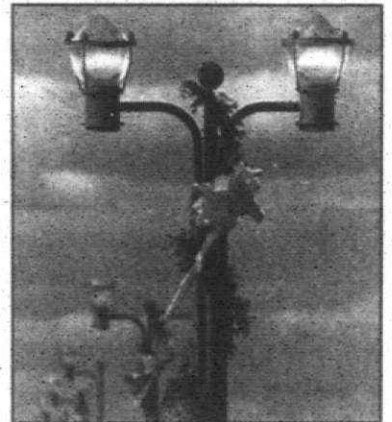
Canton's houses and businesses aren't the only things being decorated for the holiday season this year.

The Downtown Development Authority has spruced up its street lighting along Ford Road for the first time. DDA and Community Development Coordinator Kathleen Salla said the decorations have a couple of purposes.

"The DDA wanted something to help provide a festive spirit for the season," she commented. "We hope it will help encourage people to shop locally."

The decorations consist of cedar roping around DDA street lights as well as 24-inch large red bows. Keller & Stein, a Canton florist and

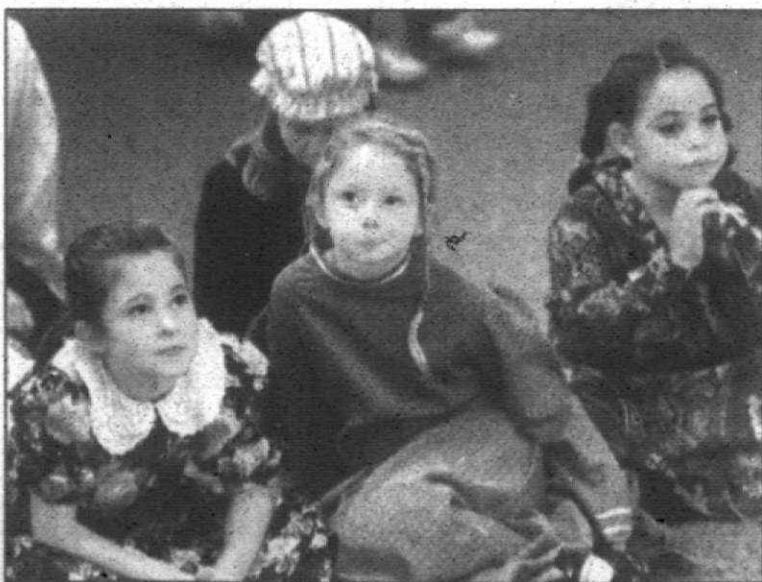
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**Festive:** Holiday decorations on the south side of Ford, looking west from Morton Taylor.

## Whistle Stop's winter production



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**On Stage:** Danielle Gross (from left), Mia Topalian and Stephanie Wiley, all of Canton, listen to director Jennifer Tobin during a rehearsal for "Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates." The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Whistle Stop Players will present the play, along with "The Bird's Christmas Carol," this weekend at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts. Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5.

## Leisure Services job slated for 2000 start

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Canton's search for a Leisure Services Director is heating up.

The township's merit commission approved a description of duties on Nov. 22 for the position. Canton hopes to have a director in place early next year.

"We'd like to find some non-traditional candidates," said Supervisor Tom Yack. "We're not necessarily looking for a recreation-educated person."

The new department will oversee parks and recreation, both township golf courses, Summit on the Park and the Canton Softball Center. Each had been under the direction of Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack.

"It was getting too big for one person to do," he said earlier this year.

Durack also oversees personnel, communication services and resource development, among others. Plans call for Leisure Services to begin operations early in 2000.

The new department will have a budget of \$199,000 in its first year.

The bulk of that will go toward salaries for a director (\$84,200) and a secretary (\$36,911). Budgets for parks and recreation and other units under Leisure Services will remain separate initially.

The new director will have a wide range of duties. According to a township job description, those duties include:

■ Formulating objectives, plans and programs for areas of responsibility.

■ Reviewing and authorizing plans and programs of subordinates.

■ Develop and authorize specific performance standards for each area of responsibility in areas such as operating efficiency, service levels, physical and financial resources.

■ Prepares and follows a budget.

■ Meets with township officials, citizens and representatives of various civic groups to review concerns, explain departmental programs and develop positive public relations.

The Leisure Services Director will report directly to Yack. The township will begin advertising the position shortly, he added.

Yack thinks a city manager or as-

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# Canton teen faces reckless driving charge

A 16-year-old Canton boy was charged with reckless driving as a result of a Nov. 24 incident on Metairie Street near Pocatello.

According to township police reports, a pair of witnesses saw the youth speed around a curve then run over the grass of a home on Metairie. Children were playing in the area; the report added.

Police investigated the incident. Reports said a 30-foot skid mark was found on the pavement near the home while tire tracks appeared in the grass five feet off the road.

Canton officers later cited the teen for reckless driving. He was issued an appearance date of Dec. 22 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

## Window smashed

About \$100 worth of damage was done to a 25-year-old Canton man's vehicle Friday.

The car, a 1985 Honda, had its front windshield smashed between midnight and 4 p.m. that day, reports said. Police have no suspects.

## Family fight

A Plymouth Township man was arrested for domestic violence Nov. 24 after smashing the minivan of a Canton woman.

Reports said the man and his girlfriend got into a fight at

about 11 p.m. The woman and her children left afterwards and went to her mother's home in Canton.

The family was preparing for bed when a loud crash was heard in front of the home on Kingsbridge. The man, who was driving a Ford dump truck, was seen driving away, according to reports.

About \$1,000 worth of damage was done to the 43-year-old Canton woman's minivan. A mailbox and lawn were also damaged in the incident.

Canton Police contacted Plymouth Township Police. The man, who wasn't identified in reports, was then arrested without incident.

Break-in

About \$2,000 worth of equipment was stolen from a 43-year-old Canton man's truck early Thursday morning.

The vehicle, a Ford Ranger, was parked in the driveway of the man's home on Drexel. A radio, cell phone and various pieces of hockey equipment were stolen.

Reports noted that four other vehicles in the driveway were left untouched.

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# Boom times have down side too

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The official rush of the holiday season began this past weekend and local stores and businesses are prepared for the influx of shoppers by hiring seasonal help to handle everything from Christmas tree sales and party trays to wrapping gifts and making home deliveries.

"This will be the first year we've had a real surge in business," said Alan Kaplan, owner of A Ticket A Tasket of Farmington Hills. "We're hiring people to assemble baskets but it's been hard because the unemployment rate is so low."

Kaplan's sentiments echo throughout the retail industry as a booming economy has the temporary and full-time work force moving from job to job to find the best hourly wage.

Michigan Made, a specialty gift store stocked entirely of products from the state of Michigan, typically employs seasonal help for evening store hours, but owner Jane Kuhns said she's had to "make do" in the past by working extra hours herself due to a lack of applicants.

"It's very difficult to hire anyone right now. There's just not enough people around," said Kuhns.

The Plymouth business owner said she has a steady staff of approximately three adult women who work the daytime shift and high school students who work after school.

"The high school students come and go, and they should because things change in their lives, but with fast food restaur-

## FINDING HOLIDAY HELP

ants offering higher wages... I've also raised my salaries."

**Filling orders**  
Grocery stores and produce markets commonly employ temporary help between the Thanksgiving and New Years holidays to fill fruit baskets and party trays.

According to Carol Harter, manager of Joe's Produce of Livonia, the market uses both advertising and word-of-mouth to attract approximately eight additional staffers who work until Dec. 24.

"Unfortunately it has been a little more difficult to find part-time help," said Harter. "We have a couple of college students that work during their break. We're willing to train people so they don't need experience."

Harter said baggers and individuals who fill and wrap fruit baskets and party trays are still needed if someone is looking for a temporary job for the next few weeks.

The manager of a Redford grocery store said he has an ongoing problem with employee turnover due to the low unemployment rate, so employees they hire during the holidays as cashiers and baggers tend to stay on past Christmas and New Years.

"They do hire extra help for the holidays, but because we're union we have a set pay scale," said the Redford manager.

Keller and Stein Florist & Greenhouse of Canton Township maintains the same staff during the holiday season as

they do throughout the year, said Office Manager Terri Jason.

"We hire a few drivers to make deliveries. Jason said they are able to meet the increased demand by having some of their part-time staff members increase their hours to full time during November and December.

"It's just for a short period of time. We may hire people to do some extra driving but that's about it," added Jason.

Shopping malls are no strangers to the seasonal work force and Rose Mufareh, owner of The Sundries Shop inside Westland Shopping Center, knows all about needing a helping hand during the holidays.

Mufareh and her staff operate the Holiday Gift Wrap shop located near Coney Island in the mall. "I have my regular staff from the shop work there, and I do hire about seven people who work until Christmas Eve. They have to commit themselves to working the 24th or what would be the point in me hiring them. That's a busy time."

Suey Callan of P.S. Imaging & Events supplies the digital photography service during Christmas and Easter at Westland Shopping Center. Callan said she's lucky to have a repeat staff of employees who faithfully return every year but has experienced difficulties in the past finding seasonal help.

"Knowing that, I've always paid more - usually \$1 to \$2 an hour more, and I'm very flexi-

ble with hours," said Callan. Callan employs a staff of managers and photographers who take digital photos of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny with mall customers. "This situation is strictly seasonal," said Callan. "My staff knows they can work for five straight weeks and make decent money. I'm a firm believer in treating my employees very well."

Many area retailers said the key to finding quality seasonal workers is to create an enjoyable working environment, offer competitive or above-average wages and be flexible.

"It's all about when they can work for us," said Holly Smolinski, vice president of district managers of Kohl's Department Stores throughout Michigan.

"The availability of our staff varies. We employ some moms who can only work a few hours a week," said Smolinski. We start calling our associates in September to see if they're interested in coming back to work for us in addition to in-store advertising. After all, our shoppers are our best employees."

An average Kohl's hires 50-60 seasonal workers to complement their full-time staff during the holiday season. "Many of the associates choose to stay on with us because our inventory is in January and they're welcome to do that."

The local retailer, with stores in Farmington Hills, Canton, Northville, Westland and Livonia, uses seasonal staff for positions ranging from housekeeping and stock to tree decorators and cashiers.

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Kirk lived in Plymouth until he went off to college at Michigan State. He often rode the train back and forth to see his family. He continued his education at Duke and served in the armed forces. Later he was awarded a doctorate by St. Andrews University in Scotland.

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# Write on

## Area grad pens biography of noted conservative Kirk

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
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There are strands of life that come full circle.

Russell Kirk, sometimes referred to as the father of modern conservatism, was born in Plymouth in 1918, and went to Starkweather School and Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School). His childhood home still stands on Mill Street near the tracks in Old Village.

Now, more than 70 years later, another Plymouth-Canton school district graduate has written the first real biography of Kirk. James Person, who graduated from Salem in 1974, was a founding member of the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, went to U-M and got a bachelor's degree in English in 1978.

Now he is a senior editor with The Gale Group, publishers of academic, educational and business reference books. Its corporate headquarters are at 27500 Drake Road, Farmington Hills. Person's new biography of Kirk was published this month by Madison Books.

Many people can name famous political conservatives, like Barry Goldwater or Ronald Reagan. Fewer can trace the roots of modern conservatism back to a Plymouth school boy. Among the influences were his grandfather, a Plymouth banker with an extensive library of great books, and the local schools.

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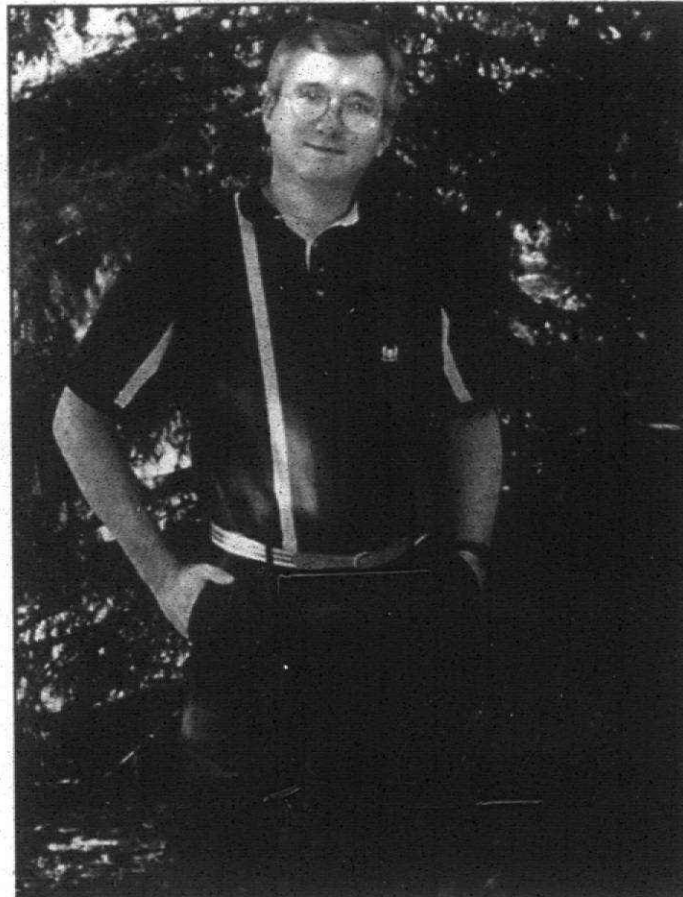
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Author, author: James Person, a 1974 Plymouth Salem graduate, has written a biography on Russell Kirk, sometimes referred to as the "father of modern conservatism."

had read his essays and had corresponded with him. "I thought he was brilliant," Person said.

"I edited a 'Festschrift' called 'The Unthought Grace of Life: Essays in honor of Russell Kirk' (Festschrift is German for a series of tributes written in praise of a noted person)."

"In preparation for this I gathered a lot of information, a lot of biography and essay information. I was allowed to copy his files," Person said.

Then he was reading a history of contemporary conservatism when he noticed an author's comment that it was surprising there was no biography yet of Russell Kirk.

"That got him thinking and he sent out letters outlining what he wanted to do. He received his share of refusals but eventually he was asked to submit sample chapters. About a year ago, the publisher, Madison, told him they wanted it for the fall list."

Person got busy and disciplined himself to write a chapter every two weeks, all to meet a proposed deadline of May 1999.

The new book has many photographs, including a young Kirk and his sister in front of their home in Plymouth.

Person said he does identify with Kirk's ideas. But this was not an exercise in hero worship. One chapter of the book is true biography. The others deal with the "Conservative Mind," Kirk's

essays, speeches and many other books, his short stories (he loved ghost stories), his novels, his comments on higher education, his literary criticisms, his ideas on market economies.

"Kirk's significance and influence comes from how well he made clear the necessity and sources of order against all voices that say values are relative... that norms are immutable... norms like character, responsibility, honesty, virtue."

"Kirk was a quiet man, not quite the splashy type like Buckley. But his influence was seismic. He articulated conservative thought and made it understandable," Person said.

Kirk laid the groundwork for conservatism in the 1950s that came to fruition in the 1980s with Ronald Reagan. "Kirk's effect is ongoing. Very few people willingly call themselves liberal today," Person said.

Person lives in Novi but has a Northville address. His wife Lisa is a Salem graduate (1971).

Person will sign copies of his book Sunday, Dec. 5, at The Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth from noon until 3 p.m.

Person said he expects libraries will add the book to their collections and that many sales will come through book groups like The Conservative Book Club.

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At Kohl's: Matt Adams (from left) and John and Nancy Spencer of the Canton Goodfellows hold a sign that will be displayed on the semi-trailer behind them in the Kohl's parking lot at Ford and Sheldon. Holiday donations will be accepted weekends through Dec. 12. "It's something that stays with the community and is a good opportunity for parents to teach children about the value of giving," Adams said. The Goodfellows will also hold their annual newspaper drive this Saturday at intersections along Ford Road.

**CANTON CONNECTION**

**Walk of the town**  
Canton's new sidewalk committee is busy taking its first steps.  
The volunteer group is putting together a priority list for sidewalk construction to fill in the gaps around the township.  
The committee was put together at the request of Canton's Board of Trustees, which has also established a yearly sidewalk construction budget. Committee members will make a recommendation to the board once the list is completed.  
The sidewalk committee complements a sidewalk ordinance passed by the board this year that will be used to upgrade and maintain sidewalks in existing neighborhoods.

**Donations wanted**  
The Canton Police Department Community Policing Team 3 is collecting school supplies, winter clothes, toys and other items for less fortunate students at Field Elementary School.  
Both new and used items are being accepted. If you wish to donate, bring items to the police station on Canton Center Road by Monday, Dec. 6.  
Call (734) 397-3000 for information.

**Sports equipment sale**  
Canton Parks and Recreation's annual used sports equipment sale will take place today and Saturday at the Pheasant Run Golf Clubhouse.  
Sale hours are 6-9 p.m. today and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.  
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**HINTS FOR HIRING A DOG WALKER**  
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## Superintendent from page A1

Sherry Frizzier, media specialist at Canton High School. "She knows how to assess her goals, and she's a good communicator."

"Booher was right on about this district needing healing," added Joanne Lamar of Plymouth. "I think she could handle this crowd."

Weber received high praise, and many felt he could be a long-term superintendent because he is a 26-year resident of Canton and has had children and currently has grandchildren attending Plymouth-Canton schools.

"I like his commitment to his community and the school district," said Dave Farquharson, principal of Field Elementary. "He has a long-standing background in human relations and is the only candidate who has gone through difficult cuts and decisions."

"Dr. Weber has a very strong labor-management background, and that's what this district needs," added Susan Tkachuk of Canton, a school administration employee.

Board members listened to the committee comments, but did



Susan Davis

not respond. After the final interview, some school board members suggested the search will end with the selection of one of the three finalists.

"I don't think we need to go further, we have three very qualified candidates," said Trustee Liz Givens. "We have three very different people and we have to decide which one fits our district right now."

"I'm looking for a sense of sincerity in a person," said Susan Davis, board president. "They don't have to have all the answers to a problem, but I'm looking for honesty in their answers."

"I had a feeling with the first round of interviews that we weren't getting a true sense of the person," said Trustee Steve Guile.

"But, the more intense questions in the second round have given us a better idea of how people would act in a crisis situation, what their basic thinking is in education, and how they would effect the changes we're looking for."

The board of education will meet next Tuesday to discuss the final three candidates, and decide which, if any, will be their first choice.

If a final selection is made, three board members will make a visit to that candidate's school district before negotiating a contract. Trustees hope to have a new superintendent in place by Jan. 1.

## Cops from page A1

Weekends will be a particular focus of police efforts, said Wilson.

Incidents such as robberies and car break-ins increase during the holiday season. Wilson thinks the department's increased visibility will help curb such crimes.

"I believe it helps," he said. "It is a deterrent."

Cheryl Keller, a personnel manager at Kohl's Department Store on Ford Road, agrees.

"I think it helps somewhat," she said.

Shoplifting, or "retail fraud," is a problem for big stores like Kohl's throughout the year. Keller said Canton officers have

been "very responsive" to incidents at her store.

"They're pretty visible," she added.

Keller is happy that extra officers will be on duty.

"It can't hurt," she said.

Police can't be everywhere, however, Wilson said there are a number of common sense steps shoppers can take to avoid problems. They include:

■ Be aware of your surroundings.

■ Protect handbags by draping the strap around your neck.

■ Don't wander around parking lots. Wilson said shoppers should note where their cars are and have keys ready to go as

they walk towards them.

■ Place packages in car trunks, not back seats.

■ Contact store security if you feel unsafe. Many will provide escorts to your car. Keller said it's a service Kohl's provides.

"Anything for your customers," she said. "We are available."

The basic idea, Wilson said, is to make it difficult for criminals to target you.

"Opportunity is a big part of it," he added. "If you reduce (criminals') opportunities, you're going a long way to crime prevention."

## Leisure services from page A1

tant city manager from a small community might be interested in the job.

"They'll have to see it as a logical step in their career," he added.

The supervisor said strong administrative skills will be more important than specific knowledge of parks and recreation, for example.

"We're looking for generic

skills," Yack said. "We'll be focusing on skill sets as opposed to content. They don't have to know anything about recreation."

## Livonia nurse appointed to Occupational Health Commission

Margaret A. Vissman of Livonia was appointed to the Occupational Health Standards Commission, which develops occupational health standards.

Vissman is an associate health nurse for the Dearborn Inn and the Marriott and also represents the Michigan Association of Occupational Health Nurses Inc. She is appointed to replace Mark Gaffney of South Lyon and to represent employees. Her term runs until Aug. 5, 2002.

■ Tara Wall has been named deputy director of the Governor's Southeastern Michigan Office in Detroit, in charge of maintaining relationships with the leaders of the city of Detroit.

Formerly a resident of Pleasant Ridge and Southfield, Wall will work with city leaders on political, educational, economic and religious matters; act as a liaison between the governor's office and community groups; represent the governor at city events; and work with the mayor

and city council on state issues. Now living in Grand Rapids, Wall has been the education reporter for WOOD-TV 8 in Grand Rapids since October 1996. Previously, she served as a general assignment/education reporter for WILX-TV 10 in Lansing, and co-anchor and reporter for WBKB-TV 11 in Alpena. Wall was also a production assistant/writer and associate producer for WXYZ-TV 7 in Detroit and a radio news reporter for WEMU-FM in Ypsilanti.

■ Gov. John Engler also named Dr. Teresa Staten of Lansing to the State Child Abuse Neglect and Prevention Board, which is responsible for promoting the use of Children's Trust Fund monies for child abuse and neglect prevention programs. Staten is a former chief deputy superintendent of public instruction for Michigan. Staten's term will begin on Dec. 19.

■ Vivian Pickard of Bloomfield Hills has been named to the Michigan Community Service Commission, which supports service programs across Michigan. Pickard is director of community and philanthropic events for General Motors Corp. ■ Harley Krapohl of East Lansing was reappointed to the Collection Practices Advisory Board, which prohibits certain collection practices, provides for licensing and regulation of collection agencies and imposes

penalties for violations. Krapohl is retired from the state as a member of the Workers Compensation Appeal Board. He is reappointed to represent the general public for a term expiring June 30, 2003. ■ Mary Ellen Sheets of Okemos was appointed to the Michigan Truck Safety Commission, which controls the expenditures of the Truck Safety Fund, receives donations and establishes truck driver safety education classes.

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# Bills target sexual predators on the Internet

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Law enforcement officials are turning the tables on sex offend-

ers who use the Internet to target children: they are beginning to hunt the predators.

State Sen. Mike Rogers (R-Howell) is introducing three bills

this week to assist in that pursuit. The bills will:

■ Clarify the definition of a minor as it pertains to attempts by sex offenders to make arrangements over the Internet to meet a youngster. It is, of course, already illegal for an adult to molest a young person, and another of Rogers' initiatives went into effect this past June establishing it as a felony when a perpetrator uses the Internet to arrange a sexual encounter with a child.

"But judges and the courts have been nervous about it when undercover officers pose as 14-year-olds," Rogers' press secretary, Sylvia Warner, said. That's how police trap "cyber-predators," by posing as juveniles and letting predators suggest meetings for the purpose of sex. When the predators show up, police make the arrests.

"We want to make it very clear in the law that this is no different than any other undercover operation, like when a police officer poses as a prostitute," Warner said.

■ Require forfeiture of computers, computer equipment and cars used in the commission of the crimes.

Predators who risk jail to have sex with children aren't likely to be dissuaded by such a law, Warner admitted. "This is not an issue of prevention," she added. Rather, it is a matter of confiscating the "tools" of the crime.

■ Making the cyber-predator liable for the costs of the law enforcement and prosecution efforts spent on him.

According to Warner, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano—who has worked with Rogers on the proposals—said the cost of tracking predators down, apprehending them and prosecuting them can run to as much as \$20,000 per case.

Ficano's department, with four officers dedicated to the task of patrolling cyberspace for predators, typically tracks 350 to 450 individuals who are suspected of targeting kids. Warner explained the officers pose as young girls, using a profile likely to attract sex offenders, entering online chat rooms and simply participating in the ongoing conversation.

If solicited to meet for sex, officers set a time and place. The perpetrators are only arrested when they show up, Warner said.

Additionally, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department is currently setting up a division to chase cyber-predators. Two officers are presently working on that project.

The state police department has one officer who works part time tracking predators. And the state attorney general's office has several working on the job. Warner said she expects Rogers to push for more funding in coming budget talks to hire additional officers for full-time assignment to the state police cyber-predator office.

allowing police to take those tools just as they would take a burglar's tools, confiscate a gun used by a bank robber, or take a car driven by a drunk.

"On the information super-highway," Ficano said, "there is no distinct red-light district—instead the red-light district is potentially everywhere and nowhere... The best defense against the predators working out there is for parents to monitor closely their children's Internet activity. At the same time, law enforcement has to do the best we can to make it too risky for these criminals to go online in the first place."

Michigan Sen. Mike Rogers and Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano are urging parents to monitor their children's use of the Internet to prevent being targeted by sexual predators.

They recommend parents teach children to:

■ Understand that adults may pose as children online.

■ Never share personal information online.

■ Notify an adult if they receive a message that makes them uncomfortable.

■ Never arrange a meeting with someone they've met on the Internet.

■ Tell a parent immediately if someone attempts to arrange a meeting with them.

■ Parents should also:

■ Monitor children's computer use and set time limits.

■ Keep the computer in a room where parents can watch how it is being used.

■ Learn how to track where your children are going online.

■ Install software that filters Internet access.

"The Internet has been a safe,

anonymous place for criminals to hunt for potential child victims," Rogers said as he announced his proposals.

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# Senator proposes tax credit for community college

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"We have priced 44 percent or more of our residents out of higher education unless they are willing to incur huge debts," state Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith says.

Free, on the other hand, should be quite affordable for all students.

That's why Smith, D-Salem Township, is proposing to create a tax credit for students enrolled in two-year community college programs. Keying on the federal HOPE program, which allows students to deduct \$1,500 worth of tuition from their federal income taxes for their first two years of college, Smith's Higher Education Learning Promotion (HELP) program would allow community college students to take the remainder of their tuition costs from Michigan income taxes.

Typically, tuition comes to \$1,900 at community colleges and \$4,000 in two-year community college programs operated by four-year institutions, Smith said.

Only students who earn \$50,000 per year (\$100,000 if they file jointly) are not eligible for the HOPE and HELP credits. For students counted as dependents on their parents' returns, those income caps apply to the parents' income as well. Still, that covers 90 percent of current students, she said.

Smith's proposal, Senate Bill 575, failed to get enough support from her colleagues in the spring, but she said she believes several factors may improve its chances of passage.

For one, the state can afford it. The state has a budget surplus of \$200 million to \$350 million. The actual size of that surplus depends on whether several

other pending bills pass. She admits the program, however, doesn't come cheap. Overall, the credit would cost the state \$56 million—as much as a quarter of the surplus.

Still, Smith argues it's an effective way to use the money. "Let me run through the numbers on the HELP credit. Currently enrolled in two-year programs, full-time and part-time, there are 125,000 students in Michigan. It would cost \$56 million to help them with this program. Compare that to the 20,000 students who are eligible to receive Merit Scholarships at

a cost \$50 million. I'll let you do the math. Which is more effective?"

Her comparison refers to the scholarship program available for the first time this year awarding college money to high school students who perform well on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test. Merit scholarships were proposed by Gov. John Engler and supported by the Republican caucus.

Another factor that may win more votes for Smith's plan is that it has earned some bipartisan support. Sen. Harry Gast, R-

St. Joseph, has signed on as a primary co-sponsor. Gast has also introduced a companion bill, SB 576, that would create a tax credit for books, up to 10 percent of the total cost of tuition.

But Smith fears her plan could still fall victim to political maneuvering. She said Gov. Engler wants to attach verbiage to the bill repealing the existing "tuition tax credit."

The existing credit allows up to \$375 to be taken off taxes when a student's college has held tuition increases under the rate of inflation. As originally instituted, the credit was

designed to pressure colleges to keep tuition rates down so students would be able to claim the credit.

But now, with the cost of living rising just 1.6 percent this year and expected to climb just 1.4 percent next year, it is anticipated that no universities in Michigan will be able to hold tuition increases down to that level. If no students can claim it, Engler wants to repeal it, Smith said.

"Some Republicans see that it is the right thing to do," Smith said. "If you ask me, getting rid of a \$375 credit to get a credit that would be worth \$1,900

should be a no-brainer. But some are getting caught up in the emotionalism of it, falling in with the I-don't-want-to-repeal-a-tax-credit-we-created crowd."

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## Hero from page A1

added.  
A recent visit with a 13-year-old former student let Lloyd know how powerful the nickname is.

"She told her mother, 'I must be getting old. Mrs. Lloyd didn't call me 'pumpkin,'" Lloyd said of the girl's remarks. From that point on, she called her 'pumpkin.'"

Lloyd said she can tell she makes a difference by the invitations she receives. Many former students have invited her to graduation parties, and she doesn't turn any of them down.

"If I get invited to go, I go," she said.

Plymouth Children's Nursery Inc. opened in 1961 and is a co-operative, which means parents play active roles by serving on the school's advisory board, assisting with classroom activities and attending field trips. There are 105 families involved.

"I interact with parents as much as the children," Lloyd said. "To be a parent in the co-op, the parent also has to put in time."

The involvement isn't always easy.

"For a lot of these parents, it's really difficult to be involved," Lloyd said. "People really do put themselves out to be involved."

It's worth the effort, she added.

"This school is extremely well organized," Lloyd said. "Every-



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**Seasonal feast:** Marlene Lloyd joins her charges in a Thanksgiving feast of fruit and pumpkin bread.

one has their own bulletin boards and mail boxes."

Each class has 21 students, one teacher and four parent assistants.

When she's not teaching preschool, she works part-time at Northville Downs as a cashier. In her own playtime, she plays golf, tends her herb garden or competes in race walking events. She's even tried her hand at runway modeling.

"I like to be busy," she said. "I really fill up my days."

Visiting her grandchildren is another favorite activity. All three were born within one year.

The rewards of Lloyd's job are countless, she said.

"I honestly know I can be an influence in this really important stage of life," Lloyd said. "(Children) are like little

sponges ready to absorb everything."

Lloyd is not only a teacher at Plymouth Children's Nursery, but also a former parent. Her three children - Julie, Melissa and Mark all attended the preschool.

Lloyd earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Eastern Michigan University. She formerly taught in the Ypsilanti and Wayne-Westland school districts. She lived in Plymouth Township 35 years before moving to Pittsfield Township four years ago.

Teaching preschool is not a job Lloyd said she would ever get tired of.

"I guess I stay here because I absolutely love it. I feel I need to see this school continue to run well."

## Ford Road from page A1

greenhouse shop, created the bows.

"We wanted to make sure the decorations got up before the Thanksgiving weekend," said Salla.

The decorations, which cost about \$1,000, focus on Ford Road. Lights and certain sections of DDA garden wall are featured from Morton Taylor Road in the east to Sheldon in the west.

"We're pleased with the result," Salla said. "Businesses were happy that we were doing something, too."

Decorations may become more extensive in years to come, she added.

"We decided we'd do the rope and bows this year and see how

**Part of the DDA's mission is to promote shopping in Canton, according to Kathleen Salla.**

it went," Salla said.

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# Ford Museum celebrates holidays with classic toys

What do Tiddley Winks, Lincoln Logs, Mr. Potato Head and the Six Million Dollar Man have in common? All topped Santa's list at one time, forever catapulting them into the realm of classic American toys. All will be featured in a special exhibit, Classic Toys of the 20th Century, during Traditions of the Season at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village through Jan. 2, 2000.

The annual Traditions of the Season event transforms Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and its 100 acres of historic buildings, homes and exhibits into a magical holiday place where visitors are immersed in the sights, sounds and scents of the season.

"Traditions of the Season is America at its best," says Jim

Johnson, program planner, special events team. "Here the simple joys of the holiday season are celebrated and remembered. Families can experience a holiday filled with shared moments, away from the distractions of malls, Web sites and mail-order madness."

This year, visitors to the museum will have a chance to journey through the century's classic toys and experience how America played, from the innocence of Color Cubes (1920) and Tiddley Winks (1940) to Evel Knievel's Toy Sky Cycle (1976) and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Telecopter (1990). Along the way, the exhibit explores categories of toys - including Fads, Educational, Media, Cars and Trucks and Playing Grown-Up.

"Play is an important part of

life," says curator Donna Braden. "The toys children played with throughout the 20th century tell us a great deal about parents, children and the role of play things in child rearing. Toys are also a barometer for popular culture - the fads and media crazes that captivated both children and their parents during this century."

"Some toys have become so pervasive in our culture, that children today, their parents and grandparents all played with versions of them - these are classic toys."

Also on display in the museum: a three-story holiday tree with more than 2,000 ornaments; a gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings; and six toy trains with 75 cars winding through 500 feet of track, lollipop trees and gumdrop gardens.

The museum's new Michigan Cafe will serve seasonal dishes to give visitors a taste of Michigan's culinary contributions. Since its debut in April, the new cafe, featuring the people, places and products of Michigan, has included items such as Vernor's pound cake and Pinconning cheese soup on its eclectic menu.

The IMAX theater, which opened Nov. 19, is the newest attraction at Henry Ford Museum this holiday season. The theater's inaugural film, "The Magic of Flight," is narrated by Tom Selleck and combines the thrill of flight and jet aircraft with the science and history of flying.

Located adjacent to the museum's clock tower entrance, the six-story, large format theater has a 60-by-84-foot flat screen and powerful, wrap-around IMAX digital sound. With seating for 400, the theater has capabilities to show both two-dimensional and three-dimensional



**Tiddley winks:** Classic toys from times past are the focus of a new holiday exhibit at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

films.

In Greenfield Village, ambient period music will fill the air this holiday season. Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village pulled from sheet music in its collections to record a repertoire of authentic musical selections from America's past. Guests at Eagle Tavern, an 1850s stage coach stop, will enjoy The Cally Polka and Annie Laurie, among other musical selections, this holiday season.

The Traditions of the Season experience includes period decorations. Visitors can explore an authentic Victorian Christmas at the Ann Arbor House and see the influence of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert on mainstream America in the 1850s. Based on curatorial research, this year's period decorations for the Ann Arbor House include a tabletop Christmas tree inspired by Queen Victoria that appeared in an 1851 Godey's Magazine. Decorating with similar Christmas trees - primarily a novelty

up to that point - hit mainstream America.

Henry Ford Museum & Green-

field Village, on Oakwood Boulevard in Dearborn is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

## From fad to classic

Some fads, brief fancies pursued for a time with irrational zeal, have become toy classics. Take the Yo-Yo, for instance, which even earned its own listing in the Oxford. Some classics in the Henry Ford Museum exhibit:

■ Duncan Yo-Yo, about 1940 - kids were "walking the dog" and "rounding the world" as the Yo-Yo gripped popular culture in the '40s.

■ Lincoln Logs Set, about 1960 - colorful, versatile toys inspiring imaginative play in generations of builders.

■ Easy-Bake Oven, 1964 - fulfilling every child's dream - warm, delicious cakes in minutes.

■ Magic 8 Ball Fortune Teller, about 1965 - divination '60s style with all-knowing oracle to answer questions.

■ Mr. Potato Head Set, 1972 - this simple spud and his pieces and parts was first introduced in 1952 as the first toy advertised on TV.

■ Slinky, 1975 - The ultimate fad, this toy's popularity spans age groups and generations.

■ Cabbage Patch Kids, 1982-1985 - the popularity of these soft, huggable dolls (unlike the stiff plastic dolls that dominated the '80s) sprouted overnight and sold by the millions.

■ Day-to-Night Barbie and Barbie Travel Agent Set, 1986-1989 - Barbie got a career and a wardrobe of outfits to take her from work to play.

**Warm memories:** Mr. Potato Head, the Six-Million Dollar Man and a pop-up Snoopy all had their day as favorite toys.



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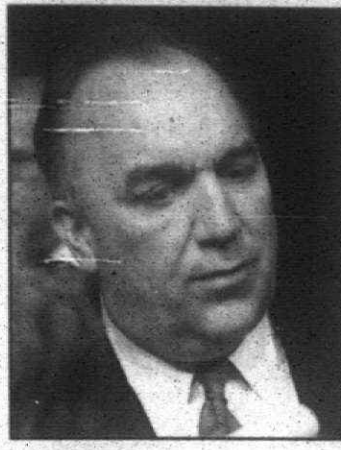
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Gov. John Engler

# Engler pushes hard to raise charter cap

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A handful of Republican House members — four to 10, depending on who is counting — were all that stood between Gov. John Engler and his goal of getting the cap on charter schools raised as of Monday, Nov. 29.

Rep. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham) was one of the holdouts. She said she was the target of intense lobbying by the governor in the days leading up

to the current short, two-week legislative session before lawmakers call it quits for the year.

"I thought we were done negotiating," Godchaux said late Monday. "But I have a message on my answer machine that he wants another meeting. I'm expected to call in the morning."

Raising the cap on charter schools from the present 150 to 200 is the governor's top policy making priority before the end of the year, his spokesman John Truscott confirmed. With 140 such schools operating in Michigan, "we have about 100 new schools in the pipeline now," he explained.

If there is any hope that any of the new schools can open next fall, the bill has to pass before

lawmakers head out for holiday break at the end of the day Dec. 9, so it can go into effect on April 1, according to Rep. Paul DeWeese (R-Williamston), a primary sponsor of the proposal.

It's tough enough to push any legislation through in just two weeks worth of session time, much less one this controversial. A constitutionally required five-day layover, requiring the Senate to wait that long before it can act on a bill passed by the House, makes such a deadline even tighter.

"Never underestimate John Engler," Sen. Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) said, assuring it can be done. "I've seen him pull it off too many times."

Engler unveiled a new version of his plan Tuesday, Nov. 23. Republicans say it counts as a compromise, aimed at attracting votes from critics of public school academies and opponents of lifting the cap.

But it also contains several "innovative features," such as charter child care, opening charter schools specifically for "at risk youth," allowing businesses to open on-site charter schools for the children of employees and creating a new board to oversee charter schools.

Further "sweetening the pot," Engler is expected to use House Bill 4706, sponsored by Rep. LaMar Lemmons (D-Detroit), as the vehicle for his new proposals. DeWeese explained. That bill was originally part of a three-bill package DeWeese, Lemmons and Rep. Joanne Voorhees (R-Grandville) put together back in the spring.

"While children with histories of discipline problems — even including violence and criminal behavior — may not belong in regular classrooms, they still need an education if they are to survive in the 21st century," Engler said Tuesday as he announced his plan. "Additionally, I am also going to ask for legislative approval of a new strategy for some of our youngest students at a time when child care is a serious concern for many parents."

"I don't support that because it takes too much money away from public schools and it damages schools," Rep. Lynne Martinez (D-Lansing) said. Charter schools get \$5,962 per student from the state school aid fund, money that otherwise would be reserved for public schools.

"For every 10 students that leave the public schools, they lose \$56,000. That's the salary of a teacher that we lose," Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith (D-Salem Township) added. She also argues that, rather than create a new board, the State Board of Education should oversee the operation of academies.

For House Minority Leader Mike Hanley (D-Saginaw) it's a question of accountability. Oversight of those schools has been lax, he believes, and the governor's proposal doesn't do enough to address the concern.

Godchaux would agree, but her main concern is with the majority of students who remain in public schools that are not providing a good education.

"In my district, Birmingham, people have always had the wherewithal to make a choice and the resources to follow through," she said. "Charter schools expand that choice to

those who otherwise would not have the resources.

Engler's proposal would create a new board to oversee all charter schools and clarify the role of authorizing universities. Specifically, it would require that the officials who operate charter schools be treated as public officials who would therefore be accountable in the same ways public officials are.

The plan would also allow oversight agencies to remove charter school officials for malfeasance, permit audits of charter school finances, and even close charter schools that fail to perform.

DeWeese explained that one of the key aspects of the new board. Residents of urban areas like Detroit have been concerned that authorizing universities like Central are not located in their communities, and therefore have no particular ties to it. Universities in urban areas have been reluctant to approve charters, he said. The hope is that the new board will create authorizing agencies within urban areas to oversee more charter schools in the central cities, he explained.

DeWeese said he believes charter schools have been successful.

"We have 50,000 students in charter schools. That's the most important indicator that shows this has been a dramatically successful concept. It's what I call the 'gate test.' We have 50,000 families who have chosen to be there, who have voluntarily left the public school monopoly to be there."

Number two, when you look at the kind of students that are going to charter schools, there is 'creaming' going on, and it is an underside creaming. They are taking the poor, the disadvantaged, the single family kids, the people of color. That's predominantly who is going to charter schools."

That means charter schools are providing alternatives for the disadvantaged, who might otherwise be trapped in poor performing public schools, DeWeese contends. Before charter schools, only the relatively well-off had the option to leave for private schools.

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On Sept. 23, 1995, an AWACS Air Force surveillance plane lifted off from Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, Alaska, then moments later crashed in a fireball just two miles from the end of the runway.

All 24 crewmen died. Crash investigators found the cause of the crash — about a dozen dead Canada geese at the end of the runway at a time when the migration season was beginning for the birds.

While plane crashes caused by birds resulting in the loss of human life are rare, collisions with birds happen frequently enough that the Federal Aviation Administration now requires airports to conduct wildlife hazard assessments. Recently, Wayne County commissioners approved a \$20,000 study for Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport to be conducted by U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services' Wildlife Services of Okemos.

USDA wildlife officials will visit Metro twice a month over the next year, surveying the airport at night and again in the morning during each visit to note the wildlife and habitat, according to Pete Butchko, state director of USDA's Wildlife Services.

"They (airport officials) can try to manage the habitat to make it less attractive, looking at managing the wildlife itself, or look at barriers, such as fences, to keep deer out," Butchko said.

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people who otherwise would not have the resources.

"What we leave behind in the public schools are a hard core of kids, kids who have no advocates, and charters make it even tougher to support them because the money is being drawn away."

Charter schools were created in 1983 as a part of Michigan's overhaul of school financing. Set up as independent, non-profit organizations, they are funded by the state and cannot charge tuition.

Although there is no overall limit on the number of charter schools that may operate in the state, there is a cap of 150 on the number that can be authorized through state universities, and universities have been contracted for the vast majority of such schools since they were first allowed. In fact, of the 140 operating in the state, a full third have been set up through just one university, Central Michigan.

It's this issue of oversight that has been a primary concern of opponents. DeWeese explained that there is concern over how closely universities can oversee the operation of charter schools since they have their own institutions to run. And there have been disputes over how open the

"We feel we have pretty good control practices, but there may be something new," Conway said. One seagull interfering with a jet engine's operation doesn't cause the plane to crash, Conway said, but a flock of seagulls can cause problems. Metro never has had a plane crash because of animal interference.

The USDA report will be presented to airport management and the FAA. Airport officials will be talking with the USDA as they complete the study, Conway said.

finances of charter schools are. Engler's proposal would create a new board to oversee all charter schools and clarify the role of authorizing universities. Specifically, it would require that the officials who operate charter schools be treated as public officials who would therefore be accountable in the same ways public officials are.

The plan would also allow oversight agencies to remove charter school officials for malfeasance, permit audits of charter school finances, and even close charter schools that fail to perform.

DeWeese explained that one of the key aspects of the new board. Residents of urban areas like Detroit have been concerned that authorizing universities like Central are not located in their communities, and therefore have no particular ties to it. Universities in urban areas have been reluctant to approve charters, he said. The hope is that the new board will create authorizing agencies within urban areas to oversee more charter schools in the central cities, he explained.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 23, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 23, 1999 at 11:50 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Vack called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Members Present: Bennett, Burdziaik, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack. Absent: Kirchberger. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziaik to adopt the agenda with the addition of Items G-19 Amendment to Option to Purchase Real Estate, G-20 Authorization to Retain Legal Counsel, and G-21 Authorization Township to File Lawsuit. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of November 9, 1999. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of November 16, 1999. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to pay the bills as presented. All ayes present.

Expenditure Recap		
General Fund	101	\$ 223,994.24
Fire Fund	206	\$7,821.79
Police Fund	207	\$5,063.09
Community Center Fund	208	\$2,785.94
Self-Care Fund	209	\$5,558.83
Cable TV Fund	230	\$3,275.87
Community Improvement Fund	246	\$12,057.88
E-911 Emergency Fund	261	\$706.69
Federal Grant Funds	274	\$3,514.60
State Projects Fund	289	\$285.60
Downtown Development Auth.	294	\$192,489.75
Retiree Benefits	296	\$12.00
Cap Project-Road Paving Fund	493	\$5,687.50
Water & Sewer Fund	492	\$4,943.26
Construction Escrow	702	\$85,752.89
Tonquah Creek Storm Drain	704	\$79.20
S Haggerty Paving	815	\$1,479,790.35
Total All Funds		\$1,479,790.35

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2000 as follows: First, second, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. The following Township meetings will be canceled due to elections: Feb. 22, 2000, Aug. 8, 2000 and Nov. 7, 2000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to re-appoint Bruce Patterson, Republican, to the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan 48188. The following Township meetings will be canceled due to elections: Feb. 22, 2000, Aug. 8, 2000 and Nov. 7, 2000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the final plat for Cobblestone Ridge Subdivision No. 3. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint Terry Bennett, Melissa McLaughlin and John Burdziaik to the Canton Township Elected Officials Compensation Committee for a term from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Street Lighting Fund for installation costs of the Whispering Meadows street lights:

INCREASE REVENUES		
Current Special Assessments	#219-000-403-0000	\$6,492

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS		
Installation Charge	#219-265-926-003	\$6,492

This budget amendment increases the Street Lighting Fund budget from \$205,000 to \$211,497. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment to the General Fund, Southall Center Division to transfer funds for wage and fringe benefits costs for full-time employees:

INCREASE REVENUES		
Salaries-Full Time	#101-755-705-0000	\$56,000
Fringe Benefits	#101-755-720-0000	12,500

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS		
Over-time-Bldg & Inspection Services	#101-371-708-0000	\$10,000

This budget amendment increases the Building Inspection Services Division budget from \$1,192,997.00 to \$1,202,997.00, and the General Fund budget from \$18,364,873.00 to \$18,374,873. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Sign Ordinances 120 (D) to become effective upon that publication on December 2, 1999. All ayes present.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDINANCE NO. 120 SIGN ORDINANCE effective December 28, 1989; amended eff. February 6, 1992; May 28, 1992; November 3, 1993; amended eff. December 2, 1999

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

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS

Section 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the general safety and welfare of the residents of Canton Township by regulating and controlling all public and private graphics communications and displays. (Ord. No. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Feb. 6, 1992; May 28, 1992; Nov. 3, 1993; amended eff. Dec. 2, 1999)

Section 2. DEFINITIONS.

Words or terms contained in this ordinance shall have the meanings as defined in this ordinance. Any words or terms not defined in this ordinance shall have the meanings normally ascribed to them, or as they are defined in other ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton.

2.1 SIGN. A name, identification, image, description, display or illustration which is affixed to, painted or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure or parcel of land, and which directs attention to an object, product, place, activity, facility, service, event, attraction, person, institution, organization or business, and which is visible from any street, right-of-way, sidewalk, alley, park or other public property. Customary displays of merchandise or objects and material without lettering placed behind a store window are not signs.

2.2 PERMANENT SIGN. A sign which is mounted permanently in the ground on a base, column, pylon or other structural support of not less than eight (8) inches in any one dimension.

2.3 INSTITUTIONAL BULLETIN BOARD. A sign which displays the name of a religious institution, school, library, community center or similar public or quasi-public institution, that may include an announcement of its services or activities.

2.4 CANOPY SIGN. Any sign attached to or constructed on a canopy. A canopy is a permanent roof-like shelter extending from part of a building, building face over a public access area and constructed of the same material as the building.

2.5 PORTABLE SIGN. A sign that is freestanding, not permanently anchored or secured to a building and not having supports or braces permanently secured in the ground, including but not limited to "sandwich" signs, "A" frame signs, inverted "T" signs, and signs mounted on wheels so as to be capable of being pulled by a motor vehicle.

2.6 ROOF SIGN. A sign that extends more than twenty-four (24) inches above the roof line.

2.7 ROOF LINE. The line of intersection of the plane of the outer surface of the wall and the plane of the outer surface of the roof.

2.8 WALL SIGN. A sign that is directly attached to a wall of a building and neither extends more than twelve (12) inches from the wall nor projects more than twenty-four (24) inches above the roof line of the building.

2.9 ARABESQUE SIGN. A sign which no longer directs a person to or advertises a bona fide business, tenant, owner, product or activity conducted or product available on the premises where such sign is displayed or is otherwise regulated or maintained property, after notice pursuant to the terms of this section.

2.10 BILLBOARD. Refers to a non-necessary ground sign erected for the purpose of advertising a product, event, person, or subject not related to the premises on which the said sign is located. Off-premise directional signs as permitted in this section shall not be considered billboards for the purpose of this Ordinance.

2.11 OFF-PREMISE SIGN. A sign which contains a message unrelated to a business or profession conducted on the subject property or to a commodity, service or activity, not sold or offered upon the premises where such sign is located.

2.12 ON-PREMISE SIGN. A sign which advertises only goods, services, facilities, events or attractions available on the premises where located, or identifies the owner or occupant or directs traffic into or from the premises.

2.13 PREMISES. Any lot or parcel of land as otherwise used in this Ordinance.

2.14 AREA OF SIGN. The entire area within a circle, triangle, parallelogram, or other geometric configuration enclosing the extreme limits or writing, representation, emblem or any figure or similar character, together with any other words or other markings forming an integral part of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the background against which it is placed; excluding the necessary supports or uplights on which such sign is placed.

2.15 NON-CONFORMING SIGN. Any advertising structure or sign which was lawfully erected and maintained prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, and any amendments thereto, and which fails to conform to all applicable regulations and restrictions of this Ordinance, or a sign for which a permit was previously issued that does not comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

2.16 PERIODIC CHANGE SIGN. A sign where the wording, image, description, display or illustration changes at regular intervals of time.

2.17 NATURAL MATERIALS. Substances determined to be "natural materials" for the purposes of this Ordinance shall include, but not be limited to wood, stone and soft textured brick. Although plastic, plywood, pressed board, drywall, wood or metal paneling and sheet metal are generally excluded from this definition, consideration will be given to synthetic materials which simulate the appearance of a "natural material" through the manufacturing process and meet the intent of this ordinance.

2.18 GASOLINE PUMP ISLAND. A combination of more than one fuel-dispensing device, clustered together, to provide a customer with more than one option of type of fuel or grade thereof, to be purchased.

2.19 SIGN SETBACK. Where it is specified that a sign must be located at a minimum or other certain distance from a street or public right-of-way, such distance will be measured from the portion of the sign structure nearest to such specified line. For the purpose of this measurement, the property lines and public right-of-way lines extend vertically and horizontally from the ground to infinity.

2.20 AWNING SIGN. Shall be a sign that is a roof-like structure made of canvas or similar materials, stretched over a frame and directly attached to a wall of a building. Awning signs shall extend more than twelve (12) inches but not more than thirty-six (36) inches from the wall. Awning signs shall not project more than twenty-four (24) inches above the roof line of the building.

2.21 PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT SIGN. Shall be a temporary ground sign used to announce the name and nature of a project or general information concerning rental sales. (Ord. No. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Feb. 6, 1992; amended eff. Nov. 3, 1993)

2.22 CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN/READER BOARD. A sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged without altering the face or the surface of the sign. A sign in which the message changes more than eight times per day shall be considered an animated sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this Ordinance. A sign on which the only copy that changes is an electronic or mechanical indication of time, temperature, or stock market quotation shall be considered a "time, temperature, or stock market" sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this Ordinance. (Ord. No. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Dec. 2, 1999)

Section 3. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

Except as otherwise indicated in this Ordinance, the regulations of the State Construction Code as adopted by the Township shall apply to signs. Where the provisions of this section are more restrictive in respect to location, use, size or height of signs, the limitations of this Ordinance shall take precedence over the regulations of the State Construction Code.

3.1 It shall be unlawful to construct, display, install, change or cause to be constructed, displayed, installed, or changed a sign requiring a permit upon any property within the Charter Township of Canton without first obtaining a sign permit.

3.2 It shall be unlawful to construct, display, install, change, have, or cause to be constructed, displayed, installed or changed any sign which is in violation of the requirements of this ordinance. (Ord. No. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Feb. 6, 1992)

Section 4. SIGNS PERMITTED WITHOUT REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT.

The following signs are permitted without a sign permit in all zoning districts where the principal permitted use to which they are related is a permitted use in that district:

4.1 Address numbers, name plates (including apartment units and office suites) identifying the occupant or address of a parcel of land and not exceeding three (3) square feet in area. All address numbers shall comply with the provisions of Ordinance No. 62.

4.2 Memorial signs or tablets, not to exceed eight (8) square feet in area, containing the name of the building and date of erection, when cut into any masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other incombustible material and affixed to the exterior wall of the building.

4.3 Signs painted on or permanently attached to legally licensed vehicles which are used upon the highways for transporting persons, goods or equipment.

4.4 Traffic or other municipal signs including, but not limited to, the following: legal notices, historic site designations, municipal facility directional signs, street or traffic signs, railroad crossing signs, danger and other emergency signs as may be approved by the Township Board or any Federal, State or County agency having jurisdiction over the matter of the sign. Such signs may be located in any zoning district. However, all signs on governmental property on which a municipal building is located shall meet the requirements of section 9.0 of this ordinance.

4.5 Community special event signs approved by the Township Board.

4.6 Gasoline service stations may display the following special sign which is deemed customary and necessary to their respective business: Customary lettering or other insignia on a gasoline pump consisting of brand of gasoline sold, lead warning information, and any other data required by law and not exceeding a total of three (3) square feet on each pump.

4.7 One sign advertising parcels of land or building for rent, lease or sale, when located on the land or building intended to be rented, leased or sold, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area, four (4) feet in height in residential districts or thirty-two (32) square feet in area, eight (8) feet in height in commercial and industrial districts. One sign per parcel.

4.8 Signs on a public building or other structure which are required by law to be accurate with current zoning designation. An additional eighteen (18) square feet of sign area will be permitted if the sign faces the I-75 Freeway and the sign is adjacent to the I-75 Freeway.

4.9 Institutional use bulletin board, not to exceed eighteen (18) square feet in area and not to exceed six (6) feet in height; including the frame and base of such sign set back fifteen (15) feet from any property line, for use by educational non-profit institutions licensed by the state, houses of worship or other public entities.

4.10 Signs of religious, philanthropic, educational, religious organizations and other public or private corporations or entities. Provided, however that only one flag bearing the seal or trademark of a private organization may be displayed by an individual establishment or proprietor of any single building or other structure.

4.11 Signs of a primarily decorative nature, not used for any commercial purpose and commonly associated with any national, local or religious holiday; provided that such signs shall be displayed for a period of not more than sixty (60) consecutive days, nor more than sixty (60) days in any one year.

4.12 Political signs, not to exceed one sign per candidate or issue, and not to exceed six (6) square feet of area per sign, shall be permitted on all occupied lots, regardless of zoning, provided such sign is located and placed in accordance with the provisions of section 13.0 of this ordinance, and provided that such sign is removed within two days after the elections. A political candidate or committee is responsible to remove any sign not in conformity with this Ordinance within two (2) days after receiving a written notice from the Township.

4.13 Model homes. A sign shall be permitted on one (1) sign per model, which shall not exceed two (2) square feet in area nor four (4) feet in height, including the frame and base of such sign, when located within the front yard setback, for the purpose of identifying the model style.

4.14 Garage sale signs not exceeding five (5) square feet in area and not displayed in excess of three (3) days.

4.15 One sign identifying on site construction activity, during the time of construction, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area, except in connection with individual single family detached residential subdivisions. Signs shall not be permitted on lots in excess of one (1) acre. Signs shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, and shall be removed before an occupancy permit is issued. (Ord. No. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Feb. 6, 1992)

Section 5. SIGNS PROHIBITED IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS.

The following signs are considered to be unsafe, dangerous, hazardous or an obstructive nuisance, therefore these signs shall not be permitted, erected, or maintained in any zoning district unless the applicant requesting a variance from this section can substantiate to the Building Official, Fire Chief and Police Chief that the applicant's specific use of a sign listed in this section will not be dangerous, hazardous, or an obstructive nuisance. If the above designated officials unanimously agree that the specific use of the sign requested is not dangerous, hazardous, or an obstructive nuisance, and the Zoning Board of Appeals has granted a variance in accordance with the variance procedures, then the Chief Building Official shall issue a permit for such requested use.

5.1 Signs which incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving lights.

5.2 Banners, pennants, spinners and streamers, except as specifically permitted in accordance with section 4.5 and 9.9.

5.3 String lights, except in connection with temporary premises for commercial purposes, except holiday uses not exceeding five (5) weeks in any calendar period, except as specifically permitted in section 13.0 of this ordinance.

5.4 Any sign which moves or has any moving or animated parts, or images, whether the movement is caused by any mechanical, electronic or electrical device or wind or otherwise, including swinging signs and strings of flags or streamers, or cloth flags moved by natural wind as permitted in Section 4.10. Such a prohibition shall not pertain to public message signs on governmental property and those on public property which display time, temperature or stock market quotation signs.

5.5 Any sign or structure which (a) is structurally unsafe, or (b) which constitutes a hazard to the safety or health of persons or property by reason of inadequate design, fabrication, mounting or maintenance or by abandonment thereof; or (c) is not kept in good repair, or (d) is capable of causing electrical shocks to persons that may come in contact with it.

5.6 Any sign which by reason of its size, location, content, color, intensity, or manner of illumination constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by obstruction of visibility of any traffic sign or control device on any public street or road.

5.7 Any sign which obstructs free ingress or egress from a required door, window, fire escape, driveway or other required access route.

5.8 Signs which make use of words such as "stop", "look", "danger", or any other words, phrases, symbols or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse drivers of vehicles traveling upon any highway, driveway or parking area.

5.9 Any sign or other advertising structure or display which conveys, suggests, imitates or otherwise imports in pictures, drawings, words, emblems, logos, or other communication methods including, but not limited to, the following:

a. Human genitalia.

b. Sexual acts as defined in the Misdemeanor Ordinance No. 81, Section 2, Disorderly Persons.

c. Adult nude human bodies.

d. Obscene words as defined in the Disorderly Persons Section 2 of the Misdemeanor Ordinance.

e. Obscene gestures.

5.10 Any sign now or hereafter existing which no longer advertises a bona fide business or product sold.

5.11 Any sign, except traffic or other municipal signs, as permitted in section 4.1, that is located in or projects into or over a public right-of-way or dedicated easement.

5.12 Any sign that exceeds the height limitation for structures in the zoning district in which it is located, or a wall sign that extends beyond or above the structure to which such sign is affixed except as may specifically be provided for in other provisions.

5.13 Placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter, except as otherwise provided herein, shall not be posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, stamped or in any way attached to any fence, wall, post, tower, curbstone or surface in or upon any public easement, right-of-way or on any public or private property whatsoever. Provided, however, nothing herein shall prevent official notices of the Township, school districts, County, State or Federal Government from being posted on any structure or surface if such posting is deemed necessary. All placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, stamped on any right-of-way or public property may be removed and disposed of by the Canton Township Enforcement Officers without regard to other provisions of this Ordinance.

5.14 The parking of a vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way or on public or private property, on a permanent basis, so as to be visible from a public right-of-way, if said vehicle has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device which has the effect of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity located on the same or nearby property or any other premises.

5.15 No sign greater than four (4) feet in height shall be suspended by chains or cables from the underside of any structure or overhanging platform, pole, tower, curbstone or surface in or upon any public easement, right-of-way or on any public or private property whatsoever. Provided, however, nothing herein shall prevent official notices of the Township, school districts, County, State or Federal Government from being posted on any structure or surface if such posting is deemed necessary. All placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, stamped on any right-of-way or public property may be removed and disposed of by the Canton Township Enforcement Officers without regard to other provisions of this Ordinance.

5.16 Bench signs.

5.17 Commercial signs erected on bus stop shelters.

5.18 Ground signs within one hundred (100) linear feet of an existing ground sign.

5.19 Roof signs. (Ord. No. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Nov. 3, 1993; amended eff. Dec. 2, 1999)

Section 6. SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT.

6.1 A subdivision development with model designed to promote the sale of homes within a subdivision shall be permitted to erect one (1) sign per lot, on a temporary basis for a two (2) year period. Such signs shall be located adjacent to a subdivision entrance way. Each sign shall be permitted to be erected by each home builder within the subdivision, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area and a height of five (5) feet. Such signs shall be located within the subdivision and no closer than fifteen (15) feet from any property line in front of each model home. After the two (2) year period, sign permits may be renewed yearly if at least five (5) percent of the lots remain vacant and available and new homes remain under construction. Such signs shall be removed upon cessation of new home marketing within the subdivision, when ninety-five (95) percent of all lots have been sold by the builder or when the permit expires, whichever occurs first.

6.2 A subdivision development with model homes is allowed one (1) off-premise temporary sign for a two (2) year period which may be renewed yearly if at least five (5) percent of the lots remain vacant and available and new homes remain under construction. Such signs shall be located on private property at least one (1) foot away from any property line. All entrance way ground signs erected on private property shall meet all requirements as stated above and shall not be located closer than ten (10) feet from the intersecting road right-of-way line.

6.3 Multiple Family or Mobile Home Entrance Way Ground Signs on Private Property. Shall neither exceed five (5) feet in height nor thirty-two (32) square feet in area and shall only display the name of the project. Signs shall be located on private property at least one (1) foot away from any property line. All entrance way ground signs erected on private property lines in a development shall have a common design and be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout that development.

6.4 Boulevards - Multiple Family or Mobile Home Entrance Way ground signs erected on private property shall meet all requirements as stated above and shall not be located closer than ten (10) feet from the intersecting road right-of-way line.

6.5 Multiple Family or Mobile Home Entrance Way Ground Signs on Private Property. Shall neither exceed five (5) feet in height nor thirty-two (32) square feet in area and shall only display the name of the project. Signs shall be located on private property at least one (1) foot away from any property line. All entrance way ground signs erected on private property lines in a development shall have a common design and be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout that development.

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# OBITUARIES

## HAROLD S. BRUNNER

Services for Harold S. Brunner, 78, of Dearborn Heights are pending through the Kaatz Funeral Home in Avoca.

Mr. Brunner was born Oct. 22, 1921 in Two Rivers, Wis. and died Nov. 24 in a Port Huron hospital. He was a retired Dearborn Heights building director and a Shriner. He married Doris Ziegler in 1950.

Survivors include sons Steven (Kathleen) of Avoca and Rodger (Peggy) of Canton; daughters Connie Brown of Dexter and Debbie Brunner of Los Angeles; brothers Hubert of California and Roy of Wisconsin; sisters Margaret Lompney of Nevada and Theresa Cittman and Gertrude Schmelze, both of Wisconsin; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## JACQUELINE A. "JACKIE" POWERS

Services for Jacqueline A. "Jackie" Powers of Plymouth are planned for Dec. 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born in Detroit and died Nov. 29 in Plymouth. She was the owner/founder of Little Book Shoppe on the Park (formerly Little Professor on the

Park). She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack Emmett and Helen Powers; and one brother, Michael Powers. Survivors include her sister, Mary Pelletier of Dearborn; and three cousins, Daniel M. Bows of Plymouth, Jack Powers and Jeannie Powers.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 485 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

## BRIAN P. DEIGHTON

Services for Brian P. Deighton, 33, of Wayne were held Nov. 30 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, with Mrs. Pamela Dodge of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating.

Mr. Deighton was born Aug. 19, 1966, and died Nov. 27 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. He was a custodian for a public school in Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Donna. Survivors include his father, William A.; one brother, William K. (Karen);

grandmother, Margaret Deighton; and two nieces and one nephew.

## EDWARD "MIKE" BRADFUTE

Services for Edward "Mike" Bradfute, 50, of O'Fallon, Ill., took place Dec. 1 at First United Methodist Church, O'Fallon, Ill., with the Rev. Arthur "Bud" Dolch, Rev. Tim Harrison and Rev. Dwight Jones officiating. Burial was in O'Fallon City Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 12, 1949, in Columbus, Ohio, and died Nov. 26 in Southfield. He attended First United Methodist Church and was a Boy Scout leader for 12 years, active in TOP 3. He graduated from Livonia Franklin High School in 1967. He entered the Air Force in 1970, retiring in 1983 as a master sergeant.

Mr. Bradfute received a bachelor of science degree from McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., in May 1983 and a master's degree in computer resource management from Webster University in St. Louis. He was employed by NCI Information Systems as a senior systems analyst and was a team leader.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Wilma Bradfute; one son, Robert John Bradfute; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Carl and

## Betty Newton.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Bradfute of O'Fallon; one son, Everett Bradfute of O'Fallon; two sisters, Kay Arnold of Danekine of Dunnellon, Fla.; two brothers-in-law, Hugh (Sally) Newton of Potsdam, N.Y., and Stanley (Patricia) Newton of Potsdam, N.Y.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Local arrangements were made by Schildknecht Funeral Home, O'Fallon, Ill.

## MARCELLE O. CRETE

Services for Marcelle O. Crete, 82, of Northville were held Nov. 30 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church with the Rev. James Kean officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born May 10, 1917, in France and died Nov. 26 in Livonia. She enjoyed cooking traditional French dishes for the holidays and teaching her grandchildren and great grandchildren about their French heritage.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonce Crete; one brother and one sister. Survivors include his son, Pierre R. (Ana Maria) Crete of Livonia, John L. (Carole) Crete of

Northville; five grandchildren, Rochelle D. Crete of Austin, Texas, Alfredo P. Crete of Livonia, Jason M. Crete of Livonia, Terri L. (Robert) Walkiewicz of Northville and Robert L. (Karen) Crete of Brighton; one brother, Jean (Yvonne) Breat of Dearborn Heights; and three great-grandchildren, James M. Walkiewicz of Northville, Amanda L. Walkiewicz of Northville and David C. Crete of Brighton.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church General Fund, 770 Thayer, Northville, MI 48167.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

## END SCHEPPELE

Services for End Scheppelle, 94, of Plymouth were held Nov. 29 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

She was born April 19, 1905, in Gateshead, England, and died Nov. 26 in Plymouth. She worked all her life with family and others in the greenhouse business. After retirement she worked part time until age 80.

She was known for her "green thumb" and plants thrived under her care. She came to the Plymouth community in 1928 and

## Resident leads HFCC alumni

Toni Petrarca, who received an associate degree in business from Henry Ford Community College in 1990, is the new president of the HFCC Alumni Association.

Petrarca, who lives in Canton, will be responsible for leading a team of nine board members.

## WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1999

Special meeting called to order at 4:12 p.m.

Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Karen Woodside

Agenda - adopted as presented  
Update on YCUA Negotiations - The following resolutions were approved 1) that Canton Township present a site plan on behalf of WTUA; 2) that WTUA continue negotiations with YCUA until 12/15/99; and 3) that WTUA study the legal impact of rejection of the site plan application. The special meeting was adjourned at 5:17 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.

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## ADVERTISEMENT TO BID 35th JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY

Sealed bids will be received by the 35th District Court Building Authority, 600 Plymouth Road, Plymouth MI 48170 until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 1999, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

### FURNITURE INSTALLATION AND SETUP NEW 35th DISTRICT COURT

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the company/person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. There will be mandatory pre-bid meeting held at the project site on December 14, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to Kerry K. Erdman, Court Administrator at (734) 453-1234 at the above Court address. Specifications are available at the 35th District Court.

KERRY K. ERDMAN, Court Administrator

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## 1999 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review will convene on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1999 at 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The 1999 December Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will be held in the Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Board will review the following types of appeals: Homestead, Hardship, Clerical Errors, and Mutual Mistakes of Facts.

No appointments are necessary. All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact (734) 453-1234 x 222.

MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN, City Assessor

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material installed within the Township, and if found to be dangerous or unsafe, to notify the person, firm or corporation owning, using or operating the device to make necessary repairs and/or changes within fifteen (15) days, and to disconnect electrical service if found to be defectively installed.

## Section 10. Construction Requirements.

This section prohibits the issuance of a Certificate of Inspection unless electrical installation conforms with the provisions of this Ordinance, the laws of Michigan, the rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission, the regulations of the National Electrical Code, the Township Building Code, and the N.E.P.A.'s 71-74 for Fire Alarm Systems, and are deemed to be prima facie evidence of approved methods.

## Section 11. Approved Materials.

This section makes it unlawful to use any electrical device or equipment unless of good design and construction, and provided that devices and equipment approved by recognized authorities, such as U.S. Bureau of Standards, Electrical Testing Laboratories, Underwriters Laboratories, or Factory Mutual, may be approved by the Electrical Inspector.

Section 12. Maintenance. This section requires the Building and Inspection Services Department of Canton to keep complete records of all permits and inspections, and provides that an owner or agent, after receiving written notice from the Electrical Inspector that all or part of an electrical installation is condemned, may, within five (5) days, petition for a review by the Electrical and Examining and Appeals Board.

## Section 2. Violation and Penalty.

This section provides for the penalty for any violation of this Ordinance.

## Section 3. Severability.

This section provides that the Ordinance is severable and if any portion of the Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of the Ordinance shall remain valid.

## Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

This section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

## Section 5. Savings Clause.

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

## Section 6. Effective Date.

This section provides for the effective date of the Ordinance.

NOTE: A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to introduce, table and publish for the first reading of the Electrical Ordinance/Administrative Rules (B) for publishing in the Canton Observer Dec. 2, 1999. All ayes present.

FIRST READING OF ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (B) SUMMARY Administrative rules as promulgated by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the Charter Township of Canton as provided for in Section 15 of the Electrical Ordinance.

## Section 1. GENERAL.

This section provides for deviation from requirements, plans and specifications, installation procedures, 24 hour notice before inspections is required, inspection before concealing, availability of blue prints on the job, representative for inspection, posting of notices of inspection, code interpretations, special event requirements, certificate of inspection, and advertising.

## Section 2. FILING OF PERMITS.

This section provides for the requirements of electrical permits, temporary permits, additions or permits, and additional permits.

## Section 3. DEFINITIONS, PERMIT REGULATIONS, FEES.

A. This section provides for the following definitions of adopted from Chapter 1, Article 100 of the National Electrical Code of 1996: "approved," "board," "electrical equipment," "emergency systems," "independent electrical contractor," "master electrician," "journeyman electrician," "NEC 1996 Edition," "owner," "person," "portable electric sign," and "scoreboard." B. This section provides for Permit Regulations, to whom and how permits are issued, homeowners' permit, fraudulent applications, revocation and expiration of permits, incomplete installations, inspection of partial installations, owner's notification to the inspection authority, refunds, transfer of permit, and owner completing work started by contractor.

## Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides for the effective date of this Ordinance.

NOTE: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to introduce, table and publish for first reading amendments to the Electrical Service Conductors; Placement Ordinance No. 78 (B) for publication in the Canton Observer Dec. 2, 1999. All ayes present.

FIRST READING OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS, PLACEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 78 (B) An Ordinance to regulate the location and placement of electrical service conductors. The Charter Township of Canton ordains:

## Section 1. SERVICE ENTRANCE CONDUCTORS.

This section provides for underground 600 volts or less, and installation of underground service conductors.

Section 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any section of this ordinance is declared void by legal actions for any reason, all other sections shall continue to be in force until specifically declared void through action of the court.

Section 3. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. All previous ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all amendments thereto, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance.

## Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides for the effective date of the Ordinance and amendments.

NOTE: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to introduce, table and publish for the first reading of Pool Ordinance No. 110 (C) for publication in the Canton Observer Dec. 2, 1999. All ayes present.

FIRST READING OF POOL ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 110(C)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARD GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, USE AND REMOVAL OF SWIMMING POOLS; ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION OF POOLS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND THE COLLECTION OF FEES THEREOF; AUTHORIZING INSPECTIONS THEREOF; ESTABLISHING LOCATION, FENCE AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR POOLS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 36; PROVIDING FOR THE APPEAL THEREOF; AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 110 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE SECTION 17.012, ADDING SECTION 17.019, AMENDING SECTION 17.031, RENUMBERING SECTIONS 17.033-17.036 AND ADDING SUBSECTION 17.051(a) OF ORDINANCE NO. 110; ESTABLISHING DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF SWIMMING POOLS: ABOVE-GROUND, IN-GROUND, ABOVE-GROUND, IN-GROUND, IN-GROUND POOL, PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL, (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR), PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SPA; ESTABLISHING THE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS OF POOLS SO AS TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION CODE COMMISSION RULES OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, 1996; PROVIDING MINIMUM WATER DEPTHS AND DISTANCES FOR DIVING BOARDS AND PLATFORMS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

## THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

17.011 ADMINISTRATION This section sets for the official or representative thereof who shall administer this ordinance.

17.012 DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATION OF POOLS This section defines the terms, phrases, words and their derivations and classifications, to wit: "above ground/in-ground pool," "barrier," "hot tub," "in-ground pool," "private swimming pool," "private swimming pool, indoor," "private swimming pool, outdoor," "public swimming pool," "spa."

17.013 PERMITS This section sets forth the requirement of permits and the permit process under this Ordinance.

17.014 PERMIT FEES This section sets forth the authority to require payment of permit fees.

17.015 BONDING REQUIREMENT This section authorization to require cash bonds in accordance with rules promulgated by the Building Official.

17.016 APPLICABLE CONSTRUCTION CODES This section sets forth the requirements of workmanship and compliance with applicable codes.

17.017 INSPECTION This section sets forth the requirement and authorization of inspection(s) by the Building Official.

17.018 STOP WORK ORDER This section sets forth the authority and procedures for which the Building Official may require work stoppage, and penalty for unlawful continuance.

17.019 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS This section sets forth the requirement of conformance to the requirements of the Charter Township of Canton Building Code and the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1996, as amended.

17.021 POOL CLEARANCE This section sets forth the location and placement of pool and pool equipment so that no hazard exists for the pool users or the public.

17.021 SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS This section sets forth the circumstances under which enclosure is required and the describes the requirements of such enclosure.

17.032 SELF FENCING This section sets forth the requirements where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier or enclosure around a pool.

17.033 SELF FENCING ABOVE GROUND POOLS This section sets forth the requirements of an above-ground pool which has a structure intended to provide self-fencing including but not limited to provisions for walkways, location, distances, access barriers and measurements.

17.034 WADING POOLS This section provides for wading pool shall be left unattended unless it is provided with a substantial cover or is surrounded by a fence as provided in this ordinance.

17.035 TEMPORARY FENCE This section sets forth the requirements of a temporary fence, approved by the Building Official.

17.036 COMPLIANCE WITH FENCE REQUIREMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS THERETO This section sets forth the fact that no pool shall have water placed in it until the provisions of this section are complied with and exemptions from the

provisions of this section.

17.041 HAZARDS AND SHAPE This section sets forth the requirements pertaining to hazardous projections or constructions, shapes of pool and visibility.

17.042 LIGHTS This section sets forth lighting requirements.

17.050 DIVING BOARD OR PLATFORM This section sets forth requirements pertaining to diving boards, platforms or hoppers for pools, including but not limited to, height, clearances, distances, water depth, anchorage and compliance with applicable sections of the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1996 as amended.

17.052 DEPTH MARKINGS This section sets forth the requirements of deck markings on the deck or wall of the pool.

17.051 GENERAL This section sets forth operation and maintenance requirement of pools and pool equipment.

17.052 SUPERVISION This section sets forth that the pool shall be so supervised that safety hazards are not created.

17.053 RESCUE DEVICES This section sets forth the types of rescue devices which shall be available within the pool enclosure.

17.054 WATER RESTRICTIONS This section sets forth water use regulations.

17.055 DRAINAGE RESTRICTIONS This section sets forth water drainage restrictions.

17.056 MAINTENANCE This section sets forth the standard of maintenance requirements, corrections and penalties for violation thereof.

17.067 POOL REMOVAL This section sets forth the requirements for removal of a pool.

17.070 CONSTRUCTION, NON-APPLICABILITY, APPEALS This section sets forth the provisions of this ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such a manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto, however, where any inconsistency or conflict cannot be avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provisions shall control and prevail, and if there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals may in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provisions while retaining the intent of such specific provisions.

17.080 PENALTIES This section sets forth the penalties for violations of this ordinance.

17.090 REPEAL This section sets forth that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

17.100 SEVERABILITY This section sets forth that if any particular section of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or void, that particular section is severable, and all other sections of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

17.110 SAVINGS CLAUSE This section sets forth that the repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established, occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

17.120 EFFECTIVE DATE This section sets forth the effective date of this Ordinance.

NOTE: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to approve the bid award to the bidder meeting the specifications for the renovation of the kitchen at Fire Station II, Kurtis Kitchen & Bath Center, for an amount not to exceed \$6,200.00. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the bid award to the low bidder, Staples, 41554 Koppernick, Canton, for the purchase of office furniture for Fire Station II, in the amount of \$6,784.00. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the bid award for the renovation of the Public Safety Crime Lab to the low bidder, Cabinetek Plane Solutions, Novi, MI, for a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00 funds to come from various sources in the 1998 Building Project account #469-900-971-0000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly approve the waiving of the bidding process and approve the purchase of a Forensics Ident Workstation with accessories and fuming chamber outfits from Sirchie Finger Print Laboratories, Inc., Youngville, North Carolina for a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00, funds to come from account #469-900-971-0000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Amendment to Option to Purchase Real Estate. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Authorization to Retail Legal Counsel. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve to Authorize Township Counsel to File Lawsuit. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on November 23, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on December 14, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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## Drug use Study raises serious concerns

**T**he paraphrase of the theme of a popular horror movie, parents of Plymouth Canton Education Park students should be afraid. They should be very afraid.

The results of a Western Michigan University drug study show that, while some numbers are in decline, PCEP students are above the national average in the use of so-called "gateway" drugs, principally cigarettes, marijuana and alcohol.

Let's deal with the good news first. Daily alcohol use among eighth, 10th and 12th graders is dropping. Eighth and 10th graders are using marijuana considerably less often.

That's about it. And while we're pleased to see those trends, it isn't enough to offset the alarming extent to which our students, especially seniors who should know better, have exceeded the national average when it comes to chemical abuse.

Nearly 60 percent (the national average is 40 percent) of PCEP seniors — half-again as many as in schools across the country — report they're drinking.

That's pretty high, especially for a district that employs three DARE officers. We're not calling the WMU study an indictment of DARE, but it forces one to wonder whether all that effort is being properly directed. Assistant Superintendent Patrick O'Donnell said the district might have to "do less conflict resolution and more prevention and intervention."

Apparently, he's right. Despite the fact people are dying from it, the use of inhalants — glue, paint, gasoline and aerosol products — is on the rise among eighth graders. Why on earth do eighth graders feel the need to get high?

Peer pressure plays a powerful role. Students go to parties where drinking is most prevalent among school-age children. Mom and dad leave them home, and the inevitable phone calls go out. "My parents are gone," they cry. "It's time to party."

Plymouth Township Lt. Bob Smith says, "For the most part, kids are getting alcohol at parties or a friend's house. We have far too many house parties where we find 150 kids in a house when mom and dad are away for the

**■ Perhaps it's time to stop blaming everyone else. High school seniors are 17 and 18 years old. They're old enough to know what they're doing is wrong.**

weekend."

All of this partying leads to one of the more dangerous risks the kids are taking: drinking and driving. Smith said it best: How many more tragedies does there have to be, how many more flowers have to be placed at the rock, before kids get the hint?

The police are trying to do their part. In the last couple of weeks, two local businesses were ticketed for selling to minors. We think the effort also is there in the schools, though apparently more needs to be done. The district should take whatever steps necessary to raise the consciousness of students to the perils of drinking, smoking and using drugs.

But it's a message they've heard so often, it may be falling on deaf ears. Teenagers have a sense of indestructibility, with no sense of vulnerability. They have no concept of aging. And there's something to be said about feeling that way.

However, it all too often causes them to make bad decisions. We know, we've all made them. It's natural for teenagers to push the envelope; it's even encouraged in some instances.

This is one area where we wish they would just leave the envelope alone. Kids are old enough to know right from wrong, and drinking at their age, especially when it's compounded by driving, is simply wrong.

The school district is living up to its responsibility. The police departments are doing what they can. Presumably, parents are setting the standard, though that's certainly not true in every case.

Perhaps it's time to stop blaming everyone else. High school seniors are 17 and 18 years old. They're old enough to know what they're doing is wrong.

And they're old enough to stop.

## Preparation is wise, panic isn't

**W**ith our dependence on computers, it's difficult to imagine that nothing will go wrong when the century number changes from 99 to 00 the first week in January. (Some of the computers that use just two digits to specify the year will choke on the two digits 00.)

The question is how much is going to go wrong and how serious will the problems be. Major problems are unlikely in profit-making businesses for just that reason: They are profit-making businesses.

If a profit-making business is forced out of operation, the head of the computer department is going to be in trouble with the CEO. And every computer department head knows this.

People who supervise the computer departments of not-for-profit and non-profit organizations do not face pressures to keep the profits flowing. But the head of every computer department we have spoken with — non-profit organizations as well as profit-making companies — has assured us their computer systems will be able to handle the date change.

In less-developed countries governments and businesses have a lot less to spend, so the Year 2000 computer glitch might be rough on them. And their problems will spill over into our lives. But the extent of that spill-over is anyone's guess — and a lot of people are guessing.

The vast majority of informed prognosticators are predicting nothing worse than that we survived this past January. They advise setting aside food, water, clothing and other essentials. This is always a good idea. For years the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has urged its members to set aside a year's worth of food. Man-made disasters such as unemployment or a transportation strike would make such preparations meaningful and wise.

Some people have espoused buying ammunition and military ready-to-eat packages and heading for the hills. Well, if you want to, you are free to take a rural vacation.

That is not a viable option for most people.

**■ Setting aside some peanut butter and battery-operated lanterns worked well during the snows of January 1999. They probably will do the same for any Y2K-related problems of January 2000.**

Too much of our lives is tied up in driving to work everyday, living in a suburban home, attending a local school and church and depending on local medical, police and fire services. However, even though we depend on a fire department if our home catches fire, we should still have an extinguisher at home.

People can set aside those things they will use anyway. Cans of corned beef hash and soup can be recycled back into your everyday life if little happens the first week or two in January. Likewise, if you store some clean bottled water, you'll be ready to deal with a broken water main or some other mundane problem.

If you live in Michigan, you've sat in a darkened basement and listened to a battery-operated radio during tornado season. So extra batteries will be used up anyway.

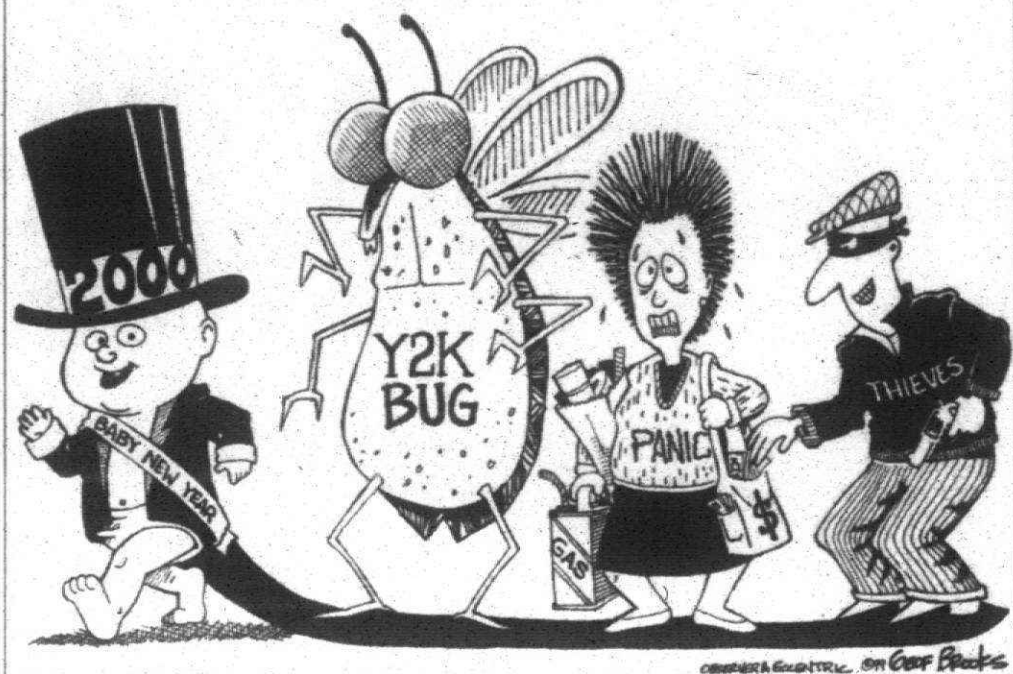
Keeping your gasoline tank full in the winter is only sensible. And if you don't need the gasoline to keep your car running to provide emergency transportation or heat, you'll use that gasoline driving to work or to the store.

For people who have a connection to the Internet, there are lots of Web sites out there that will happily give you all the information you want — and more. A few will assure you that the world is about to end or an economic crash is just around the corner.

Perhaps they are right, but setting aside some peanut butter and battery-operated lanterns worked well during the snows of January 1999. They probably will do the same for the problems of January 2000.

Geof Brooks

### RIDING HIS COATTAILS



### LETTERS

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#### In praise of 'rivalry'

"I'm excited to play you guys, good luck tonight."

That is an uncommon phrase you hear from rivals, but not at PCEP. Here at the park it's not your ordinary rivalry. It's a friendly competition between two schools that share the same campus. All agree that we cannot afford to have any envy that might become vicious with schools less than 200 yards apart. Conflict and hot tempers cannot be tolerated.

A lot has been done to assure that the competitive nature in everyone is kept in-house. Security is on alert when it's a game day. They make sure no one gets carried away. Our coordinators also attend the athletic events and try to regulate demeanors.

We have a false definition of rivalry. When you think of rivalry you think of hate. Michigan and Michigan State have that. Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem lack in more ways than one.

True rivals are merciless. Vandalism occurs, insults are hurled and, in some cases, it can turn violent. The absolute worst thing you can do at our schools is paint the rock. The rock is a symbol of Salem's effort to have school spirit. The rock is usually painted in blue and white, since those are Salem's colors. Whenever a sports team has had a big victory over another, the object is to sneakily paint the rock in your school colors and claim the territory. That's about as far as the practical jokes can go. It's the only way our competitive spirit is played out. That just shows you how harmless it really is. It is all bark, no bite. We are different from the rest.

We are watched carefully to make sure nothing gets out of hand. We cannot have hostility between the schools. We share our athletic facilities and are usually good friends with the opposing team. Your best friend could go to Salem when you attend Canton. Everyone accepts that because you are actively involved with the rival students daily. We hang out with each other after school. We might even be teammates in city leagues. We live in the same community — my neighbors can go to Salem and I to Canton.

After a big Canton/Salem game bragging rights begin, but life goes on. There might be a little bit of teasing, but that's it. The next day in school everyone will act as if nothing happened. Consider it forgotten until the next big game.

There is a lot of school spirit, however. The only time there is a division of schools is the day of a game. That's when students and faculty will wear their sports team apparel. There could possibly be some face painting and creative homemade T-shirts.

We have spirit clubs that go to all the games and cheer on their school. Posters are put up in the hallways and school fight songs are played over the speakers. The enthusiasm will also motivate the authorities. Some teachers give extra credit for those students who can sing the fight song in front of the class. Occasionally you will find that faculty member attending the event who will be covered in school colors.

You might be asking yourself, "How is this possible, two schools on the same campus without fighting?" Yes, we are different.

I am glad to be part of this false rivalry. I find it a great way to demonstrate self-control. My view is 100 percent for the two schools interacting together and keeping the friendship strong. You will find this incredible camaraderie only at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park. We are proud of our school and the systems we have to maintain this rare fellowship.

Meghan Meier

#### New ways to discredit us

The nuclear test ban treaty was defeated in Congress. The majority of the citizens in the United States believe the country should remain strong, and better prepared than any other to defend, and if necessary, to attack with our sustained and developing power.

But Clinton says the Washington crowd will not have the last word about the treaty, and he has instructed his mouthpiece in the United Nations to inform several countries in the world that the United States will adhere to and obey the treaty sanctions.

I had thought the White House miscreant had accomplished every kind of misfeasance, malfeasance, and indiscretion that could be committed, but the president has found still another way to discredit and defame our country.

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### POINTS OF VIEW

## Brighter days

### With Canton tree serving as beacon, the holidays beckon

**T**hey threw the switch on Canton's Christmas tree Wednesday night, not a moment too soon. The annual tree lighting ceremony marks the real beginning of the holiday season hereabouts and serves as a welcome respite from the blizzard of sale flyers and live news reports from shopping mall corridors we've all endured for what seems like months now.

They — meaning the tree lighting "committee" headed unofficially by Debbie Zevalkin, administrative assistant to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack — always manage to get things just right. This observation comes from a veteran community journalist who has covered tree lightings and Santa sightings for the better part of 14 years all over western Wayne County.

Like so much in Canton, the brief ceremony and accompanying activities in front of Fire Station No. 1 are geared toward families, particularly those with young children. From the music, caroling and hayrides, to the joyous sounds of kids careening around the civic center on Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man's mini-train or waiting in line to see Santa, the event strikes the perfect chord between fun and inspiration.

This year there was an extra something for the older participants as well. For the first time, the Automobile Club of Michigan was on hand to publicize and provide free samples of holiday, non-alcoholic beverages.

For longtime residents and relative newcomers, the memories flicker and come to life about the same time the



TEDD SCHNEIDER

Christmas tree adjacent to the Canton Historical Museum lights up the night sky. As unbelievable as it seems in a still developing community like Canton, this year actually marks the twenty-first tree lighting ceremony. That makes it old enough so that a few parents bringing their children

for the first time undoubtedly attended as children themselves.

For me, there was my first year as community editor (I actually didn't start until after New Year's when I made a stealth appearance and slipped in and out without knowing a soul. Others recall the year the ceremony was held at a brand new Summit on the Park, and the just completed parking lot overflowed with more than 1,000 visitors who came to "ooh and aah" at the gleaming recreation complex as much as sing holiday songs. This year's festivities mark the second time the tree lighting has been at the fire headquarters.

Of course, the hot chocolate, punch and cookies help to warm your insides on a cool evening and keep things festive. Plain old-fashioned, stocked-

with-calorie-food is, after all, a key element to holiday happiness for most of us.

Throughout the next month, there will be several opportunities for local families to mark the holidays in Canton.

The Summit will host its annual Santa's Workshop and Brunch with Santa sessions this weekend and next. This historical museum has its bake sale and tree-trimming set for Saturday, Dec. 11. Anyone interested in these activities can call the parks and recreation department at (734) 397-5110 or look them up on the township web site at: canton-mi.org.

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## Anti-rioter bill shows actions bring consequences

**I** feel compelled to write in response to your editorial "Campus rioter ban goes too far" (Nov. 18). Your editorial demonstrated an amazing lack of understanding of our criminal justice system and a poor memory.

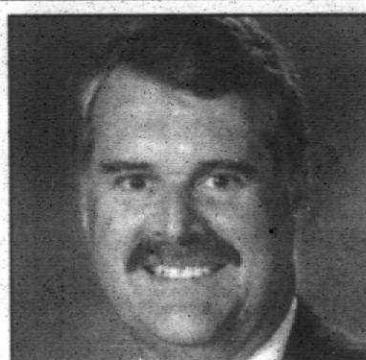
The main reason stated by the Observer in opposition to Senate Bill 525 (SB 525), which I sponsored, is that it would be unenforceable. This statement is wrong.

Let me take a moment and explain the substance of SB 525. This bill provides that anyone convicted of a crime directly related to rioting that occurs on or within 2,500 feet of a state college or university campus could be prohibited from entering on to the property of any state college or university for one year for a misde-

meanor conviction and two years for a felony conviction. In addition, the bill gives judges the authority to order that rioters pay restitution to local governments or schools for any damage or police and fire service caused by their actions.

The penalty would be imposed similar to any other type of probationary sentence. The court order banning an individual would be entered on the person's record and if they were ever caught for some other offense, the offender's record would be checked and the court order would be found. For example, if someone was sentenced under this bill and subsequently arrested for another offense on a campus, the police would check the person's record and find the court

### GUEST COLUMNIST



LOREN BENNETT

order. The person could then be punished for violating the court order.

The enforcement of this bill would be similar to other types of penalties already on the books in our state. For example, any term of probation or license revocations and suspensions are only enforceable if the person is caught again in some other violation. Personal protection orders work the same way as well. Does the Observer object to probation, license revocations/suspensions and personal protection orders because they are unenforceable? I would hope not!

A lesser reason stated by the Observer in opposition to SB 525 is that there are few instances of riots of this nature occurring in the state. The collective memory of the Observer is not very good because at one of our state universities there were three

riots within a period of one year.

The overall tone of your editorial was troubling as well. The Observer seems to dismiss this weekend and behavior. I, however, believe it's time people start to realize that their actions can have serious consequences and if someone is going to destroy property or put other persons' lives in danger then there will be a heavy price to pay.

In closing, I know this bill will not solve the problem of rioting, but I do not see the harm in providing the courts with tools to try and prevent this type of behavior.

State Sen. Loren N. Bennett (R-Canton) represents the 8th District.

## Wanted: Real people in office

**T**he first time I ever heard the word "authentic" in connection with politics was about three years ago when I was talking with former U.S. Sen. Don Riegle.

I didn't take notes during our conversation, but as I remember it Riegle said something to the effect that candidates these days would have to be "authentic in order to be effective."

What he meant, of course, was that people couldn't run as a blow-dried, spin-doctored, consultant-manipulated, poll-reliant candidates, but as real people comfortable in their own skin. "Authentic" has been rattling around inside my head ever since, but never more than now, when our politics are so infested with non-authentic candidates of all sorts. Usefully, my dictionary defines authentic as, "Conforming to fact and therefore worthy of trust, reliance, or belief."

The most recent outbreak of authenticity in Michigan politics occurred last week, when Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) endorsed U.S. Sen. John McCain for president and shortly thereafter was named chairman of the McCain presidential campaign in the state. Evidently, birds of an authentic feather flock together, as both Schwarz and McCain are conspicuous practitioners of the politics of authenticity.

Schwarz is an eye, ear and nose surgeon who served in naval intelligence during the Vietnam War, became mayor of Battle Creek and then was elected to the Michigan Senate in 1986. Smart, blunt and well informed, Schwarz is hardly one to back away from a fight or suffer fools gladly. McCain, a Navy pilot who endured five years of torture in a Viet Cong prison before being elected to the U.S. Senate, gives the impression of being a whole lot like Schwarz.

"No, I don't think all the emphasis on authenticity is just because of Bill Clinton, although his career has been an object lesson," Schwarz told me. "Authentic people running as who they are have been increasingly rare in politics over the last 25 years. More and more, candidates are being controlled by non-office holding consultants, pollsters, spin doctors. The result is a bunch of finger-in-the-wind imagoes who make me, at least, into a doubting Thomas whenever they say something because I always wonder who told them to do it."

The political attractiveness of authenticity seems to have national appeal. A recent poll conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People found overwhelming majorities rank honesty and the ability to connect as priorities, well ahead of a candidate's stand on particular issues.

Voters traditionally have been attracted to candidates who share their values, empathize



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with their problems, address their concerns. But these days I sense a real hunger for candidates who are what they seem, unscripted and unrehearsed, men and women who are comfortable enough with themselves and where they stand not to have a compulsion to try to be all things to all people.

I asked Schwarz who he would be supporting for president if he were a Democrat. "Bill Bradley," he answered at once. "Although I've never met him, he seems secure in who he is — far more than Al Gore, who seems to need consultants for that purpose."

Schwarz's comment hit a nerve. In the past month or so, I have talked with a lot of politically informed people in Michigan. Many are in office while others have political obligations; for public consumption they favor either Texas Gov. George W. Bush or Vice President Gore, depending on their partisan affiliation.

But when I ask them, off the record and for private discourse only, who they really like in their heart of hearts, overwhelmingly it's John McCain and Bill Bradley.

Why? Some cite a diversity of life experiences. Some point to candor and honesty, while others are attracted by a "natural" style, unaffected by consultants and pollsters. In other words, because both McCain and Bradley come across as authentic, whether by nature or by design.

I've seen a lot of elections over the years, and I've never seen such a big disconnect between the candidates who the odds-makers say will win the nominations — Bush and Gore — and those who are provoking deeper, more genuine responses. Something interesting and important may be stirring here.

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# GOP takes on Democrat 'bingo'

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Democrats say the real issues in campaign finance reform revolve around the largest contributors and the lack of controls on so-called "soft money."

Republicans, however, are hung up on bingo, Democrats say.

In fact, political bingo fund-raising parties — used more often by Democrats than Republicans — are indeed a target of proposed GOP reforms. House bill 5059, sponsored by Rep. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) would eliminate a \$20 "threshold" for recording contributions on campaign finance statements filed with the secretary of state. If passed, candidates for office would have to report each contribution on those statements, no matter how small.

"I know that really looks chicken," Sen. Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) said. "But in some of the larger games, people throw in \$20s and \$20s and \$20s one at a time. People put in large amounts of revenue without having to report it. Some people are really abusing the system."

In addition, reviews of some bingo parties by the secretary of state have turned up checks written to winners under apparently bogus names, like "Marilyn Monroe" or "M.R. Magoo."

## 'Full disclosure, what could be a better campaign finance reform than that?'

State Rep. Mike Bishop  
R-Rochester

"The point is they are issuing these checks to winners with the intent that they will never be cashed," Bishop explained. "So that money stays in the political coffers."

Republicans may be aiming at bingo games but it will likely be candidates for local political office — city councils, township boards and school boards — who get caught in the crossfire, according to some Democrats.

Gary Garbarino, deputy chief of staff for House Minority Leader Rep. Mike Hanley (D-Saginaw), said the paper work burden of having to report all donations under \$20 will fall heaviest on local candidates who raise far less than state candidates. A few big local races, like the contest for mayor of Detroit, may rival the campaign war chests of state senators and representatives, but most will be significantly lower. And they rely on many smaller contributions, he said.

Besides, the issue of bingo parties has already been decided, Garbarino said. The GOP tried to outlaw them a few years back, a move which was eventually

rejected by voters at the ballot box.

"Full disclosure, what could be a better campaign finance reform than that?" Bishop said in defense of his plan. "And what is so onerous about it?"

He argued that much of the debate over his plan is rhetoric.

"A lot of what I'm hearing is hot air. Someone made the point that they would have to report \$1 or 25-cent sales of campaign buttons. Well, to the best of my knowledge buttons aren't sold, they are given away. And even if you do sell them for 25 cents or \$1, we should be paying attention to those people, especially to those people because they are giving what they can afford and they are making an investment in you," he said.

Bishop's bill is the linchpin in a five-bill reform package. Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) is a primary co-sponsor of the package. The bills have already won approval from the House and face Senate scrutiny in the short, two-week session before Christmas break.

Considering the bills are

unlikely to win any significant Democratic support, giving them immediate effect is unlikely. As a result, the bills have to pass by the end of this year if Republicans want them to go into effect before the next election.

Additionally, the package would:

- Double fees for campaign finance reports filed late.

- Require candidates to pay late fees out of their own pockets rather than from their campaign funds.

- Add deadlines for reviews of campaign finance complaints by the secretary of state, and require notification of the results.

- Add criminal penalties for any false statements made on those reports.

Bishop agrees that "soft money" is indeed a problem, and he said he would like to address that issue in a reform bill. But the Supreme Court has said soft money is protected on First Amendment grounds.

Funding used for issue advertising is referred to as "soft money." Such advertising usually criticizes one candidate for being on the wrong side of an issue. Because the money is not being spent by the other candidate, the contributors' names do not have to be disclosed.

## POLITICAL FUND-RAISERS

Supporters of Chief Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor George Ward will present two concerts at the Ward Conference Center on the campus of the University of Detroit-Mercy at W. Outer Drive and the Southfield Expressway in Detroit on Sunday.

Ward, who has been chief assistant prosecutor under Prosecutor John O'Hair for 14 years, is seeking the Democratic nomination for prosecutor in the primary election on Aug. 3, 2000.

Guest artists are Phil Marcus Esser, Barbara Bredius and Charles Latimer, who made Detroit musical theater history

in the 1970s with the long-running "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" on the same campus, then known as Mercy College.

One concert is scheduled for 2 p.m. and ticket prices are \$50 per person or \$100 for a couple and their family. A second concert and reception will follow, with the reception at 5 p.m. and the concert at 6 p.m. Tickets for the concert and reception are \$100 per person.

Advance ticket purchases may be made for both concerts by contacting the George Ward for Prosecutor campaign office at (734) 451-9968.

## County to collect delinquent taxes

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Wayne County commissioners have decided to let County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz continue to collect delinquent property taxes.

Under a new state law, county treasurers can request county commissioners to ask the state to execute foreclosure procedures.

Wojtowicz told commissioners Tuesday he chose to continue those duties.

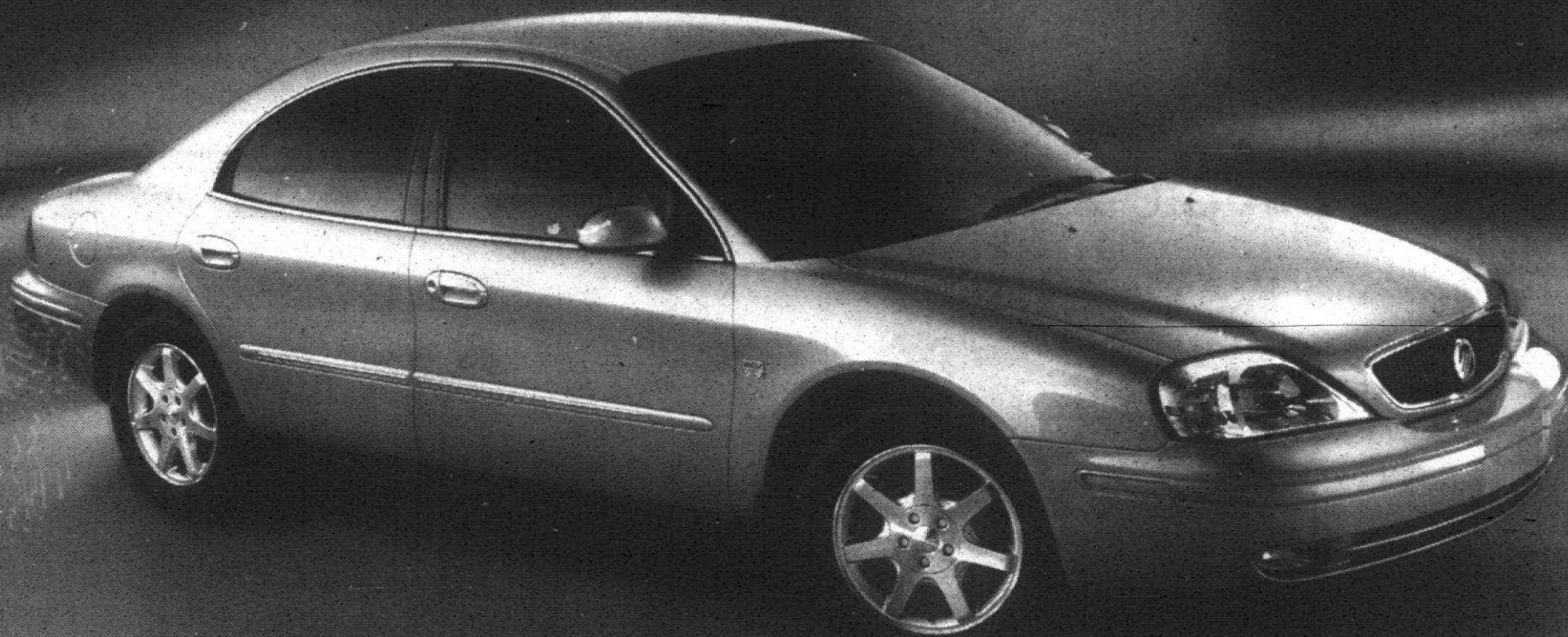
"The new law shortens by three years the process whereby

our home, farm and business owners may lose their property," Wojtowicz stated in a letter to county commissioners. "To avoid any chance that these properties will be lost by our county residents, I intend to handle the entire foreclosure process."

Wojtowicz said he wants to retain authority to withhold a property from court proceedings in hardship cases. "Otherwise, the taxpayer is at the mercy of Lansing bureaucrats who will end up with the property," Wojtowicz said. "The hearing will be in my office, not in Lansing."

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## Do thinkin' before doin'

Lately I either read about or hear about a lot of kids getting away with a lot of "stuff," and I'm more and more alarmed by it. Either we protect them from the punishment, or we don't bother to follow through. It's much easier to do nothing than to think up something rather clever.

This is unfortunate because the younger the child learns that his behavior or action is OK, the more likely he is to continue to push the limits as he gets older. If they learn as youngsters that their behaviors cause consequences, they will be more likely to think before acting as they mature.

A client of mine gave me permission to tell the following story. It exemplifies nipping a problem in the bud and shows how there can be a domino effect as a result of inappropriate actions.

Mom tells it this way: It seems as though her 6-year-old Cassie and a little friend thought it would be fun to play on the living room furniture at the friend's house.

Together they jumped on the couch and spun around kicking and trashing as children are prone to do. But their frolicking ended when an unfortunate mishap took place.

They knocked a beautiful porcelain wreath off the wall. Each of the little ornaments were quite expensive and,

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as luck would have it, each broke. The mother was not happy with the girls and told Cassie she would have to call her mother.

Cassie's mother immediately sat her down and told her about how she was sure Cassie knew the rule about playing on the furniture in their own home and expected Cassie to be respectful in other people's homes.

Then she told her that her consequence

would be to not only write a letter of apology to the mother, but to take money from her bank account to pay for the broken pieces.

Cassie didn't grasp the full meaning of the situation until she realized that the money she had saved up all year for a "Cabbage Patch" doll (which they were going to go pick out directly from the factory), was the very same money that would be forfeited. At that moment Cassie broke down in tears.

Mom kept her cool and let her vent, but did not water down the consequences.

By the time Cassie and I met, she had accepted her punishment, listening quietly as mom described it to me. A few minutes later, as she and I were sitting on the floor in my office talking and playing, she said, "Ya know, I think I know how to not have something like this happen again."

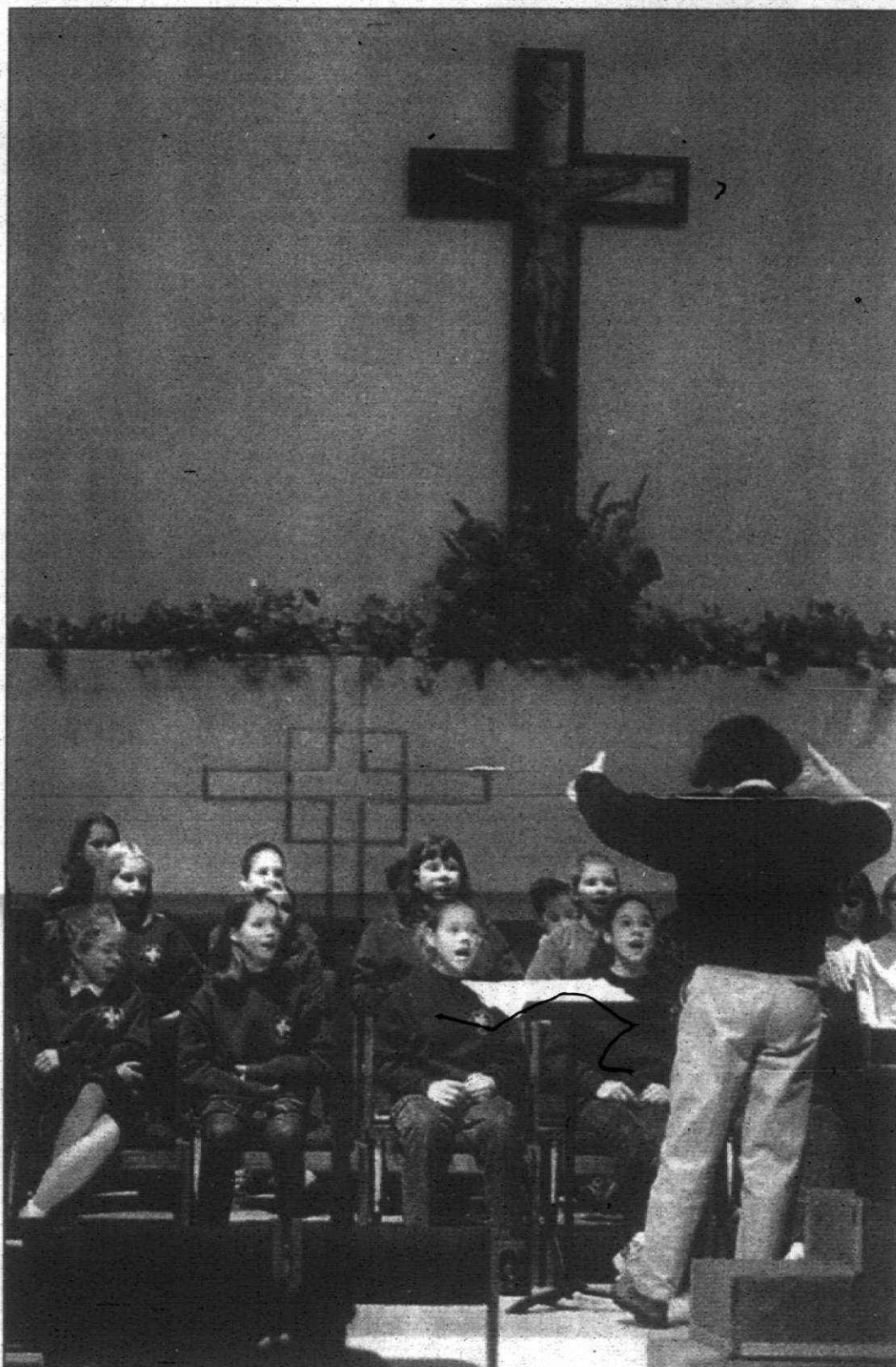
"Yeah?" I asked. "So what can you do next time?"

Her response, to become her new slogan, came out in a sing-song fashion: "Before you do the doin', ya gotta do the thinkin'."

Smart little girl, don't ya think? If only we adults could operate that way.

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## Choir tunes up for 'world tour'



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

**Do, Re, Mi:** Choir director Susan Lindquist puts the members of the Counsellor's Youth Chorale through their musical paces during a practice at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.



BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

A youth choir at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth next summer will get what supporters and choir members say is the opportunity of a lifetime — the chance to sing in the International Children's Choir Festival in London and Paris.

The Counsellor's Youth Chorale members, whose ages range from 12 to 16, say they're excited about the trip. The group was formed in 1992, and members in grades six through 10 hail from seven communities — Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville, Ann Arbor, Livonia and Westland. Members are not required to be members of the church.

"I think it will be real neat to go to another country," said Caroline Reinhart, 16, a Plymouth Canton High School junior and choir member. "I've never been to another country before."

Reinhart also said she can't wait for the chance to sing in such sanctified places as Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and Westminster Abbey in London.

"I'm looking forward to being able to sing in such awesome places," she said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance."

Reinhart enjoys the choir experience — the performing and the teamwork.

"I like the gospel songs," Reinhart said. "Those are my favorite."

Rachel Jeffery, an 11-year-old Our Lady of Good Counsel School student, echoed Reinhart's sentiments.

"I can't wait to sing and see everything in Europe," Jeffery said. "I like singing and I like the songs. It just puts me in a good mood."

While on the European tour, the choir will perform at St. Augustine in Canterbury, Westminster in London and at Notre Dame and La Madeleine in Paris.

### Offer of a lifetime

Choir director and Our Lady of Good Counsel music teacher Susan Lindquist said she didn't need time to think when the 48-member choir received the invitation in April.

"We began (preparing) almost immediately," Lindquist said. "People are just all eyes and ears and wanting this to happen."

Inviting the Counsellor's Youth Chorale to the festival was Henry Leck, a nationally recognized children's choir director who directed the choir at a performance in New York last year.

"Only a handful (of youth choirs) were invited," said Maureen Karby, who heads the fundraising committee. Her daughter, Amanda, is member of the chorale. "It's really a remarkable achievement."

Chorale members are not strangers to traveling. In March 1998, they performed at the Choir Fest in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral. They also have performed in New York's Carnegie Hall and Walt Disney World's EPCOT Center in Orlando, Fla.

Our Lady of Good Counsel's pastor and music fan, the Rev. John J. Sullivan, said he shares the kids' excitement about the trip.

"I really think that for a lot of kids, music is an expression of what's within them," he said. "I

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## Under 'wraps'

## Scouts give gifts special touch

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Wrapping a football so it doesn't look like a football isn't fun, says Sheree Campbell. Same goes for a floor lamp and a fur coat, says Danielle Scott.

Then there was the man who showed up with his own paper and bows and wanted his presents wrapped.

"How do you price something like that?" queried Scott.

Those just a few of the oddities the two teens encountered working the Girl Scout gift wrapping booth at Wonderland Mall in Livonia last year.

This is the sixth year that Cadette and Senior Scouts and adults are working at the gift-wrapping booth at Wonderland and the eighth year that they've used it as a way of raising money for their troops.

Fourteen troops in the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council — 61 scouts and 50 adults from Livonia, Westland, Redford, Novi, Farmington Hills, Inkster, Southfield and Detroit — have signed on to work three-hour shifts at two booths — one in the mall's food court and the other near the entrance to Montgomery Ward.

"Even parents who help their daughters, their money goes to the troop's fund," said Diane Bergendahl whose daughter, Julie, was working the food court booth with Cheryl Vomastek,

leader of the "rookie troop" last year.

"We were nervous," Vomastek said. "For 11 year olds, this was their first job and first chance to make money. It was a big thing for them. They had a good time after they got through the first year. Now they're not rookies anymore."

While Vomastek's troop made a lot of money to spend on activities, the troop's saving it for a trip to Savannah, Ga., next summer to visit the birthplace of Girl Scouts founder Juliette Lowe.

### For Scout activities

The idea behind the project is to raise money for Scout activities and end-of-year trips. In the past, troops have gone to Chicago, Washington, D.C., Boston, Toronto, Kings Island in Ohio and Walt Disney World in Florida.

Of the troops participating this year, one is planning a trip to Hawaii and another a Walt Disney cruise.

"The Disney cruise costs \$1,500 (per Scout), so they'll be working a lot of shifts," said Bergendahl who, along with Sue Roy, Carolyn Feathers and Jeanette Bray, are coordinating and running the booths.

The Scouts and adults can work as many shifts as they want. Records are kept of who worked and for how long. In January, the proceeds are divvied up accordingly.

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

**Sticky finger:** Senior Girl Scout Julie Bergendahl, 15, of Livonia is in her fifth year of working at the Scouts' gift wrapping booth at Wonderland Mall.



# Plymouth academy pulls together to help homeless



Fill 'er up: Jaclyn Stothers, 7, and Matt Zandee, 7, both of Canton, fill gift bags that were decorated by their classmates with clothing and other items for needy families at Plymouth Christian Academy.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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As the season of giving approaches, Plymouth Christian Academy students are demonstrating the true meaning of generosity.

Staff and students from kindergarten through 12th grade are working together to collect goods for homeless men at The Detroit Rescue Mission.

While the charitable activity became an annual event eight years ago, and the contributions have changed to suit the needs of the organization, teachers and students agree it is a special time of year.

"It's always a highlight of the year," said Beth Houston, second-grade teacher. "The kids participate really well. It's a great hands-on kind of thing."

Seven-year-old Matt Zandee of Canton is one second-grader who enjoyed painting gift bags which will hold the clothes and toiletries they are donating to the rescue mission.

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Parents have gotten involved as well.

Plymouth resident Kathy Polera is one of about 50 parents assisting in the organization of the service project for The Detroit Rescue Mission. She

comes in to gather the items which have been donated by each class.

Just before the gift bags were sent to The Detroit Rescue Mission, the entire school gathered for Thanksgiving Chapel to present the 180 gifts - which are displayed in the shape of a Christmas tree - to a representative of the mission. Polera said the school is doing its part to fill a need.

Joy Wolfe is a parent of a Plymouth Christian Academy student who's helped get the word out about the service project. She feels it's worthwhile for the students to learn how fortunate they are.

"They learn how to share and be thankful for what they have," she said. "Most of the time they don't know that there are people right in the community who are in need."

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"Normally it's about \$4 to \$5 an hour," said Julie Bergendahl, who's in her fifth year of wrapping presents.

The booths have a selection of 16 patterns of wrapping paper, bows, gift tags and boxes. And organizers are hoping a re-order of Hanukkah wrapping paper will arrive in time for the eight-day Jewish holiday, which starts at sundown Friday. However, the booths do have a silver print paper and blue ribbon to accommodate Hanukkah, birthday and wedding gifts.

Prices range from \$1.50 to \$8-10, if using Scout-supplied boxes. A medium shirt box is \$3.25, while a large pants box is \$4.50. The price is less if the customer provides the boxes. All profits go to the Scouts.

**Learning the how to's**

The girls and adults attended a three-hour training class to learn how to measure, price and wrap gifts. Roy made all of the bows and while the workers wait for the wrapping rush, they're been making 4,000 name tags.

"We wanted the children to have an experience of a commu-

nity service project," she said. "We want them to be connected to the community and realize people have needs."

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## Chorale from page B1

think that brings out the very, very best in some of them. I enjoy seeing some of the more timid (children) just blossoming.

"Music and art has been a vehicle for transporting Western culture for centuries. If we start to forget that, we're in real trouble."

The choir's cheerleaders - parents and fund-raisers - share that enthusiasm. But they are bracing themselves for a daunting task - raising \$100,800 to pay for the trip.

Karby estimates they've reached 5 percent of that goal.

"We're full of hope, and we really believe we're going to be able to do this," she said.

To raise the money, the choir has planned benefit concerts and door-to-door sales of products

such as pizza kits and cookbooks.

"The benefit concerts have been a real success," Karby said. For "Make a Difference Day" on Oct. 23, the choir performed with the group Gemini at the Penn Theatre.

Another benefit concert is planned Monday, Feb. 14, also at the Penn Theatre. The choir will perform along with the Michigan Opera Theatre. The Penn offered the choir free use of the facility for both events.

Karby hopes the Penn Theatre donation paves the way for corporate donations. Corporate sponsorships could generate a significant portion of revenue for the July 31-Aug.11 trip, Karby said.

Other upcoming events include

Christmas concerts:

- Dec. 16 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1062 W. Church St., Plymouth.
- Dec. 21 at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus; a March 18 performance with Our Lady's adult choir and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and at Plymouth's "Art in the Park" in July.

"We are doing a great deal of fund-raising," Karby said. "I'm just absolutely amazed at how this group came together."

Those interested in making a donation for the trip should contact Maureen Karby at (734) 459-9893 or Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at (734) 453-0326.

## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### Jarmusevich-Shippe

Sharon Houston of Garden City and Greg Jarmusevich of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Marie Jarmusevich, to Mark Alan Shippe, the son of Linda Shippe of Westland and Gerald Shippe of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed as a receptionist at Link Testing Laboratories in Detroit.

Her fiancé also is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn where he is majoring in business administration. He is employed as an office manager at Vision Restoration and Building Co. in Dearborn Heights.

An April wedding is planned at First Congregational Church of Wayne.

### Knoll-Yack

Daniel Edwin Knoll and Elizabeth Anne Yack were married Sept. 18 at St. Michael Lutheran Church by the Rev. Jerry Yarnell.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Barbara Yack of Canton. The groom is the son of Edwin and Susan Knoll of Vassar.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School graduate and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a business administration degree. She is employed as a consultant for Triad Performance Technologies in Farmington Hills.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Frankmunth High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is employed as an engineer at Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor.

The bride asked Kathryn Yack to serve as maid of honor with Brenda Hoffman, Debbie Yack, Erica Stowe, Delynn D'Angelo, Stacey Panos and Jennifer Jaskolski as bridesmaids.

Ryan Stowe served as best

man with Jeff Hoffman, David Yack, Cody Kramer, James Yack, Eric Conzelmann and Andy Hoffman as groomsmen. Mitchell Hoffman was the ring bearer.

### Dukes-Pinkosky

William and Marilyn Dukes of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimmi Lynn, to Stephen Lawrence Pinkosky, the son of Paul and Sandra Pinkosky, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Albion College. She is employed as an English and art teacher at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a research assistant at the University of Michigan Cancer Research Institute.

A December wedding is

planned at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

### Godlove-Harnish

Lindsey R. Godlove and Edward J. Harnish II are planning a December wedding in Grove City College's Harbison Chapel in Grove City, Pa.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of John and Cindy Godlove of Mercer, Pa. She is pursuing a career as an author and illustrator and attended Grove City College.

Her fiancé is the son of Edward and Lawanda Harnish of Alliance, Ohio. He attended the Cincinnati Bible College and Cincinnati State and Technical College. He is the senior CAD designer at MTI-Johnson Stamp-

ing in Plymouth and MTI-Crescive in Saline.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Koss

Frank and Felicia Koss of Redford are celebrating their 50th anniversary with a Mass at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights and a party with close family members and friends at the American Legion Stitt Post.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 5, 1949, at St. Albertus Church in Detroit. She is the former Felicia Block.

They have five married children - Michael and wife Peggy of Sterling Heights, Patrick and wife Mary Kay of Redford, David and wife Mary of Grand Rapids, Kathryn Topolewski and husband Richard of Plymouth Township, Joseph and wife Lisa of Dearborn Heights. They also have four grandchildren - Jennifer, Christopher, Christina and Kendra.

He retired from Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Detroit in 1989. Prior



to that he was employed at Pfeiffer Brewing Co. She volunteered to perform administrative services at St. Albertus Church.

They currently are active as volunteers at Holy Cross Hospital and at St. Sabina Church. His hobbies include gardening and woodworking. She enjoys needlework and baking. Their primary interest is spending time with their grandchildren.

### Caskey

Kenneth and Joanne Caskey of Livonia were the guests of honor at a surprise 45th wedding anniversary party Nov. 20 at Ernesto's in Plymouth.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 20, 1954, in Detroit. She is the former Joanne Valente.

The couple has five children - Joan Marie Morano and husband John, Kenny, Lisa Albers and husband Ralph, Pam, and Natalie Hasson and husband Don - eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He retired from Douglas & Lomason three years ago. She has worked at Ethan Allen Furniture in Livonia for more than 20 years.



Among their interests are their grandchildren.

## Announcement forms available

Have an engagement or wedding announcement to make? Want to let people know your celebrating your anniversary or the arrival of a new baby? The Observer has forms available to announce those special occasions in life at our offices at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, or 794 S. Main St., Plymouth.

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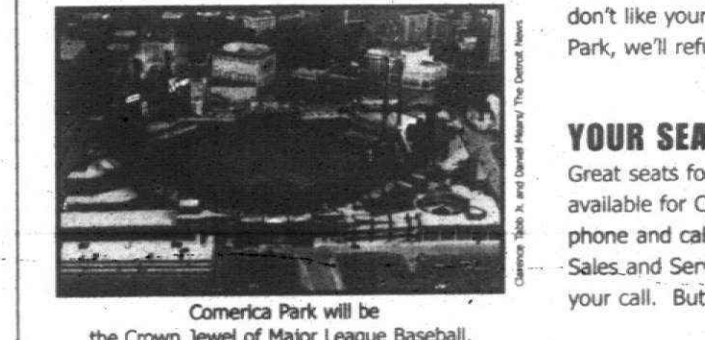
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## LIVING THE DREAM

Ann and Morris Taber, founders of the "Books Are Like Gold" Project and the Taber Library in Zimbabwe, will speak on "Living the Dream in Zimbabwe" at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The Tabers traveled to Zimbabwe this year with the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Program and as a result started the "Books Are Like Gold" project. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

## HOLIDAY CONCERTS

The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth will present a Holiday Concert Extravaganza at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. The Detroit Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Susan M. Berry, will perform selections ranging from simple folk tunes to celebrated hymns or transcriptions of orchestral classics, such as music from "The Nutcracker." The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will accompany some selections.

Advanced tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$15 for a family through Handbell Services Inc. at (313) 278-7387. Tickets also are available at the door at \$7 and \$15 respectively. For more information, call Fran Loiseleur, director of handbells at First United at (734) 453-5280 or (734) 459-4263.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will present a Christmas Collage Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, between Newburgh and Haggerty roads, Livonia. The continuous musical event will feature handbells, choirs, voice choirs, soloists and instrumental music. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0211.

## HANGING THE GREENS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will hold its annual Hanging of the Greens during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 5, at the church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Child care will be available.

After the service, there will be a "Focus on the Family" program and luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The program will include making devotional Christmas trees. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the church office at (734) 422-6038.

## SERVICE OF LESSONS

Faith Lutheran Church will have a service of lessons and carols at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. All musical ensembles of Faith Lutheran will participate in the service, which will feature music and scripture readings for Advent. The readings and music will outline Christ's coming into the world, starting in the Book of Genesis and continuing through to His birth.

Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the service. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7449.

## ADVENT SERVICES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church offers Advent Bible study at 7 p.m. Monday, now through Dec. 20, and 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, following Advent vespers at 6:30 p.m., now through Dec. 21, at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0211.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to Bethlehem during Advent services 7:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 and 15, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Drama, music and a brief message 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. There will be a fellowship dinner 5-6 p.m. prior to the services. 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. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at (734) 522-5890.

Trinity Lutheran Church will have Advent supper and services Wednesday, Dec. 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 information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
Newburg United Methodist Church will have its ASP Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in Gutherie Hall of the Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. All proceeds will sup-

port a summer work trip to Appalachia. For ticket information, call the church office at (734) 422-0149.

## FAMILY MUSICAL

The Creative Arts Ministry of Northville Christian Assembly will present a family musical, "A Time for Christmas," at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12, at the church, 41355 Six Mile Road. Packed with drama and music, "A Time for Christmas" follows the life of a workaholic account-

ant who sorely needs Christmas cheer. A mysterious visitor, Bartholomew, challenges the accountant to learn the true meaning of Christmas and, like Clarence in "It's a Wonderful Life," takes the accountant on a trip covering 2,000 years. Tickets for the musical are free, but required. They are available by calling (248) 348-9030. The 7 p.m. Dec. 11 performance will include creative translation for the hearing impaired.



**Guiding light:** People will gather at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Covenant House Michigan Campus, 2959 Martin Luther King Blvd. at I-96, for a candlelight vigil for homeless kids. The guest speaker will be Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. Donations of toiletries, bedding, linen and personal care items will be accepted at the vigil. For more information, call (313) 825-7005.

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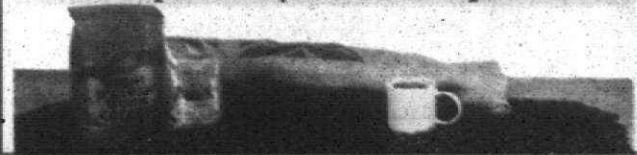
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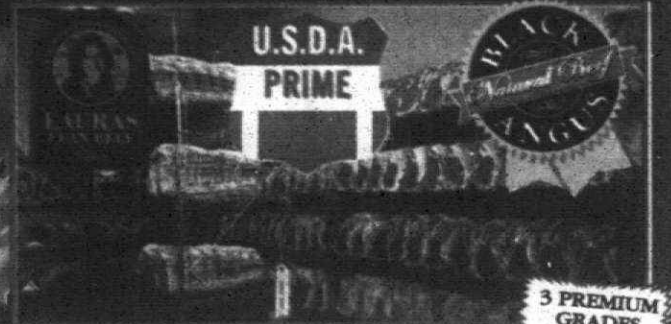
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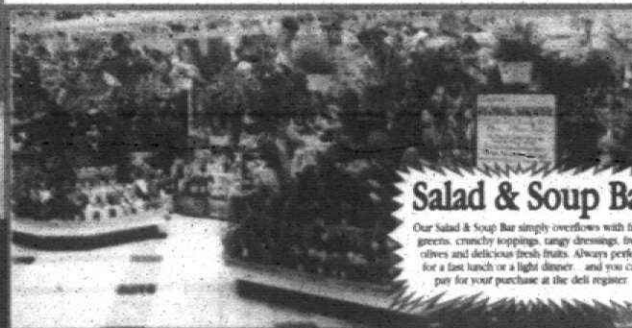
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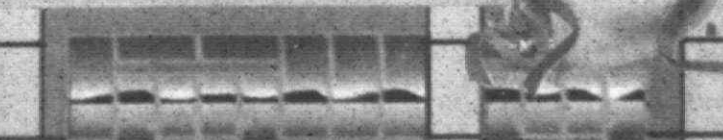
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### Hunter honored

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Hunter hauled down 34 passes for 725 yards, averaging 21.3 yards per catch, with five touchdowns. In his two seasons with the Timberwolves, he has 73 catches for 1,703 yards and 14 TDs — just 329 yards and four scores short of the school's career records.

### Warnke dominates

Sarah Warnke, a senior forward for Wayne State University's women's basketball team and a Plymouth Canton graduate, hit 7-of-14 floor shots in scoring 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the Warriors' 76-50 trouncing of University of Michigan-Dearborn Tuesday at WSU.

Warnke played just 17 minutes for the Warriors, who evened their record at 2-2. Last weekend, she was named to the all-tournament team as WSU lost 71-58 to unbeaten Rollins College in the final of the Warrior Classic, hosted by WSU.

### RU hockey clinic

Redford Unified's hockey coach Pete Mazzoni is conducting a Christmas Clinic for youths Monday, Dec. 28 and Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Redford Ice Arena. Time each day is 3 p.m.

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## WRESTLING PREVIEWS

# State-meet scorers lead Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Last February, Plymouth Salem's wrestling team managed to edge Livonia Stevenson for second place at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament.

That leaves one obstacle remaining for those returning from that team — and there are several returnees, including one guy who just won't go away.

Which, by the way, is a blessing for the Rocks.

Ron Krueger officially retired from coaching Salem's wrestlers after the 1997-98 season. He then returned last season in an advisory position, although the title as head coach remained his.

The same set-up remains this

### SALEM

season: Krueger retains the official status as head coach, but he insists his team of assistants — Greg Wochuk, Dave Dameron and sons Lee and Jason Krueger — will do the bulk of the actual coaching.

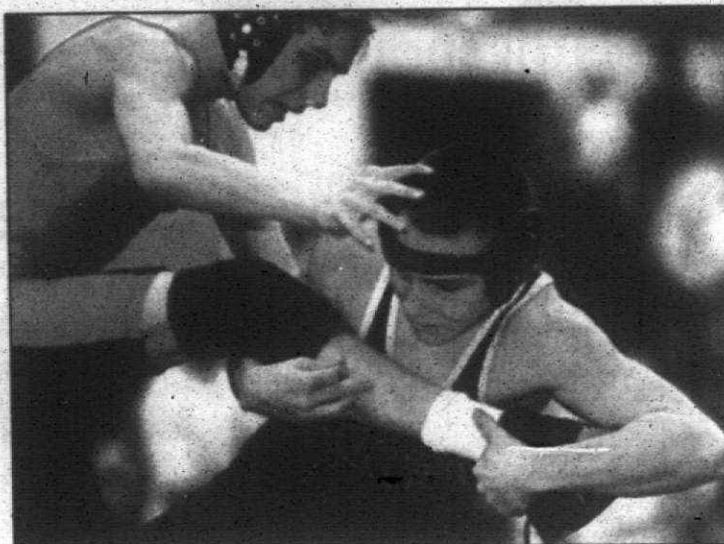
"This," Ron Krueger said, "is definitely my last year of everything."

That is certain, because Krueger has already accepted his buyout and will retire from teaching at the end of the school year.

As for coaching the Rocks, his return for this season is welcomed — although Krueger deferred to Wochuk when it came time to discuss the team and its chances.

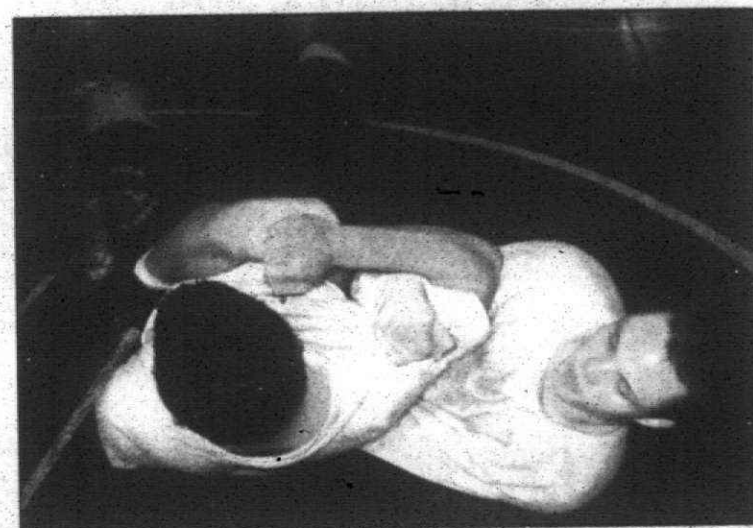
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A leg up:  
Salem's  
John Mervyn  
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second-  
straight  
WLAA title  
last year as  
a junior.

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Team co-captain: John Pocock was one of Canton's top prospects going into last season, but an injury prevented him from fully reaching those expectations. All the same, Pocock still posted a 22-7 match record.

## Chiefs could make a move up in the WLAA standings

BY C.J. RISAK  
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It was not a positive beginning to what had been shaping up as possibly a breakthrough season for Plymouth Canton's wrestling team.

The Chiefs were coming off a winning season in Western Lakes Activities Association dual meets; they went 6-4 in 1998-99 (6-6 overall), quite an improvement after years as a league basement-dweller. Many of their top wrestlers were underclassmen. That meant the future looked bright indeed.

Then came the word that school officials were considering a restructuring, one that would cost the wrestlers their team room and possibly send them to Salem for late-

night practice sessions.

All that was fortunately avoided, according to Canton coach John Demisick.

"We're trying to put it all behind us," he said.

But could the team match their coach's unflagging optimism? Could they envision their program taking the next step up the competitive ladder?

Demisick thinks so, which is hardly a surprise. "I think we have a good chance to be even better than last year," he said.

He may be right. There are some holes to fill: Gone are three wrestlers who combined

Please see CANTON MAT, C5

## Spits stop Whalers, 5-3

A third-period rally was too little and too late for the Plymouth Whalers, who lost 5-3 to the Windsor Spitfires Sunday in an Ontario Hockey League game in Windsor.

The loss snapped the Whalers' four-game winning streak and dropped them below .500, at 12-13-3; they have played a league-leading 28 games. Windsor is 16-6-1 and is second in the OHL's West Division with 34 points, one behind the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. Plymouth is third with 28 points.

The Whalers had the early lead when Shaun Fisher scored the first of his two power-play goals at the 11:40 mark of the opening period, with assists from Justin Williams and Stephen Weiss.

### HOCKEY

However, it took Windsor just 19 seconds to tie it at 1-all, with Blair Stayzer getting the goal.

Craig Mahon's first goal of the season 5:57 into the second period put the Spits up 2-1. A pair of power-play goals in the first 10:19 of the final period, scored by Steve Ott and Patrick Finnegan, increased their advantage to 4-1.

Plymouth made it interesting by scoring twice in a three-minute span, narrowing Windsor's lead to 4-3. Fisher got the first (his seventh of the season) at the 15:07 juncture; Tomas Kurka assisted.

Randy Fitzgerald got the sec-

ond at the 17:58 mark; again, Weiss and Williams received assists.

But the Spits put the game away with Ott's empty-net goal, assisted by Mahon, scored with 16 seconds left.

Rob Zepp made 16 saves in goal for Plymouth. Ryan Aschaber had 21 stops for Windsor.

On Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, the Whalers got the game-winning goal from Eric Goody with 1:34 remaining in the second period, then rode Zepp's goal-tending and some fine defense to a 2-1 victory over the Peterborough Petes.

All the scoring came in the second period.

Fisher put Plymouth on top,

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## Salem star picks WSU

BY C.J. RISAK  
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For Tiffany Grubaugh, there was a lot to consider. And she considered it all before deciding to commit to Wayne State University.

The Plymouth Salem senior signed with WSU as her final season with the Rocks basketball team came to a close. Salem coach Fred Thomann believes Grubaugh is expected to be "a cornerstone player in their program."

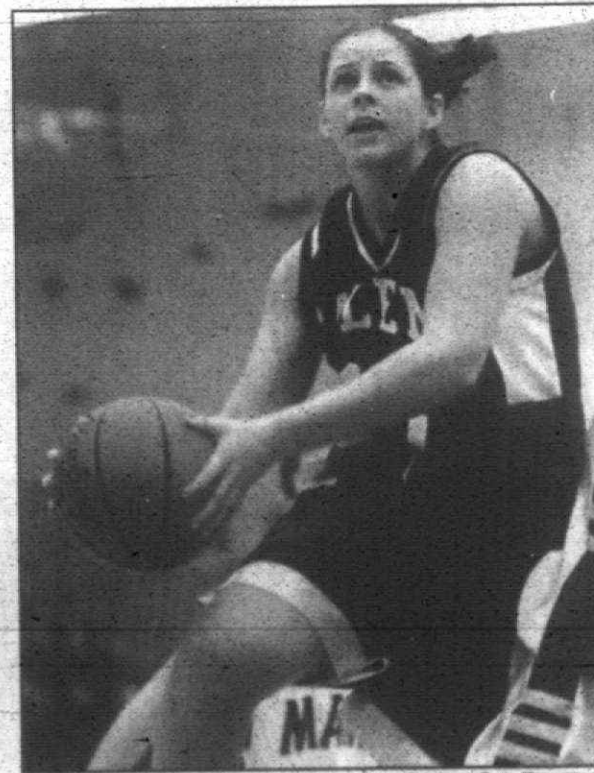
If that sounds like a lot of collegiate-level pressure to dump on a player who hasn't yet graduated from high school, well, don't worry — Grubaugh can handle it. For the past three seasons at Salem, she has been the main offensive threat, the type of player who can put points on the board in so many ways it can drive opposing coaches looney.

"She's versatile," said Thomann. "There's so many different ways she can beat you."

Indeed, Thomann had trouble coming up with just one attribute that separated Grubaugh from her contemporaries. She can score, inside and out; she drives to the basket well; her pull-up jumper is deadly; and her passing skills are phenomenal. If defense is her weakness, it's only because it can't match up to her impressive offensive skills.

None of those were Thomann's ultimate selection, however. "I think her best asset

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WSU bound: Salem standout Tiffany Grubaugh has decided to take her 16.7 points-per-game average to Wayne State next fall.

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# Salem stopped, 7-2 Losses aplenty for CC

Matt Lee scored three goals and assisted on one Tuesday as unbeaten Farmington defeated host Plymouth Salem in prep hockey, 7-2.

Brad Heraghty put two goals in the net for the Flyers, who are 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

At the Plymouth Cultural Center, Farmington had single goals from Brian Marion, who scored on a penalty shot after a Salem player covered the puck in the crease, Chris Hone and Preston Picard.

Ross Patterson had two assists; Heraghty, Mike Frayne,

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Scott Samuelson and Kirk Laird recorded one assist apiece. "We're on a roll right now and playing well," Farmington coach Glenn Breuhan said. "This wasn't one of our best outings. The Matt Lee and Brad Heraghty line played well."

"The puck took some funny bounces. It came off the boards in some strange ways. They have fiber glass boards. If it hits low, it comes off quickly; if it hits higher, it just seems to fall down."

"Overall, we're pleased. We played well, all things considered."

Dan Valentine and Mark Nagel scored the Salem goals. Andrew Peters and Brad Prodi assisted. Farmington led 2-1 after one period and 5-1 after two.

The Flyers outshot the Rocks 19-7, 14-9 and 22-5 by periods. Chris Tobe played the first two periods in goal for the Flyers and Greg Diven the third.

Farmington has a big WLA game Friday with Livonia Franklin at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. Faceoff is at 6 p.m.

Casey Rogowski is gone but Aaron Parr is around to make sure no one forgets Redford Catholic Central's state championship.

Parr spent his freshman and sophomore seasons with the Shamrocks as Rogowski's designated sparring partner.

"He went 19-3 on the junior varsity last year," Coach Mike Rodriguez of Catholic Central said. "He went down to Ohio last year when Casey had a bad knee and did fairly well."

"I'm really happy we've got him for two more years. He's going to have to lose a couple of pounds to get down to 275, though."

In addition to Rogowski, the Shamrocks lost four other talented members of last year's 12-4 team which won the districts but lost in the regionals.

Brocc Naismith, third in the state at 215 pounds, is gone along with John Abshire (171), Ryan Mathison (161) and Ryan Zajdel (145).

"This is going to be an exciting year," Rodriguez said. "We've got four seniors, three juniors, four sophomores and three freshmen."

"This is a relatively young team. They're fighters. I've been

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waiting for this to come along for some time. We have an excellent nucleus."

Catholic Central will be without junior Matt Williams for a week or two. The 215-pounder suffered an ankle injury in practice Nov. 29 and will be replaced temporarily by Andy Conlin, who moves up from 189 pounds.

Success is a relative thing for the Shamrocks as several of Rodriguez's competitors are brothers — or sons — of Catholic Central wrestlers.

Rodriguez's pride is freshman Nathan Rodriguez — his grandson — who will wrestle at 135 pounds. "He's from Grand Rapids," Mike Rodriguez said. "His father moved back so he could go to school here."

David Rodriguez, now assisting his father and helping coach his son, was a state championship wrestler in his time at Redford Catholic Central.

Brocc Naismith's sophomore brother Blake will be wrestling at 189 pounds with the Shamrocks. Junior Jason Hilliker is at

171. Captain of the team is senior Mitch Hancock, at 160 pounds and who was second in the state a year ago.

"There's some strength there," Rodriguez said. "And at 152 is Sean Bell, a state qualifier."

Bell was third in the Observer-Land meet and second in the Catholic League.

Jason Abshire (yes, John's brother) is a 145-pound sophomore on the team while freshman Mike Sivicki will wrestle at 130.

Sophomore Paul Hagan is at 125 and freshman Tim Mulroy at 119. Junior Chris O'Hara, a Catholic League champion and regional qualifier, wrestles at 112 while Adam Stacey is at 103.

Catholic Central's first meet was today, an assembly match at state power Davidson.

"I can't wait," Rodriguez said. "There will be 2,000 people there expecting to beat us pretty bad. They were one of the top-four in the state last year and have just about everybody beat."

The outcome should give a good early line on the strength of Rodriguez's squad.

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# Harrison edges Creston in Division III final for 10th title

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Grand Rapids Creston football coach Charles "Sparky" McEwen predicted it would take 42 points to win the Division III state championship game.

He was right! That's exactly what Farmington Harrison scored to defeat Creston, 42-35, in an exciting, offensive shootout Saturday night at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"Be careful what you wish for," McEwen said. "They had the 42 and we had 35."

In what was the most entertaining and highest-scoring game of the state-finals weekend, the Hawks more than matched the pass-happy Polar Bears to win their 10th championship.

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final play of the game fell incomplete in the Harrison end zone.

"I admire the way Sparky's team plays," Herrington said. "We thought it would be a wide-open game. They play a pro offense. When we play teams from the West Side of the state, they like to slam the ball in there, but they open it up."

Brewster attempted a state-finals record 29 passes, completing 15 for 256 yards and three touchdowns, but he also threw two costly interceptions.

Harrison senior quarterback Lou Hadeley countered with another fine passing performance, hitting eight of 13 attempts for 153 yards.

"I was a little surprised they passed the ball as well as they did, but we shouldn't expect anything less from Farmington Polar Bears," McEwen said.

Harrison senior tailback Kevin Woods ended his career with a big game, too. His four rushing touchdowns and 24 points tied a pair of records. He carried the ball on 33 of the team's 45 running plays for 153 yards.

"A lot of people said I couldn't

run in big games," Woods said. "I didn't perform up to what the team and coaches thought I should in earlier games."

"I wasn't necessarily scared; other teams key on me a lot. Today I just went out there; coach called the plays, and they gave me the ball."

Herrington interjected, saying Woods was being modest.

"It was hard to run on Walled Lake Western, but not too many people have," he said. "You could tell today (Woods) was running as hard as he could."

Harrison turned interceptions by senior Ryan Coyle and Nelson into short scoring drives, covering 41 and 34 yards for a 24-14 advantage.

Woods, who hammered the Creston defense on the off-tackle play all night, had consecutive TD runs of 2, 1 and 3 yards in the first half. The last two followed a 26-yard TD run by Terry that put Creston on top, 14-10.

"When we watched film on them, they stopped everyone in the red zone," Woods said. "On three of my touchdowns, we ran the same play to the same (left

side. Coach thought that was the weaker side of the defense."

Wong's second field goal increased Harrison's lead to 27-14 with 2:16 left in the half, but Creston closed to 27-21 at halftime with a 30-yard TD pass to Lanard Latham, who had eight catches for 171 yards.

The Polar Bears took the lead, 28-27, with an 80-yard drive to start the third quarter. Latham, who caught three passes for 52 yards on the drive, made an 11-yard reception for the TD.

But the Hawks scored on their next two possessions to take a 42-28 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Senior Kent Taylor bounced outside when he could go nowhere at the line of scrimmage for a 3-yard TD run, and Woods made his record-tying TD run from 10 yards.

"I thought the best defense was their offense," McEwen said. "In the second half, they kept our offense off the field. We knew Farmington Harrison could score a lot of points."

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# Gate space at Metro Airport may double with renovations

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Gate space for airlines competing with Northwest Airlines may double once renovations are completed some time after 2001 at existing terminals at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

Northwest is expected to relocate its Detroit hub operations in 2001 to the new 74-gate, 2-million-square-foot midfield terminal under construction. Northwest's move will give other airlines a chance to occupy gate space in the Smith and Davey terminals.

On Nov. 23, Wayne County commissioners approved a \$2.3-million contract with Landrum & Brown of Cincinnati for planning and consultant services for the renovation of the existing terminal complex of the Davey, Berry and Smith terminals.

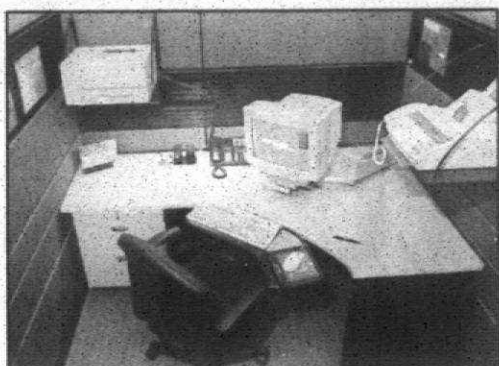
The consulting firm will examine Metro's existing terminal space for renovations, said airport spokesman Mike Conway. The study is expected to take a year.

"One question that will be looked at is what are we going to do with the Smith Terminal once Northwest moves," Conway said. That move won't occur until late in 2001, and any renovations would follow Northwest's move.

Northwest Airlines uses 60 gates in the existing terminals because Metro is one of Northwest's three hubs. County commissioners were recently told airlines competing with Northwest now use 20 gates, which could increase to as many as 40.

When the \$1.2 billion midfield terminal opens in late 2001, it will have 74 gates, 18 luggage carousels, an 11,000-space parking garage and an automated people-mover system. The terminal will contain a main ticketing hall, a customs area to handle 3,200 passengers per hour, east and west concourses, a connecting link and pedestrian tunnel.

Gates A, C, E and G at the Smith and Davey terminals will



**Laptop Lane:** Work stations such as this at Metro Airport will make it easier for travelers to do business.

be demolished, according to the project development agreement between Wayne County and Northwest calls.

Part of the Landrum & Brown study will examine the gate usage at the existing terminal complex and what gate space competing airlines want, Conway said. "They also will look at what we want to make this complex in terms of its amenities in relationship with the new terminal, and where to put concessions," Conway said.

Consultants are expected to propose to county officials 15 to 20 alternatives on terminal usage. Consultants also will report on the best methods to obtain public comment on the existing terminal usage, Conway said.

Other Metro carriers include Mesaba with 12 gates. Continental/ America West, Delta and Southwest each have four gates. American, U.S. Airways and United each have three gates.

Spirit recently opened its four in a renovated concourse at the Smith Terminal.

Northwest says it flies 70 percent of the passengers at Metro if connecting traffic is included, but airport officials point out that out of originating and destination flights, other carriers control 55 percent of that market.

## Laptop Lane opens

Business travelers can now use laptop computers in a special airport concession that opened

Tuesday at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

Laptop Lane Inc. features seven private offices with a connection for laptop computers, a desktop personal computer, laser printer, fax machine, modem jack, a multi-line telephone with free long distance anywhere in North America and T-1 access to the Internet. Seven-foot walls and doors that can lock allow passengers to leave their belongings and take a break.

Laptop Lane is in the L.C. Smith Terminal lobby across from the United Airlines ticket counter. It features seven private offices, each with 40-square-feet of high-tech workspace, one conference room and a cyber-concierge (a personal office assistant able to help with equipment operation, network assistance and general questions).

The offices rent for \$2 for the first five minutes, and 38 cents for each additional minute. An hour's worth of work costs users \$23. Users also have access to photocopying, a color printer, shipping services, conference room rentals and color scanning. Users can buy mobile communication products.

The airport will receive 12 percent of Laptop Lane's gross revenue.

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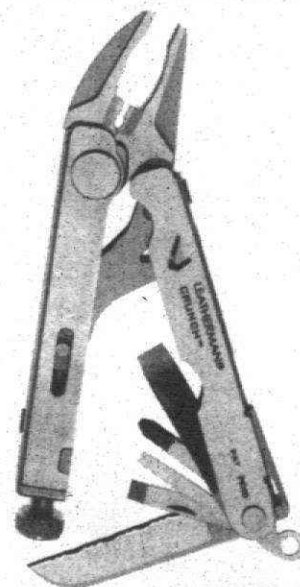
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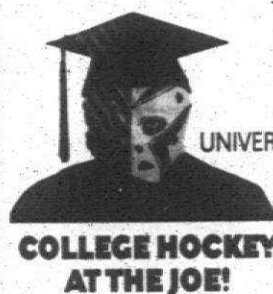
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents an all-Baroque music program "Bach and Handel" featuring Ramón Parcells, DSO principal trumpet, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$14 to \$62, call (313) 576-5111.

### SATURDAY

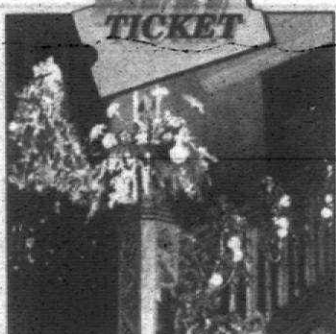


Bethany Yarrow joins her father Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul and Mary folk music fame, for a Hanukkah concert 8 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 14450 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Tickets \$10 for Jewish Community Center members, \$15 for non-members, call (248) 967-4030.

### SUNDAY



St. Nicholas will hand out treats to children, and tell holiday stories, 2 p.m. in the Galeria of the Orchard Lake Schools, Orchard Lake Road at Commerce Road, during Polish Day. Polish American dinners will be available for purchase in the campus dining hall (\$8 adults, \$4 children) after a 1 p.m. mass in Polish. Call (248) 682-1885 for information.



**Hot Tix:** The 1999 Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall through Sunday, Dec. 5 puts a French accent on the celebration of the season. Titled "The French Collection," the walk features works of fine and decorative art by French artists and makers displayed among holiday decorations throughout the elegant mansion on the Oakland University campus. Admission \$12 adults, \$6 children age 3 to 12, no charge for children age 2 and under, \$6 for OU students, staff and faculty with ID. Knole Cottage admission \$1 for adults and children. Meadow Brook Hall is off Adams, south of Walton. Call (248) 370-3140 for information.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL LE POER TRENCH

**Starry Night:** The Cantata Academy light up Detroit's University Cultural Center with song on Noel Night.

# NOEL NIGHT

*A holiday wonderland*

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Mark Perrine expects the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's stained glass windows and Gothic architecture to set an awe-inspiring mood as the Schoolcraft College Community Choir sings traditional seasonal favorites along with Mozart's "Regina Coeli" and Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria" during Noel Night Saturday, Dec. 4.

But overall, Perrine is much too modest about the role the 50-voice group, now in its 35th season, plays in turning the University Cultural Center into a holiday wonderland.

"We're just part of the festivities," said Perrine, a Redford resident who directs the choir based at Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Outside the cathedral, it will begin to look a lot like Christmas as hundreds of handbell ringers, singers and actors share the spirit of the season through music and stories. Listen to the ringers from St. Paul Royal Oak Lutheran Bell Choir or a cappella groups, The Grunions and Spartan Dischords, take a horse-drawn carriage ride, watch as Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer lights the trees then join in the community sing-along. The best part of this 27-year tradition is that nearly all of it is free.

The Festival Singers, led by Sharon Thomas, a Waterford voice teacher, bring to life Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" 7:30 p.m. after the tree lighting ceremony at the city of Detroit Bandstand on Woodward Avenue. At the Detroit Institute of Arts, Michael Mitchell, director of Choral

Activities at Oakland University in Rochester, conducts the Cantata Academy in selections from its newly released Christmas recording "Born This Day." The group, which has sung with every major orchestra in the area including the Detroit Symphony, recently returned from its 13th concert tour of Europe.

"There's so much to do to get you in the holiday spirit," said Connie Mullett, executive director of the University Cultural Center Association. "In keeping with our theme, 'Starry Night,' three planetariums will be open at the Children's Museum, Old Main (Wayne State University), and the Detroit Science Center. I think that will be fun. There will be Santas everywhere. Beforehand, you can enjoy the DSO's performance of Handel's 'Messiah' at Orchestra Hall then come over to Noel Night."

The Detroit Artists Market joins in Noel Night fun for the first time. Due to construction at their new space in the Cultural Center, the nonprofit gallery hosts a reception in Suite 107 of the Park Shelton Apartments, at the corner of Woodward and Kirby. A diverse selection of works by more than 100 artists will be available for those who'd like to shop for holiday gifts.

### "Noel Night"

**WHAT:** The 27th annual event rings in the holidays with carolers, street theater, handbell ringers, choirs, a tree-lighting ceremony, sing-along, and horse-drawn carriage rides.

**WHEN:** 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.

**WHERE:** Detroit's Cultural Center (bounded by Ferry Street on the north, Forest on the south, Brush on the east, and Cass Avenue on the west). For more information or a schedule of events, call (313) 577-5088.

**Parking:** in the Cultural Center and Detroit Science Center lots on John R. and underground garage on Farnsworth east of Woodward. Free shuttles run continuously throughout the evening.

The littlest of Noel Night visitors will love taking part in a Matrix Theatre Company workshop/performance of "Woman Who Outshone the Sun" at 6 p.m. in the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Based on a Mexican folk tale, the play features a 10-foot puppet played by Cara Graniger who walks on stilts. For more information, call Shaun Nethercott at (313) 967-0999.

"It's interactive," said Mullett. "There are these huge puppets and the children can jump right in."

### Some highlights

**Schoolcraft College Community Choir,** 7 p.m. at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave.

**Tree Lighting Ceremony** featuring the a cappella group the Spartan Dischords at 6 p.m. followed by Festival Singers performing "A Christmas Carol" at 7:30 p.m. and a Community Sing-Along, 8:30 p.m. at the city of Detroit Bandstand on Woodward Avenue.

**Marygrove College Dance Detroit,** 6:15 p.m. followed by the Cantata Academy at 7:45 p.m. in Prentis Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward.

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra's** performance of Handel's "Messiah" at Orchestra Hall, 3 p.m., at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward. Evening classical series features "Bach and Handel" at 8:30 p.m. For tickets, call (313) 576-5111.

**Horse-drawn carriage and sleigh** rides depart every 10 minutes, 5-9 p.m., from the front of the Park Shelton, 15 E. Kirby at Woodward. \$6, \$3 children.

**Wayne State University's Bonstelle and Hilberry Theatres,** "Romeo and Juliet" at the Bonstelle at 8 p.m., and Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Call (313) 577-2960.

**Maggie Allesee Dance Studio** performs excerpts from "A Detroit Nutcracker" 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in WSU's Old Main, 4841 Cass Avenue.

**Old fashioned southern Christmas** with Appalachian carols and spirituals as sung in the old south at Heritage Museum's Fine Arts Center, 110 E. Ferry.

**86th annual Gold Medal Exhibition** at the Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth. A cappella performances by The Grunions, 7:30 p.m., and Spartan Dischords, 8:15 p.m. Jambalaya dinner by Union Street served 5-8:30 p.m.

**Make an evening of it** by having dinner at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Women's Club (4605 Brush) or First Congregational Church (33 E. Forest). First Unitarian Universalist Church (4605 Cass) serves pizza by the slice beginning at 5 p.m.

## THEATER

### 'Forbidden Christmas' delivers lots of holiday hoo-ha

"Forbidden Christmas" continues through Friday, Dec. 31, at Detroit's Century Theatre, located in the same building as the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave. at Brush, Detroit. Performances 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 8:30 p.m. Friday; 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$24.50 to \$34.50, call (313) 963-9800 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

BY JULIE YOLLES  
SPECIAL WRITER

The proof is still in the spoof. After eight blockbuster months at the Gem Theatre, the musical comedy satire "Forbidden Hollywood" closed on Nov. 14. Just three days later, its holiday sibling "Forbidden Christmas" took its place at the historic cabaret theater and promises some hilarious yuletide cheer through New Year's Eve.

The brainchildren of Obie and

Drama Desk Award-winner Gerard Alessandrini, "Forbidden Hollywood," "Forbidden Broadway" and "Forbidden Christmas" have all been huge crowd-pleasers at the Gem Theatre.

While "Forbidden Hollywood" parodied summer movies, "Forbidden Christmas" now playing at the Century Theatre, takes fun jabs at the newest holiday movies such as "Music of the Heart," "Pokemon," and "Toy Story 2." Look forward to a Broadway Christmas Carol narrated by the original Christmas Carol Channing and some pun-dities from the "Little Drummer Boy," Barbra Streisand, Luciano Pavarotti, Nat King Cole, the "Lion King" and Ricky Martin, who's "Livin' La Christmas Loca."

Oh, holy note.

"This show skewers everything — whether it's Hollywood or Broadway, it's a veritable hodge-podge of holiday hoo-ha," laughs Mark-David Kaplan,

who co-directed the production with John Freedson.

Though he was a name without a face for "Forbidden Christmas," he was several faces with celebrity names in "Forbidden Hollywood," including Roberto Benigni, Austin Powers and Gene Kelly.

"There's no brain surgery involved with these shows," adds Kaplan. They're total irreverent fun.

That's what Kate Willinger thought six years ago when she was called in to audition for "Forbidden Christmas," a show she had never seen in all her years of living in New York.

"I didn't even know what the show was back then. I was hysterically laughing," said Willinger, who moved from New York to Auburn Hills a year-and-a-half ago.

But she auditioned and got the role

Please see HOO-HA, E2



**Spoof:** The cast of "Forbidden Christmas" bring hilarious yuletide cheer to the Century Theatre.







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**CENTURY THEATRE**  
"Forbidden Hollywood," through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50, (313) 963-9800

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church," through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15, (313) 868-1347

**FISHER THEATRE**  
"Martin Guerre," opens Wednesday, Dec. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 19, at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

**GEM THEATRE**  
"Escanaba de la 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. Sundays, at the theater, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

## COLLEGE

**EMU THEATRE**  
"A Woman Called Truth," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Quirk Theatre, on the Ypsilanti campus. \$8 Thursdays, \$13 Fridays-Saturdays, \$11 Sunday matinee. (734) 487-1221

**UM-ERIE**  
"Skylarks," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 5, (313) 993-1130

**U-M THEATRE**  
"The Tempest," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Huron and Fletcher streets, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

**WSU BONSTELLE**  
"Romance and Juliet," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 2-4, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2960

**WSU HILBERRY**  
"Laughter on the 23rd Floor" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 2-4, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2960

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**PLANET ANT THEATRE**  
"Sexual Reversals in Chicago," through Sunday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 2357 Canton, Hamtramck. \$10, \$35 season tickets available until Dec. 31, (313) 365-4948

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
"It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, Water Tower Theatre, on 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

**PTD PRODUCTIONS**  
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## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**"AESOP'S FABLES"**  
Starring Jim West who introduces the fables through classical music, puppetry and storytelling, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Michigan Theatre, 903 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$10, (734) 763-7373

**AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE**  
"Wind of a Thousand Tales," a magical, musical journey of folk tales from faraway places, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$7, (248) 908-9077

**MARQUIS THEATRE**  
"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$7, (248) 349-8110

**MATRIX THEATRE COMPANY**  
Workshop and performance of "Woman Who Outshone the Sun," based on a Mexican folk tale, the play features a 10-foot puppet played by Cara Granger who walks on stilts, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 967-0999

**NOV THEATRE**  
"A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 30 Mile, Novi. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-3476

**STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE**  
"Jack & the Giant," 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 9-10, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Fox Theatre, 415 Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$7, \$5 ages 17 and under. (248) 541-6430



**Oh Christmas tree: Holiday decorations with a French accent are the highlight of this year's Meadow Brook Hall through Sunday, Dec. 5. Titled "The French Collection," the walk features works of fine and decorative art by French artists and makers displayed among holiday decorations throughout the elegant mansion on the Oakland University campus. Admission \$12 adults, \$6 children age 12 and under, no charge for children age 2 and under, \$6 for OU students, staff and faculty with ID. Knote Cottage admission \$1 for adults and children. Meadow Brook Hall is off Adams, south of Walton. Call (248) 370-3140 for information. All proceeds from the holiday walk go to the preservation and educational programming of Meadow Brook Hall.**

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**NOVI THEATRES**  
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2 p.m. (registration begins at noon) Sunday, Dec. 5, in the EBA Club, Lobby G, at Domino's Farms, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor. (734) 930-3188

## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE MADRIGAL DINNERS

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11, entertainment by Good Neighbors All and the college's Madrigal Singers, in the Waterman Center on campus. 19800 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$35, proceeds go to the student scholarship fund. (734) 462-4417

## WALK THROUGH VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Carolers, hot cider and homemade cookies 5:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, at the Irish Lake Bed and Breakfast, 1073 Penniman, Plymouth. \$5, to benefit AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center.

## KINDERMUSIK STORYTIME

Interactive program of seasonal storytelling, music and movement. 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Little Book Shoppe, 380 S. Main, Plymouth. (734) 455-5220; 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 684 Penniman, Plymouth. (734) 454-0178, and 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Baby! Baby!, 153 E. Main, Northville. (248) 347-2229

## POLISH CHRISTMAS EVE

Wigilia features performance by the Radomskie Polka Folk Dance Ensemble, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the St. John's St. 232, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. \$13, \$13 children age 12 and under. (313) 427-6888

## POLISH CHRISTMAS OPLATEK

Wigilia features PRCUA Wieliczka Dancers, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, Dearborn. Free but donations encouraged. (248) 644-0550

## WIGILIA

Christmas vigil supper features ancient ritual meat (perogi) and mushroom soup, traditional carols. 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, on the campus of Orchard Lake Schools, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads, Orchard Lake. \$26, (248) 683-1748

## BENEFITS

**CELTIC RHYTHMS CONCERT**  
An evening of music, poetry and dance 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. Free, but donation is asked to help the Ulster Project of Metro Detroit build "Peace by Piece" in Northern Ireland. (248) 855-1285

## RACING COLLECTIBLES SHOW

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Harris-Kehler VFW Post 3223, 1005 S. Wayne Road, Westland. \$2, ages 12 and under, free, proceeds for Michigan State University. (313) 467-2374

## "ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE"

An evening of dinner, a silent auction, dancing and live music by The Earth Angels, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Southfield Centre

8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at Edison's, 220 Mill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 655-2150

**JOHNNY & AL**  
Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Sweet Lorraine's, 29101 Greenfield, Southfield. (248) 559-5985

## RICH K. TRIO

8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

## MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With saxophonist George Benson 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, with vocalist Judi Cochill 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

## SCHOOLCRAFT JAZZ BAND

7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Woodward, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (734) 462-4400

## STRAIGHT AHEAD

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Edison's, 220 Mill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 655-2150

## JANET TENAI TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahne, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 12:30 p.m. Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

## JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Blair Shannon, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 2-5, Le DuFour Dec. 9-12, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

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314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

## MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

## WORLD MUSIC

**"NIGHT IN MOROCCO"**  
Featuring Hassan Hakmou with guests Marcus Belgrave and Wendell Harrison Jr., Friday, Dec. 10, at the Anson Theatre at Henry Ford Museum, 10900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$30, \$15, (313) 842-7010/(313) 664-2000/(248) 645-6666

## SHARI KANE/RAY KAMALAY

1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**KATIE GEEDDES & THE USUAL SUSPECTS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, also Dell and the Rough Cuts, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, west of I-75, Dearborn. \$10, \$5 students. (734) 464-6302

## LITTLE DICKENS BAND

The group's featured as part of Folk Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, First-Baptist Church, 300 Willis Street, north of Maple, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550

## CRANBORO INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Free celebration includes traveling exhibit "Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces that Shape Our World," science demonstrations, Planetarium and Lasera shows 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Also a long term exhibit featuring Michigan's full size Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (877) 462-7262

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## EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Holiday Dance Spectacular, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Lake Orion High School, 12000 Six Mile, between Merriam and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

## PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company present "The Nutcracker" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road and Canton Center, Canton. \$17, \$10 students, \$10 seniors K-12, and \$5 Sugar Plum Trees that follow Saturday-Sunday matinees. (734) 451-2112

## SCHOOLCRAFT WIND ENSEMBLE

Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5 as well as seasonal music, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Radliff Center Community Room, Garden City. Free. (734) 462-4400

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## GEM JAZZ TRIO

Performs 7:11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

## BILL HEID

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## POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN

Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581-3181

## STARSTUD BALLROOM

Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$8, (248) 356-5678

## WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

## COMEDY

## ELDERADO COUNTRY CLUB

Rubin Kuehn with Pauline Navey and Dee Proffitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, on Pontiac Trail, west of Haggerty Road. (248) 624-1050

## JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

John Joseph through Saturday, Dec. 4, also Johnny B. and Rich Higginbottom, Steve McGrew, Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 8-11, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 12:30 p.m. Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

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## SECOND CITY

"Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Manstange comedy acts: 10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, 11:30 p.m. on Fridays, 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM**  
Reopened its door Oct. 19, the celebration continues with more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

## CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Open house and bake sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Canton Center Road and Heritage Drive. (734) 495-0811

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## POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

## 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, 3277 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7568

## BARENAKED LADIES

With Tai Bachman, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Tickets \$50 and \$35 reserved. (248) 645-6666

## THE BEACH BOYS

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$25, \$15 for general admission. (248) 645-6666

## BLUE HAWAIIANS

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

## BIG BAD WOODCO DADDY

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$17 on sale now. All ages. (248) 645-6666

## THE BLANKS

With Criminals, LES Stiches, Ducky Boys, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$8. (313) 961-MELT

## THE BOTTLE PROPHETS

With Meroop, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$17 on sale now. All ages. (248) 645-6666

## CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG

8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$75, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

## DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring," continues through Jan. 2, in the Middlebelt Interpretive Center, 4450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.00 seniors/students, \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

## also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Cabot, 3770 Gortford Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

## HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE

"The Spirit of Christmas" continues through Dec. 31, enjoy guided historic tours of the estate festival decorated for the holidays, special events include Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 4, Tea, Tour and Treasure, Thursday, Friday, Dec. 9-10 and Monday, Dec. 20, Holiday Luncheon Concerts Dec. 9-10 and 17, Candles and Carols, Dinner, Sunday, Dec. 5 and 12, and Candlelight Tours Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 993-9590 or www.umh.umich.edu/Harlan

## HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"The Magic of Flight" IMAX film continues through Friday



## MOVIES

## 'Sleepy Hollow' brings spooky tale to life

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Don't go to Tim Burton's "Sleepy Hollow" hoping to see a cinematic version of Washington Irving's short story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." If you do, you may be disappointed.

On the other hand, if you yearn to experience Burton's visual virtuosity, perhaps you should drop everything and head out now for this off-kilter rendition of the classic American tale. As you will remember, Irving's horror story, written in 1819, centers around that ultimate villain, the Headless Horseman. Said Horseman had a nasty habit of terrorizing Sleepy Hol-

low, his reputation no doubt bolstered by the villagers' practice of telling fireside ghost stories on long winter nights.

Though you might think village schoolmaster, Ichabod Crane, would try to impose some reason on the little community, he was as superstitious as the next guy.

One night, after suffering rejection at the hands of his only love, Katrina Van Tassel, he apparently encounters the dreaded Horseman as he winds his way home through the woods. Does Ichabod's imagination run away with him as he takes flight? We don't really know. Though his broken-down horse is found the next morning,

the schoolmaster is never seen again by the little community on the Hudson.

Irving leaves him, instead, to haunt our imagination. In this screenplay by Andrew Kevin Walker, Ichabod (played by Johnny Depp) is a ruled-by-reason constable, dispatched by his New York City superiors to solve a string of murders that have recently occurred at Sleepy Hollow.

The villagers insist that the killings (all decapitations) are the work of the legendary horseman.

No way, proclaims Constable Crane, emphasizing that he believes "in sense and reason." With his handy-dandy detective

kit in tow, he sets out for Sleepy Hollow, determined to find the flesh-and-blood criminal and bring him to justice.

As the film progresses, we witness a hodgepodge of witchery, some peculiar dream sequences that seem slightly out of place here, and, eventually, enough fiery special effects to do the likes of Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Mel Gibson proud. We also witness enough gore and carnage to paint the screen, the theater and the town. Finally, there's a Hollywood-ish ending that veers away from completely from Washington Irving's memorable conclusion.

Still, this "Sleepy Hollow" makes up in high visual style some of what it is lacking in depth and subtlety.

This comes as no real surprise, of course, in a picture directed by Burton, whose movies so often feature forbidding architecture, moody lighting, bizarre colors, and characters whose physical appearance is, to say the least, arresting ("Beetlejuice," "Batman," "Edward Scissorhands").

In "Sleepy Hollow," Burton digs into a ragbag of grotesqueries. We meet a crooked little man with a clouded eye. We encounter scarecrows, grinning madly in the moonlight. There's a windswept, spectral hayfield and a looming Dutch windmill, its batwing sails fluttering like ghosts.

The haunted woods are filled with twisted trees that seem shrouded in perpetual mist. The village seems awash in eerie light, and aren't its houses and buildings just a little cockeyed? And the caped Horseman, himself, always riding by night and always huge and monstrous,



Here comes Ichabod: Johnny Depp stars as Ichabod Crane in "Sleepy Hollow." The film, directed by Tim Burton, was inspired by Washington Irving's classic tale of The Headless Horseman.

nevertheless fascinating to watch as they fill their own rather shadowy niches in the drama. Christopher Walken is the Horseman, although his stunt doubles Ray Park and Rob Ince actually stir up more delicious terror than does the actor, himself.

Christina Ricci's Katrina looks like a heavenly apparition, and her golden good looks make an engaging foil for Johnny Depp's dark intensity. Unfortunately, though, if you've read the short story, you may have difficulty accepting the handsome Depp as Irving's gangly, snipe-nosed "hero," especially when it comes to this picture's comedic moments.

brandishes his mighty sword, lopping off heads as if he were reaping so many ripe pumpkins. Photographer/director Emmanuel Lubezki has made the film appear almost as if it has been shot in "Bible-black" and white, infused with cyanotic blues and moldering greens, and, of course, the aforementioned glistering scarlet.

"Sleepy Hollow" is bolstered considerably by supporting players Miranda Richardson, Michael Gambon, Casper Van Dien, Jeffrey Jones, Ian McDiarmid, Michael Gough, and Marc Pickering. All play inhabitants of the haunted village, and though we don't get to know any of them as well as we'd like, they are

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Tuesday, Dec. 7

**"THE LEGEND OF 1900"**  
Drama recounts the life of a gifted piano player who is abandoned at birth on a Transatlantic ship. His talent culminates in a rivalry of myth proportions with jazz legend Jelly Roll Morton. Stars Tim Roth, Pruitt Taylor Vince and Clarence Williams III.

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 serialized 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.

**"CIDER HOUSE RULES"**  
Classic story of a young man's extraordinary journey: leaving home, finding love and finding his place in the world. Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving. Stars Tobey Maguire.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 22

**"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY"**  
Drama about an aging star quarterback who is induced to play hurt 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 career, and the ambitious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid.

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In Slam: Jodie Foster stars as Anna and Chow Yun-Fat as King Mongkut in "Anna and the King," the Fox 2000 Pictures release.

Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25

**"LIBERTY HEARTS"**  
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 Adam Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Mantegna

**"MANSFIELD PARK"**  
Based on the book by Jane Austen, the story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with the 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.

## Movie has its own Y2K ideas

CARRIE COOPER  
SPECIAL WRITER

1...2...3...4... Happy New Year! Or so you think. If you are one of those people who thinks that Y2K isn't going to be a problem, you're probably focusing on your celebration, what you should wear, where you will go, and what you will do to ring in the New Year.

If you are one of those people who thinks when the clock strikes midnight mass chaos will erupt and the world may end, then you're probably preparing for the worst. What will really happen? Well, it is the "End of Days."

Universal Pictures and Beacon Pictures thriller "End of Days," starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gabriel Byrne, Kevin Pollak ("A Few Good Men"), Robin Tunney ("The Craft"), and Rod Taylor, addresses the present day topic that the world is consumed with...the end of the millennium.

Director Peter Hyams, producer Aramyan Bernstein, Bill Borden, and writer Andrew W. Marlowe, explore the idea that evil will be free to walk the earth and bring about the end of the world.

The setting is New York City, 1979: In a hospital where a newborn baby, Christine York (Tunney) is born. Christine's birth has been feared for all time because she bears the mark of the anti-Christ. Now the countdown to

doomsday has begun.

Twenty years later, four days before the new millennium, Satan is unleashed upon the world in search of Christine. He uses the body of a man (Byrne), so he can walk among the people of New York. He must find Christine and join with her in an unholy union before midnight on Dec. 31. Once the union takes place, Christine will bear Satan's child and will be doomed to reign with him for all eternity, bringing about the end of the world.

The only man who can stop this evil is ex-cop Jericho Cane (Schwarzenegger). Jericho, whose wife and daughter were brutally murdered, feels alone and betrayed by God. He lost his faith and feels his life is meaningless. His job as a security specialist, alongside his partner Chicago (Pollak), throws him into this bizarre prophecy that has come true.

Meanwhile, there are several religious people who feel they need to sacrifice Christine for the world in order for the evil not to prevail. Jericho rescues Christine from these people who want to kill her before Satan can get to her. The chase is on.

Christine has had visions and dreams of a man coming for her and is afraid she won't be able to resist him. She asks Jericho to help her. But how do you stop someone of pure, concentrated evil, someone with uncontrollable

power, someone who is not of this earth?

Now with the end of the millennium approaching fast, Jericho must do some soul searching. He must learn to have faith again if he is going to protect Christine and all of mankind from suffering the "end of days."

For Schwarzenegger, this film gives him a chance to fight something bigger than he has ever had to fight on screen. He plays a "real" person who has to struggle with his inner demons, as well as the supernatural.

Many people have similar ideas of what Satan is or how he should look. But, Byrne plays the part in an unbiased and non-stereotypical manner. Tunney has a very challenging role to play because she represents the "fate of humanity." She struggles with the urge to fulfill her chosen role and the need to change the prophecy by preserving her innocence.

As the world stands on the brink of the millennium, many are questioning what will happen. Could the world really end? Will it be just a small blackout?

Or will anything happen at all? One thing is for sure, you may want to reaffirm your faith and be prepared for whatever does happen when that clock strikes midnight. Don't expect Arnold to save us. Although the special effects are great, it is — after all — just a movie.

## Stereolab's subtle sounds to fill Clutch Cargo

BY STEPHANIE ANGELIN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER  
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When it comes to atmospheric music, Stereolab certainly knows how to bask in obscurity.

In its own almost indefinable way, the London-based band blends experimental electronic techniques with a stylish, ever-so-mellow element to produce the sassy bleeps and chimes that's come to be called Stereolab.

In its latest Elektra release, "Cobra and Phases Group Play Voltage in the Milky Night," Stereolab takes listeners back to that subdued, sub-surface place, creating something like the musical score for a futuristic silent film. The first track, "Fuses," gives off a dizzying array of chimes and horns that concoct a sort of modern Christmas Carol when accompanied by the jazzy "do dee doo dah" vocals.

With "Infinity Girl" Laetitia Sadier's ethereal voice floats atop rich streams of music, as if she's got a secret message to tell. In "Velvet Water" Stereolab takes it down a notch, testing whether listeners are paying attention. Smooth French lyrics slide into the mix, creating a dreamy, otherworldly air. Pick any of the 15 tracks on "Cobra" and try not to fall into the subtle sweetness.

Tim Gane teamed with Laetitia Sadier in 1991 and the founding pair put out Stereolab's first album. Rounding out the spacey sounds are guitarist Mary Hansen, keyboardist Morgan Lhote and newcomer Simon Johns on bass. Toss in guests to play the marimbas, vibes and cornets and listeners hear that "back to

basics" strategy on this latest musical effort.

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, Laetitia Sadier phoned in from San Francisco, Calif., to chat with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers about the new album and tour, which began in Europe and hit the U.S. less than a month ago. Here's her story:

**O&E:** After almost 10 years together, what drives you to continue making music and how has the music changed over time?

**LS:** "There is no shortage of ideas. The more you do it, the more ideas come to you. It's not like a pocket of petrol that runs out. It gets re-filled as you take it out."

**O&E:** How is touring in the states different from touring in the U.K.?

**LS:** "Every state varies so much. From the Texans completely buzzing away, to last night in San Francisco (the crowd looked like they were) watching television. It can be so different. Overall we've had very good audiences. I believe they enjoy music, like music. They're coming to listen to the music. Dancing is an option."

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ing "Cobra and Phases Group Play Voltage in the Milky Night." How do you go about creating music?

**LS:** "Recording, with two people: John McEntire (co-producer of the band's last two albums) who we've worked with in the past, and Jim O'Rourke — from Chicago — also a musician and a very funny man. We'd never worked with him before."

**O&E:** Tell me about the album title.

**LS:** "It doesn't mean anything. Surrealistic groups of the '20s. (It's meant) to give a certain flavor to the record, to condition you to listen in such a way. It's up to you to come up with. Free interpretation."

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songs — I think — because it's not weird pieces of music. It's much more song-like, more live-friendly. They lend themselves to being played live much better than previous material."

**O&E:** Anything else you'd

like to add?

**LS:** "We're looking forward to Detroit, to Pontiac. It's been such a good city to us from the start. We sold the most T-shirts ever in Detroit. Sixty T-shirts. Champagne! Celebrate!"

**O&E:** It's time to celebrate once again. See Stereolab Thursday, Dec. 9, at Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$12 now and \$13 on the day of the show. 18 and older are welcome. Call (248) 645-6666.

## Local man's story a step away from silver screen



STEPHANIE CASOLA

out as a recreational sport to keep him off the streets becomes a talent, a true passion.

Imagine the Bad News Bears carrying golf clubs.

"The Mark Harris Story," set in Detroit and Redford, is based on a young man's ambition and drive, and his constant battle to follow his dreams. Mark Harris saw the message and humor in his story and decided to share it Hollywood-style.

Now a 31-year-old Livonia resident and the father of three, Harris still shows the same ambition he had as a young golfer as he attempts to take his story to the silver screen. When talking about the would-be film, he shuffles through a briefcase full of notes, some scrawled on tattered paper. He's saved everything from old golf photographs to a journal of the very steps he's taken to realize this dream thus far. More than anything he believes in himself, which is one reason he's gotten this far.

**His story**

Harris admits everyone has a story. What sets his heartfelt tale apart from others, one might ask? The main characters of the story are an unlikely pair, a small-for-his-age golf hopeful from the city and a soft spoken 35-year-old African American professional golfer who shares a passion for the game. Harris fondly

remembers his mentor, former Detroiters Dennis Williams, as instrumental during his early years in the game.

Harris never wanted to be in movies. He and his wife Jacqueline are raising their children, Avery, 5, Austin, 4 and Abigail, 1. He works in the landscaping business. In 1993, when he saw an "Entertainment Tonight" profile of Rudy Ruessiger — a boy from Indiana who wanted nothing more than to play football for Notre Dame — he noticed parallels to his own story.

He saw the film "Rudy" as similar to his own vision. Harris embarked on the journey.

**Making things happen**

It began with a phone call to Tom Bend, Ind., where he spoke to Ruessiger himself about his life experiences and making the film. Harris' idea then gained momentum. He was convinced if a regular guy from Indiana could make this happen, he could too. Harris began seeking out writers who would set his story out on paper.

"It just began snowballing," said Harris. "I started from ground zero. I'm trying to make it into a finished product."

Several writers expressed an interest in his idea, but it was a boost from Jim Burnstein, a Plymouth resident and the head of the screenwriting program at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, that set the gears in motion. Burnstein is known for his work on "The Mighty Ducks 3" and "Renaissance Man." Burnstein connected Harris with Garrett Schiff, a writer in Encino, Calif.

"It's a fascinating story about golf and kids," said Burnstein. "I liked the idea of the African-American professional golfer. I thought that had real potential. I put him in

touch with a writer who had just sold a script involving an ex-Negro League baseball player and a young white girl called "The Finest in the Field."

**Pen to paper**

After speaking with Harris on the telephone, Schiff showed immediate interest in the project and flew to Livonia to meet with him, interview the people his characters were based on, and see the places where the story actually unfolded. By late February 1995, Harris' story began to take shape. Even Oprah Winfrey took a few minutes to listen to Harris' idea in person.

Schiff wrote a film treatment for "The Mark Harris Story" or "A Diamond in the Rough." After more than six years, Harris finds himself at something of a standstill.

"The goal is to find a producer and director to take the film treatment to a major motion picture level," said Harris. "With the proper commitment and dedication, it can be done."

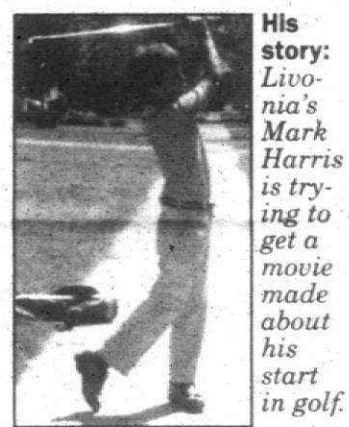
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Burnstein, speaking as someone whose film "Renaissance Man" opened in Detroit, said when films are made locally, it may make local residents "feel good about themselves." Familiar scenes have meaning to metro Detroiters, even if the overall impact doesn't alter the way viewers on a national scale look at the city and its surrounding areas.

The best advice Burnstein can give to Harris, or anyone working on a film, is to keep looking ahead. For those whose supervised the production process, the next hurdle may involve distribution. "You can make a great movie, but can you get the movie distributed?" he asks. "You have a shot, but it's a very risky step."

Harris is ready and willing to make it happen.

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## DINING

# Nankin Mill Tavern serves Danish specialties

BY MARY QUINLEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

Finn Sorensen plans to celebrate the holidays in Danish style. That's great news for patrons of Nankin Mill Tavern where he is chef.

"I won't be going home to Denmark," said Sorensen, who learned his culinary skills in Copenhagen. "So, I make a typical Danish Christmas dinner of roast pork."

The pork special, made with prunes, apples and red cabbage, is served with candied-brown potatoes and Swedish lagoonberries.

Beginning Dec. 10 until New Years Eve, the Westland eatery will offer the pork entree seven days a week. Monday-Friday the dish will be available for dinner only. On Saturday and Sunday, order this special anytime of the day.

Chilled to the bone from the wintry wind? Sorensen suggests a Scandinavian glogg to complement the pork. "It's a hot toddy made with red wine, rum, akvavit (a Danish liquor similar to vodka), a stick of cinnamon, raisins and a sliver of almond," he says.

#### Other food choices?

"Our pork dinners and frikadeller are popular," said Sorensen. Frikadeller, Danish meatballs made with ground beef and veal, "The meatballs (that I make) are the same recipe that our mothers made," said Sorensen, who moved to the United States with two buddies in 1964.

"In Denmark it's a home-cooked meal — not something you go to a restaurant and order. In America (people) like to go out and order meatballs."

When customers enter the one-room dining area, there's an

#### Nankin Mill Tavern

**Where:** 33700 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, (734) 427-0622

**Open:** 10 a.m. to midnight, Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 1 a.m., Friday; noon to 1 a.m., Saturday; noon to 10 p.m., Sunday. The kitchen closes 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and at 9 p.m. on Sunday.

**Menu:** Danish specialties, appetizers, salads, soups, sandwiches, pasta, seafood and desserts; daily specials; prime rib on Friday and Saturday

**Non-smoking area:** One-third of the restaurant; if you want to try to avoid the smoke (sometimes the air circulation isn't the best), request a table in the corner of the "no smoking" section

**Bar area:** Seating for 19 people

**Cost:** Entrees range in price from \$3.75 to \$16.95; the Christmas roast pork dinner is \$9.95

**Credit cards:** VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club

immediate sense of home. Green-and-white-checked plastic cloths cover the tables, Red Wing memorabilia, modern art and antlers adorn the walls, and Elvis and Sinatra favorites play on the jukebox.

On a recent evening, Ernestina Belyeu dined with several of her friends.

"I ordered Frikadeller," said Belyeu of Livonia, who said she thoroughly enjoyed her meal of meat, red cabbage, potatoes and corn.

"The red skins, flavored with bacon and scallions, were tasty," she said. "The food is very unpretentious and the helpings were hearty. My meal was certainly filling and the price was right."

In addition to the Danish specialties, the eatery features a wide range of other food selections.

Order an appetizer of ramaque (say: ra-MA-key), marinated chicken livers and water chestnuts wrapped in bacon, and then baked in a soy, honey and brown sugar sauce. Or taste the fried Camembert cheese topped with lagoonberries.

Poultry entrees, including a hearty chicken pot pie, fish and chips, pasta choices and beef plates are featured daily. You'll also find burgers, sandwiches and salads.

"I make all the sauces, soups, meatballs and roasts," said Sorensen. "The kitchen is so small that I work at night. It's nice for me."

Got a craving for steamy soups? Nankin Mill serves a different one everyday. Sometimes it's mushroom, lentil, chicken noodle or beer cheese. On Fridays, try the clam chowder or a seafood gumbo. Of course, they're all made from scratch by chef Sorensen — the previous evening.

The tavern, one of the oldest businesses in the area, has existed since at least 1917. The structure was rebuilt in 1947 after a fire. During Prohibition, it was a speakeasy.

"We found a trophy dated 1919 with the name of a gun club on it," said Jerry Lockhart, who owns the restaurant with Bob

Moore of Dearborn. "We think the building has always been a bar that served burgers. In 1978 it switched to a restaurant."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Lockhart comments that Nankin Mill is a family-friendly eatery. They feature a kids menu with fish, grilled cheese, chicken strips and meatballs.

If you're in the mood for some music and dancing, there's entertainment on Saturday nights. "Usually we have a live band," said Lockhart of Livonia. "Some-

times it's oldies, light rock, pop or a little bit of blues. By 9 p.m. it's mostly adults, not that kids aren't welcome then."

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail

kwygonik@oe.hometown.net. What's Cooking includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations.

■ **Holiday Tea** — At the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham, 3-5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. Cost is \$25 per person, benefits the Women's Survival Center of Oakland County. Call (248) 335-2685.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** — Live jazz featuring Larry Nozaro and friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13. Michael James and Debbie Jimmerson piano and vocals perform

all your favorites 7-11 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday. The restaurant is at 39405 Plymouth Road, at Eckles Road (between Newburgh and Haggerty) Plymouth. Call (734) 254-0400 for information.

■ **Golden Mushroom** — Is offering two New Year's Eve celebration menus and seatings in two dining rooms on Friday, Dec. 31. New Year's Eve celebration, first seating begins at 5 p.m. in the main dining room, cost \$95 per person; second seating begins 6:30 p.m. in the Mushroom Cellar, cost \$90 per person. Millennium Celebration, first seating in the main dining room 10 p.m., cost \$150 per person; Mushroom Cellar first seating begins 9:15 p.m., cost \$145 per person. Call (248) 559-4230 for more information.

■ **Red Robin** — Restaurant

in 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, visit [www.redrobin.com](http://www.redrobin.com)

■ **Ristorante Ciaro** — Newly opened, cozy 80-seat Italian restaurant, 1024 Monroe St., south of Michigan Ave., Dearborn. House specialty is wood-fired, thin crust pizzas baked in 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 for information.

■ **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, 11 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.

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