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mouth Nursery .in Can-

are 'pumpkins' in her eyes BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

STAFF WRITER

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-

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

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

to see how she was doing.' Pawczuk said. Lloyd reassured her that her daughter was doing fine.

dren)," Pawczuk said

"Every child is called 'pump-

"They all think they're the only

"I called as soon as I got home

"She really works with (shy chil-

Another way Lloyd makes children feel special is by calling them. pumpkin.

kin," Pawczuk said.

one who's called pumpkin," Lloyd

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More cops on Canton streets

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SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

Police patrols in the township's shopping areas have been beefed up for the holidays, including officers on bikes.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.ho

If it seems like more Canton police officers are out and about these days, it's not your imagination.

The department has beefed up patrols for the holidays. Officers will be working overtime through Dec. 25 and will focus on shopping areas.

"We want to concentrate on making it safer for shoppers as they go to and from stores," said Canton Police Capt. Alex Wilson. "We'll be looking for suspicious people in parking lots, monitoring parking and keeping fire lanes clear."

The department has traditionally increased patrols during the holidays, but it's just the second year officers from its bike unit have been involved.

"We feel the bike officers made a big difference last year," Wilson said. "It'll be their job to patrol and be seen.

Increased mobility is the chief advantage of having officers on bikes, he added. Wilson said officers are simply able to respond more quickly on the bikes.

Canton has about a dozen officers who are certified for bike use, according to the captain. "We just added six guys to the unit," said Wil-

son

Each will work on their own at various township retail centers. "We don't want them pairing up," said Wilson.

"We get more coverage if they are on their own." Officers will patrol throughout the week.

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Finalists get strong ratings from board

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

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

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 Superin-^{at} Search Committee members.

(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 should n't be the proving ground for them. "I think she's a leader, and kids appear to be her first interest," said

DDA pushes holiday spirit for Ford Road

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.ho

Canton's houses and husinesses 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."







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

The third finalist, Phyllis Wilson, deputy superintendent of Columbus

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Whistle Stop's winter production



STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

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 Winkleman 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.

The decorations consist of cedar roping around DDA street lights as well as 24-inch large red bows. Keller & Stein, a Canton florist and Please see FORD ROAD, A8

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN Festive: Holiday decorations on the south side of Ford, looking west from Morton Taylor.

Leisure Services job slated for 2000 start

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

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 assis-

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Canton teen faces reckless driving charge

A 16-year-old Canton boy was charged with reckless driving a result of a Nov. 24 incident on Metaline 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 Metaline. 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 of 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

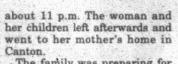
About \$100 worth of damage was done to a 25-year-old Canton man's vehicle Friday The car, a 1985 Honda, had its front windshield smashed

between midnight and 4 p.m. that day, reports said. Police have no suspects.

Family fight

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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



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

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.

mouth 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

Boom times have down side too

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER https://www.staff.com/goe.homecomm.net

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 deliver-

"This will be the first year we've had a real surge in busi-ness," said Alan Kaplan, owner of A Tisket 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

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

rants 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 tray orders.

According to Carol Harter, manager of Joe's Produce of ivonia, 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 ittle more difficult to find parttime help," said Harter. "We have a couple of college students that work during their break. We're willing to train pecple so they don't need experience. Harter said baggers and indi-

riduals who fill and wrap fruit baskets and party trays are still needed if someone is looking for a temporary job for the next four weeks. The manager of a Redford

ngoing 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.

they do throughout the year, said Office Manager Terri Jason "We hire a few drivers to

FINDING HOLIDAY HELP

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 Mufarreh owner of The Sundries Shop inside Westland Shopping Center, knows all about needing a helping hand during the holidays.

Mufarreh 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 grocery store said he has an or what would be the point in me hiring them. That's a busy time."

Suzy 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 faithfully return every year but

ble with hours," said Callan. Callan employs a staff of nanagers 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 verv 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 tores 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 nterested in coming back to work for us in addition to instore advertising. After all, our shoppers are our best employ-

An average Kohl's hires 50-60 seasonal workers to comple ment 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 velcome to do that."

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

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BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

come full circle.

degree in English in 1978.

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being very bookish."

Annette, until his death in 1994 at age 75. Although he published 30 books, wrote a newspaper column, contributed regularly to National Review magazine for William F. Buckley, gave numerous speeches and knew many political and literary figures, his



The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution (abolishing had cut down the 150-year-old mark contest sponsored by the slavery in the U.S.) was ratified on Dec. 6, 1865? James Hoban, an Irish-born trell maliciously felled the tree

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Write on Area grad pens biography of noted conservative Kirk

There are strands of life that 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 Fife and Drum Corps, went to U-M and got a bachelor's

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

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 extensive library of great books,

and the local schools. "He received a good education in the Plymouth schools," Person said. "Classmates recall him as

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. His adult life was spent in rural Mecosta northeast of Grand Rapids with his wife.

conservative thought back to they wanted it for the fall list. 18th century England and divine intent rules, a conviction orders and classes, a persuasion and his sister in front of their Northville address. His wife and freedom are

reform are not identical.

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Did you know? No two snowflakes are alike, but they all have six points? The colder it is, the sharper

the snowflake points, and the warmer it is the softer and rounder the points? Barney Clark, 61, became

the first recipient of an artificial heart on Dec. 2, 1982? Hanukkah, the Feast of

Lights lasting eight days, begins at sundown Friday, Dec. 3?

Laurence Shames Hunter's Moon" by Dana Events."

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

> had read his essays and had cor- essays, speeches and many other he was brilliant." Person said. "I edited a 'Festschrift' called

'The Unbought 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 Russell Kirk.

That got him thinking and he ent out letters outlining what conservatism in the 1950s that he wanted to do. He received his came to fruition in the 1980s est-known claim to fame is a share of refusals but eventually with Ronald Reagan. "Kirk's 1953 book, "The Conservative he was asked to submit sample effect is ongoing. Very few peochapters. About a year ago, the ple willingly call themselves lib-It was this book that traced publisher, Madison, told him eral today," Person said.

Person got busy and disci-Edmund Burke, listing the plined himself to write a chapter that included a belief that a proposed deadline of May 1999. The new book has many phothat civilized society requires tographs, including a young Kirk

home in Plyn inseparably connected and a Person said he does identify (1971). recognition that change and with Kirk's ideas. But this was wife called Person after Person the "Conservative Mind," Kirk's until 3 p.m.

> "Black Notice" by Patricia Cornwell

Youth department

Here are some books about art that will interest young readers: "In the Paint" by Patrick Ewing. This NBA athlete shares tips on his favorite hobby painting.

"In Search of Spirit" by Sheila Hamanaka. Meet living Japanese artists who do puppet making, bamboo basket weaving and many other arts.

Q& A Q: Who was the Rev. Francis Thomas Gifford

Gastrell? A: On Nov. 27, 1759, the Stratford-upon-Avon town corporation gave orders to bring an "action of Peter Hoeg Ejectment" against the Rev Francis Gastrell, Vicar of Frodsham, who lived in William Shakespeare's home. Gastrell mulberry tree that had been Canton Public Library and Canplanted by Shakespeare. Gas- ton ProjectARTS are: many Shakespeare enthusiasts who came to look at it. He sold For your listening pleasure the tree for firewood, but it was Here are some books on audio recovered by a jeweler-wood carver, Thomas Sharp, who fashioned hundreds of relics from it. Gastrell was ejected from Strat-

petty infamies in our annals." The source for this information more information about library is "Chase's 1999 Calendar of

responded with him. "I thought 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 voic es that say values are relative . that norms are immutable norms like character, responsi bility, honesty, virtue. "Kirk was a quiet man, not

quite the splashy type like Buck-But his influence was seiscomment that it was surprising mic. He articulated conservative there was no biography yet of thought and made it understandable." Person said.

Kirk laid the groundwork for

Person said he expects libraries will add the book to their collections and that many canons of modern conservatism every two weeks, all to meet a sales will come through book groups like The Conservative Book Club. Person lives in Novi but has a

ista is a Salem graduate Person will sign copies of his not an exercise in hero worship. book Sunday, Dec. 5, at The Lit-Person came to the biography One chapter of the book is true the Book Shoppe on the Park in of Kirk by the back door. Kirk's biography. The others deal with downtown Plymouth from noon

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🛢 Grade 4 – Jason Braun

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Goodfellows campaign under way Systems Canton Goodiellows Id Without A Christmas **DONATE NEW** Toys - Clothes - Foo NOW 'TIL DEC. 13th

At Kohi'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 takng its first steps.

The volunteer group is putting together a priity list for sidewalk construction to fill in the gaps around the township. The committee was put together at the request

f Canton's Board of Trustees, which has also established a yearly sidewalk construction budget. Committee members will make a recommen dation to the board once the list is completed.

The sidewalk committee complements a side valk ordinance passed by the board this year that will be used to upgrade and maintain side walks in existing neighborhoods.

Donations wanted

The Canton Police Department Community licing Team 3 is collecting school supplies, win-

ter clothes, toys and other items for less fortu nate students at Field Elementary School. Both new and used items are being accepted. If you wish to donate, bring items to the police sta-

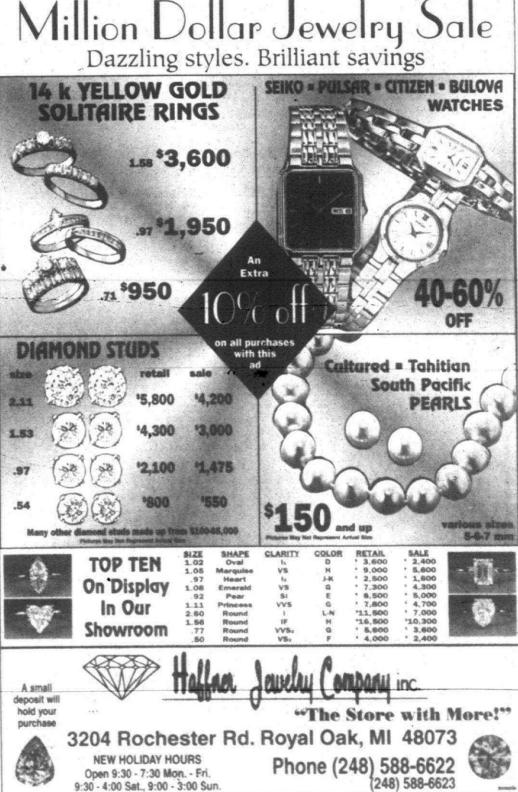
tion on Canton Center Road by Monday, Dec. 6. Call (734) 397-3000 for information

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.p.m. Saturday

Residents can bring in their used sports and recreational equipment to sell, and/or browse through items on display. The parks and recreation department keeps 15 percent of the sale proceeds

For information call (734) 397-5110.



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Try these novels set in cooler

Kolmysky Heights" by Lionel Davidson

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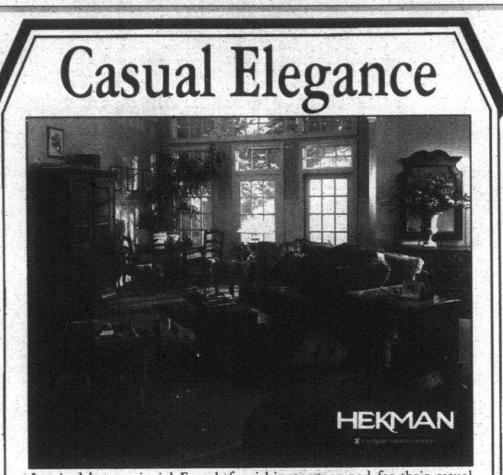
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Susan Davis

finalists.

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cers will be on duty.

"It can't hurt," she said

added.

After the final interview, some

school board members suggested

selection of one of the three

"I don't think we need to go

"They're pretty visible." she

Keller is happy that extra offi-

Be aware of your surround-

Protect handbags by draping

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 longterm 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

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

committee comments, but did right now."

CODS from page A1 Weekends will be a particular been "very responsive" to inci-

focus of police efforts, said Wil-Incidents such as robberies

and car break-ins increase during the holiday season. Wilson thinks the department's such crimes.

Shoplifting, or "retail fraud," is a problem for big stores like ing lots. Wilson said shoppers Kohl's throughout the year. should note where their cars are going a long way to crime pre-

ed in the job cal step in their career," he

Leisure services from page A1

ation, for example "We're looking for generic

"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 the search will end with the final three candidates, and decide which, if any, will be their first choice

If a final selection is made, further, we have three very qual- three board members will make ified candidates," said Trustee a visit to that candidate's school Liz Givens. "We have three very district before negotiating a condifferent people and we have to tract. Trustees hope to have a employee. different people and we have to tract. Trustees hope to have a Board members listened to the decide which one fits our district new superintendent in place by

Place packages in car

Contact store security if you

feel unsafe. Many will provide

escorts to your car. Keller said

"Anything for your customers,"

The basic idea, Wilson said, is

"Opportunity is a big part of

it," he added. "If you reduce

(criminals') opportunities, you're

to make it difficult for criminals

she said. "We are available."

to target you

they walk towards them.

trunks, not back seats.

Police can't be everywhere, it's a service Kohl's provides.

increased visibility will help curb however. Wilson said there are a "I believe it helps," he said. "It number of common sense steps is a deterrent." shoppers can take to avoid prob-Cheryl Keller, a personnel lems. They include: manager at Kohl's Department Store on Ford Road, agrees. "I think it helps somewhat," the strap around your neck. she said. Don't wander around park-

Keller said Canton officers have and have keys ready to go as vention."

tant city manager from a smaller community might be interest-"They'll have to see it as a logi-

The supervisor said strong skills," Yack said. "We'll be administrative skills will be focusing on skill sets as opposed more important that specific to content. They don't have to knowledge of parks and recre- know anything about recre-

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Livonia nurse appointed to Occupational Health Commission

Margaret A. Vissman of Livonia was appointed to the Occu-pational 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.

relationships with the leaders of the city of Detroit.

growth in the state

political, educational, economic events: and work with the mayor

Tara Wall has been named and city council on state issues. Adeputy director of the Governor's Now living in Grand Rapids, Southeastern Michigan Office in Wall has been the education Detroit, in charge of maintaining reporter for WOOD-TV 8 in Grand Rapids since October 1996. Previously, she served as a Board, which is responsible for Formerly a resident of Pleas- general assignment/education ant Ridge and Southfield, Wall reporter for WILX-TV 10 in will work with city leaders on Lansing, and co-anchor and reporter for WBKB-TV 11 in and religious matters; act as a Alpena. Wall was also a producliaison between the governor's tion assistant/writer and associoffice and community groups; ate producer for WXYZ-TV 7 in represent the governor at city Detroit and a radio news will begin on Dec. 19. reporter for WEMU-FM in Ypsi-

Gov. John Engler also named Dr. Teressa Staten of Lansing to the State Child Abuse Neglect and Prevention 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

make

someone

Vivian Pickard of Bloomfield Hills has been named to the Michigan Community Service Commission, which supports service programs across Michigan. Pickard is director of commu-

nity and philanthropic events for General Motors Corp. Harley Krapohl of East mos was appointed to the Michi-gan Truck Safety Commission. Collection Practices Advisory Board, which prohibits certain of the Truck Safety Fund. collection practices, provides for receives donations and establish licensing and regulation of col- es truck driver safety education lection agencies and imposes classes. 💊

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.

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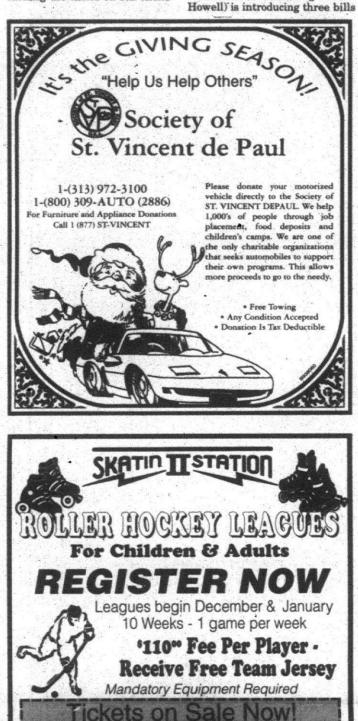




Bills target sexual predators on the Internet

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Law enforcement officials are turning the tables on sex offendto hunt the predators.



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The bills will:

Clarify the definition of a car driven by a drunk. 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 Roger's initiatives went into effect this past June establishing it as a who has worked with Rogers on felony when a perpetrator uses the proposals - said the cost of the Internet to arrange a sexual tracking predators down, appreencounter with a child.

"But judges and the courts \$20,000 per case. have been nervous about it when undercover officers pose as 14year-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," Warnperpetrators are only arrested er said Require forfeiture of com-

puters, computer equipment and cars used in the commission of the crimes. Predators who risk jail to have

issue of prevention," she added.

Rather, it is a matter of confis-

cating the "tools" of the crime,

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sex with children aren't likely to be dissuaded by such a law, Warner admitted. "This is not an

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when they show up, Warner 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

Making the cyber-predator

enforcement and prosecution

According to Warner, Wayne

County Sheriff Robert Ficano -

hending them and prosecuting

them can run to as much as

Ficano's department, with four

officers dedicated to the task of

patrolling cyberspace for preda-

tors, 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

chat rooms and simply partici-

pating in the ongoing conversa-

tion. If solicited to meet for sex,

officers set a time and place. The

sex offenders, entering online

efforts spent on him.

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 cyberpredator office.

"The Internet has been a safe,

ers who use the Internet to tar- this week to assist in that pur- allowing police to take those anonymous place for criminals t tools just as they would take a hunt for potential child victims," burglar's tools, confiscate a gun. Rogers said as he announced his used by a bank robber, or take a proposals.

> "On the information superhighway," Ficano said, "there is liable for the costs of the law 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."



Sheriff Robert Ficano

Tips for parents

Michigan Sen. Mike Rogers and Wayne County Sheriff Rober Ficano are urging parents to monitor their children's use of the Inter net to prevent being targeted by sexual predators. They recommend parents teach children to:

Never share personal information online.

Understand that adults may pose as children online.

Notify an adult if they receive a message that makes them uncom-

Never arrange a meeting with someone they've met on the interne

Tell a parent immodiately if someone attempts to arrange a meeting

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



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get children: they are beginning suit. State Sen. Mike Rogers (R-

Senator proposes tax credit for community college

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

"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

should be quite affordable for all students.

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

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

Proposal would limit outsourcing

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK AFF WRITER

A Wayne County commissioner wants county departments to justify contracting with private companies any services provided

by county union employees. Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, introduced an ordinance Nov. 23 calling for county departments to explain to the county executive why services currently rendered by county union employees are needed from an outside firm.

Parker's resolution was referred to the commission's Committee on Health and Human Services for study: The ordinance would prohibit

contracting with outside vendors until commissioners authorize such an action. The resolution also called for the following:

The county's chief financial officer will submit to the commission an analysis of fiscal effects of outsourcing on employees and residents, and any intent to permanently outsource a county function.

The commission will conduct a public hearing to ascertain the number of county employees affected by the outsourcing. along with fiscal and legal

The fiscal adviser's office and the union representing employees will submit reports to commissioners of the fiscal benefits or negative impacts.

Gymnast at fund-raiser

Dominique Dawes, the first African-American to win an indi vidual gymnastic event at the 1996 Olympic Games will deliver the keynote address at the 34th annual Detroit Urban League Guild Gala luncheon.

The luncheon, a fund-raising event to support the youth development programs provided by the Detroit Urban League begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Marriott Hotel, Renaissance

Center - Columbus Ballroom. Tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased by calling the Detroit Urban League at (313)832-4600, ext. 128.

other pending bills pass.

ever, doesn't come cheap. Over- tive?" all, the credit would cost the state \$56 million – as much as a quarter of the surplus.

effective way to use the money. Michigan. It would cost \$56 mil- caucus.

for the first time this year of the total cost of tuition. Still, Smith argues it's an awarding college money to high grams, full-time and part-time, proposed by Gov. John Engler That's why Smith, D-Salem there are 125,000 students in and supported by the Republican

> gram. Compare that to the more votes for Smith's plan is held tuition increases under the said. "If you ask me, getting rid 20,000 students who are eligible that it has earned some biparti- rate of inflation. As originally of a \$375 credit to get a credit

Her comparison refers to the SB 576, that would create a tax credit. scholarship program available credit for books, up to 10 percent

But Smith fears her plan could school student who perform well still fall victim to political percent next year, it is anticipat-"Let me run through the num- on the Michigan Educational maneuvering. She said Gov. ed that no universities in Michi-Free, on the other hand, bers on the HELP credit. Cur- Assessment Program (MEAP) Engler wants to attach verbiage gan will be able to hold tuition rently enrolled in two-year pro- test. Merit scholarships were to the bill repealing the existing increases down to that level. If "tuition tax credit."

> to \$375 to be taken off taxes lion to help them with this pro- Another factor that may win when a student's college has is the right thing to do," Smith

a cost \$50 million. I'll let you do St. Joseph, has signed on as a designed to pressure colleges to should be a no-brainer. But some She admits the program, how- the math. Which is more effec- primary co-sponsor. Gast has keep tuition rates down so stu- are getting caught up in the also introduced a companion bill, dents would be able to claim the

But now, with the cost of living rising just 1.6 percent this year 'a-tax-credit-we-created crowd." and expected to climb just 1.4 no students can claim it. Engler The existing credit allows up wants to repeal it, Smith said.

"Some Republicans see that it to receive Merit Scholarships at san support. Sen. Harry Gast. R- instituted, the credit was that would be worth \$1,900

emotionalism of it, falling in with the I-don't-want-to-repeal-

Smith said she hopes to keep the tuition tax credit repeal separated from her HELP proposal, She said she may introduce legislation that would effectively repeal the credit - using legislative appropriations as the "trigger" rather than college tuition increases - as a compromise with the GOP.

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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 cooperative, 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 coop, 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-



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 "We're 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.

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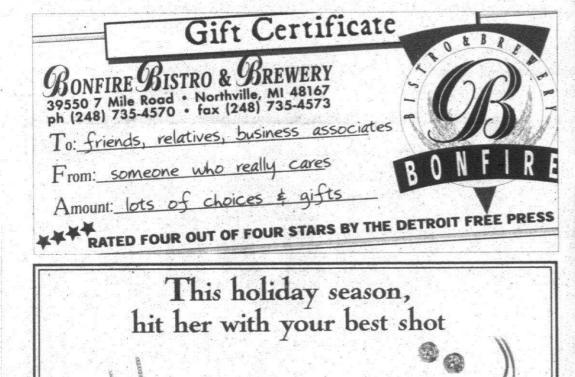
The many fine retail establishments here provide a wide variety of goods and services," Salla said. "People are often surprised to learn that there are over 300 businesses located in the DDA and another 1,000 throughout the community."

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Ford Museum celebrates holidays with classic toys

What do Tiddledy 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

Warm

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

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 Tiddledy 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

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

life," says curator Donna Braden. "The toys children

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 formai 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



Tiddledy 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

stream America. Henry Ford Museum & Green-

up to that point - hit main- field Village, on Oakwood Boulevard in Dearborn is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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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.





Gov. John Engle

Engler pushes hard to raise charter cap

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

A handful of Republican House nembers - four to 10, depending on who is counting - were all that stood between Gov. John Engler and his goal of getting

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

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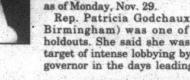
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on my answer machine that he wants another meeting. I'm expected to call in the morning." the cap on charter schools raised Raising the cap on charter schools from the present 150 to 200 is the governor's top policy

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 If there is any hope that any of

legislative session before law-

"I thought we were done nego-

tiating," Godchaux said late

Monday. "But I have a message

makers call it quits for the year.

the new schools can open next it off too many times." fall, the bill has to pass before

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break at the end of the day Dec. 9, so it can go into effect on April according to Rep. Paul DeWeese (R-Williamston), à pri-

mary 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 fiveday 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

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

behavior - may not belong in schools," Rep. Mike Bishop (Rregular classrooms, they still Rochester) said. "We've seen in need an education if they are to our lifetimes the need for special 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 propose that we allow the creation of new, young-child charter schools. The proposal would allow co-location of charter schools with childcare centers. I am hopeful employers will see the benefit of providing both on-site childcare and early childhood education."

Using charter schools as a way to deal with at risk youngsters is especially popular with lawmakers, as the recent trail of 13year-old Nathaniel Abraham for murder is weighing heavily on their minds. Tried as an adult, Abraham was convicted of second degree murder for a shooting he committed when he was only

"If we, collectively, want to prevent future Nathaniels, this get these youngsters where they will get some discipline and still have the opportunity to learn," Johnson said. "They run wild at a young age, and if we are going to have an opportunity to help them, it has to start at an early age. Early is the key. If there is disruptiveness, if there are outbursts, they need to be in a spe-

"I hope that charter schools through," she said. "Charter

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to the current short, two-week lawmakers head out for holiday including violence and criminal a great alternative to public schools. Nathaniel Abraham is a perfect example. That's a child that needed help early on and never got it." But Engler's compromises

won't be enough to win over all pponents

"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, purposely he believes, and s the only answer. We need to 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 See CHARTER, A11

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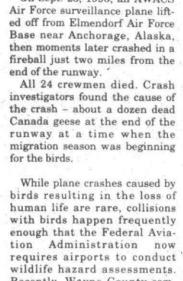
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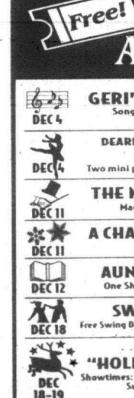
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was originally part of a three-bill package DeWeese, Lemmons and Rep. Joanne Voorhees (R-Grandville) put together back in cial setting. the spring. "While children with histories can provide an alternative for schools expand that choice to of discipline problems - even troubled students. That would be HomeEquity-o-matic*

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"Sometimes it can be trash

bins that attract seagulls or

pigeons, so we will be looking at

all kinds of these things,

Butchko said. "It's anything to

change the airport habitation to

Metro has a wildlife control

plan, but has not done an assess-

ment, said airport spokesman

"We feel we have pretty good

control practices, but there may

make it less attractive."

Mike Conway.

Airport studies how to keep Charter from page A10

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 tough to support them because

the money is being drawn away." Charter schools were created in 1993 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

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 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

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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 ublic officials are.

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

DeWeese explained that one of the key aspects is 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 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

"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 dispossessed, 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. agencies within-urban areas to only the relatively well-off had versee more charter schools in the option to leave for private schools

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birds away from air traffic

dents USDA wildlife officials will visit Metro twice a month over runway at a time when the the next year, surveying the airport at night and again in the be something new," Conway morning during each visit to said. One seagull interfering note the wildlife and habitat, with a jet engine's operation according to Pete Butchko, state director of USDA's Wildlife Ser-

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

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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. Native species with habitats at said. geese. Butchko expects he and

the airport could include deer or other surveyors will break Metro Health Inspection Services' down into smaller pieces to study, which he calls a challenge

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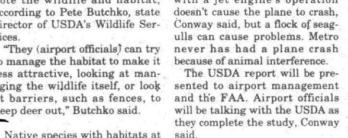
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS **NOVEMBER 23, 1999**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Cantan was held Tuesday, November 23, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack Absent: Kirchgatter Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak 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 Authorize 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 lovember 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 Expenditure Recap

EXPERIMENCE RECEIP	A 8 3		
General Fund	101	\$ 223,994.24	
Fire Fund	206	57,821.79	
Police Fund	207	35,063.09	
Community Center Fund	208	62,785.94	
Golf Course Fund	211	8,558.83	1
Cable TV Fund	230	3,275.87	
Community Improvement Fund	246	12,057.88	
E-911 Emergency Funds	261	706.69	
Federal Grant Funds	274	3,514.60	
State Projects Fund	289	288.62	
Downtown Development Auth.	294	192,489.75	
Retiree Benefits	296	12.00	
Cap Project-Road Paving Fund-	403	5,657.50	
Bldg Auth. Construction Fund	469	4,043.26	
Water & Sewer Fund	592	855,752.89	1
Construction Escrow	702	10,000.00	1. 1
Tonguish Creek Storm Drain	804	79.20	
S Haggerty Paving	815	3,688,20	
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 hird 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 Patte Republican Party representative and John L. Blumenshine, Democratic Party

representative, to the Canton Township Election Board of Canvassers for four year terms beginning January 1, 2000 and expiring December 31, 2003. 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 Burdziak 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 nendment in the Street Lighting Fund for installation costs of the

Whispering Meadows street lights:	States and the second	
Increase Revenue		
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Current Special Assessments	#215-000-405-0000	1203 4434
Increase Appropriations		

#219-265-926-003 Installation Charge \$6,497 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, Softball Center Division to transfer funds for wage and fringe benefits costs for full-time employees:

Salaries-Full Time	#101-755-705-0000	\$ 56,000
Fringe Benefits	#101-755-720-0000	12,500
Contracted Services Maintenance & Repair-Grounds Total	#101-755-818-0000 #101-755-930-0000	(56,000) (<u>12,500)</u> \$ - 0 -

This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Softball Center Division budget or the General Fund budget. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment to the General Fund to appropriate funds for additional overtime expenses in the Building & Inspection Services Division of Municipal Services:

Increase Revenues #101-000-477-0000 \$10,000 **Building** Permits Increase Appropriations

Overtime-Bldg & Inspection Services #101-371-708-0000 \$10,000 This budget amendment increases the Building Inspection Servi udget from \$1,192,997.00 to \$1,202,997.00, and the General Fund budget from \$18,364,673.00 to \$18,374,673. All aves present.

Action by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Sign Ordinance 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 CONFIGURATION AND FABRICATION REQUIREMENTS: FOR INSTALLATION AND LOCATIO PROVIDING FOR THE LIMITATION OF THE NUMBER OF SIGNS: 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: 29.001 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)

29.002 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 the other ordinances.
- 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, on, 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 chind a store window are not signs.
- GROUND 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 dim 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 ent 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 or all of a ouilding face over a public access area and constructed of the same 2.5 PORTABLE SIGN. A sign that is freestanding, not perman
- 2.5 FORTABLE SIGN. A sign that is increasing, 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 root inc.
 2.7 ROOF LINE. The line of intersection of the plane of the outer aurface of the wall and the plane of the outer surface of the roof.
 2.8 WALL SIGN. Shall be 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 transmission.
- building.
 2.9 ABANDONED 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 any sign not repaired or maintained properly, after notice, pursuant to the terms of this section.
 2.10 BILLBOARD. Refers to a non-accessory 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-premises 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 here 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
- 2.13 PREMISES. Any lot or parcel of land as otherwise used in this 2.14 AREA OF SIGN. The entire area within a circle, triangle,
- parallelogram, or other geometric configuration enclosing the extreme imits or writing, representation, emblem or any figure or similar character, together with any frame or other material or color 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 uprights on which such sign is placed. However, where such a sign has two faces, the area of all faces shall be

included in determining the area of the sign, except that where two such faces, are placed back to back as a mirror image in size and shape and are at no point more than two (2) feet from one another, the area of the sign shall be taken as the area of one face if the two faces are of equal area, or the area of the larger face if the two (2) faces are of unequal area.

- 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 Ordin
- 9 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
- 2.18 GASOLINE PUMP ISLAND. A combination of more than one fueldispensing 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 a minimum or other certain distance from property lines or public rights-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 rpendicularly 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 roo 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 or sales.(Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; mended eff Feb 6 1992 amendment 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 on 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, stock market" portion of a sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this Ordinance. (Ord. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Dec. 2, 1999) 29.003 Section 3. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND PERMIT
- Except as otherwise indicated in this Ordinance, the regulations of the REQUIREMENTS. 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
- 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 otaining 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 upon any property within the Charter Township of Canton in violation of the ments of this ordinance.
- Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Feb. 6, 1992) Section 4. SIGNS PERMITTED WITHOUT REQUIRING A 29.004 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.
- 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.
- Memorial signs or tablets, not to exceed eight (8) square feet in area, 42 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.
- Signs painted on or permanently attached to legally licensed vehicles which are used upon the highways for transporting persons, goods or 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. Ho all signs on governmental property on which a municipal building is located shall meet the commercial and industrial zoning district requirements in section 9.0 of this ordinance. 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 businesses. Customary lettering or other insignia on a gasoline pump consisting 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.
- One sign advertising parcels of land or building for rent, lease or sale 4.7 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 i eight in office, commercial and industrial districts. One sign per parcel that fronts on a public street. All signs reflecting zoning class must be accurate with current zoning designation. An additional eighteen (18) square feet of sign area will be permitted if the sign faces he I-275 Freeway and if the property is adjacent to the I-275 Free 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 vorship or other public entities. 4.9 Flags of government, civic, philanthropic, educational, religious
- tions 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 rietor of any single building or parcel of land.
- 4.10 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.
- 4.11 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 with the permission of the owner of the lot or parcel where such sign is located, and provided that such sign is removed within two days after the elections. A political candidate or committee is responsible 40 remove any sign not in conformity with this Ordinance within two (2)
- days after receiving a written notice from the Township. 4.12 Model homes within a subdivision shall be permitted 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.
- Garage sale signs not exceeding five (5) square feet in area and not displayed in excess of three (3) days. . One sign identifying on site construction activity, during the time of 4.14 construction, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area, except in connection with individual single family detached residential construction, which sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area. Such 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.

66 Section 5. SIGNS PROHIBITED IN ALL ZONING DESTRICTS. The following signs are considered to be unsafe, dangerous, hazardous or ttractive 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 attractive nuisance. If the above designated officials unanimously agree that the specific use of the sign sted is not dangerous, hazardous, or an attractive 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.

- Signs which incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving lights Banners, pennants, spinners and streamers, except as specifically 5.2 itted in accordance with section 4.5 and 9.9. remises for commercial
- 5.8 String lights used in connection with commercial purposes, except holiday uses not exceeding five (5) weeks in any calendar
- Any sign which moves or has any moving or animated parts, or images, whether the movement is caused by any mechanical electronic 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 sage signs on governmental property and those on public property which display time, temperature or stock market quotation signs
- Any sign or sign structure which (a) is structurally unsafe, or (b) which 5.5 constitutes a hazard to the safety or health of persons or property by reason of inadequate design, fabrication, mounting or maintenance or b 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. Any sign which by reason of its size, location, content, coloring, intensity or of illumination constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by obstruction of visibility of any traffic sign or control
- evice on any public street or road. Any sign which obstructs free ingress or egress from a required door
- window, fire escape, driveway or other required access route. 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.
- Any sign or other advertising structure or display which conveys, suggests, indicates or otherwise implies by pictures, drawings, words, emblems, logos, or other communication methods including, but not limited to, the following:
- Human genitalia. Sexual acts as defined in the Misdemeanor Ordinance No. 81, Section 2. Disorderly Persons.
- Adult nude human bodies. Obscene words as defined in the Disorderly Persons Section 2 of the Misdemeanor Ordinance.
- 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
- 4.4, 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
- rict 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,
- aflets 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, tree, sidewalk, pavement, platform, pole tower, curbstone or surface in or upon any public easement, right-of-way or on any public or private property whatsoever. Provided, howev nothing herein shall prevent official notices of the Township, school districts, County, State or Federal Government from being posted on any public property 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 Cantor Township Enforcement Officers without regard to other provisions of this Ordinance
- 4 The parking of a vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way or on public of 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 advertisemen of products or directing people to a business or activity located on th
- 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 other devices that will allow the sign to swing due to wind action. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the power to grant relief from the strict application of this provision when the applicant can show that the intent of this provision will be achieved through alternative means and result in a sign that is more in keeping with the architectural character and more in harmony with the design of the development it serves and with surrounding properties.
- 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 5.19 Roof signs. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amend. eff. Nov. 3, 1993; amend
- eff. Dec. 2, 1999) ion 6. SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND REQUIRING A SIGN
- PERMIT. 6.1 A subdivision development with models designed to promote the sale of homes within a subdivision shall be allowed no more than two (2) ground signs, on a temporary basis for a two (2) year period. Such signs shall be located adjacent to a subdivision entrance way. Each sign, when itted, shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area nor a height of eight (8) feet. The length of a sign shall not exceed eight (8) feet in distance. The sign support shall not extend more than two (2) feet from the ground area to the sign surface. These signs shall not be located

within fifteen (15) feet of any road or street right-of-way. Permits issued for this type of sign shall only be issued to the developer of the subdivision. In addition to the above, one (1) 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 subdivi n and no closer than fifteen (15) fee 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 o 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.

- A subdivision development with model homes is allowed one (1) offpremise 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 are under construction. Such signs shall be for the purpose of directing traffic to the development's location. Such signs shall be no larger than thirty-two (32) square feet in area, and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height. No such sign may be erected within fifty (50) feet of any road or street right-of-way. Such signs shall be removed when ninety-five (95) percent of all lots in the subdivision have been sold by the builder.
- Residential Subdivision Entrance Way Ground Signs on Private Property shall not be constructed until the subdivision has received final plat approval. These signs shall neither exceed five (5) feet in height nor twenty-five (25) square feet in area and shall only display the name of the subdivision. Signs shall be located on private property at least one (1) foot away from all property lines. All entrance way ground signs erected on private property in a subdivision shall have a common design and be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout that subdivision Boulevards - Residential 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
- Residential Subdivision Entrance Way Ground Signs Within the Public Road Right-of-Way - shall be approved by the county, state, or other governmental agency having jurisdiction. Churches and schools may erect signs subject to all sign size and location
- requirements of office uses as described in section 8.0 herein. However, if an institutional use bulletin board is utilized as permitted in section 4.8,
- no additional ground sign will be permitted. Golf Courses Golf courses with frontage on two roads, each of which has a minimum road right-of-way width of eight-six (86) feet, shall be permitted two (2) ground signs - one for each frontage. Each sign shall not be located closer than seven (7) feet from any road right-of-way. Such signs shall neither exceed sixty-four (64) square feet in area or twenty (20) feet in height. The area of the sign may be increased to a maximu of ninety-six (96) square feet if the sign is constructed of natural materials in accordance with the provisions of section 13.0. All height measurements shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk or
- measurements shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk or the road closest to the sign. A residential subdivision development shall be permitted one (1) project announcement sign after the development has received tentative preliminary plat approval. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project Development signs shall neither exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height end shall not be located closer than seven (7) feet to any property line. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Feb. 6, 1992) Feb. 6, 1992)

Section 7. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL (R-6), MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (MR) AND MOBILE Continued on Page 13A (CP)

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HOME PARK (MHP) ZONING DISTRICTS. 7.1 A multiple family or mobile home development with units or lots for nale or rent shall be allowed no more than two (2) ground signs on a temporary basis for a two (2) year period. Such signs shall be adjacent to a development project's entrance way, and limited to one along each bounding primary or secondary road. The signs, when permitted, shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area nor a height of eight (8) feet. The length of the sign shall not exceed eight (8) feet in distance nor shall the height of the sign exceed eight (8) feet. The sign support shall not extend more than two (2) feet from the ground to the sign surface. Such signs shall be located no closer than ten (10) feet from any property line. The sign permit may be renewed yearly if the

project is less than ninety-five (95) percent occupied. 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 al property lines. All entrance way ground signs erected on private property in a development shall have a common design and be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout that

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 ersecting road right-of-way line.

7.3 A multiple family or mobile home development with units or lots for sale or rent shall be allowed one (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 all property lines. All entrance way ground signs erected on private property in a development shall have a common design and be structed of the same or similar materials throughout that development

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.

7.3 A multiple family or mobile home development with units or lots for sale or rent shall be 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 or units remain vacant and available or new units or lots are under construction. Such sign shall be for the purpose of directing traffic to the development's location. The sign may be a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet in area and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height. No such sign shall be located within fifty (50) feet of any road or street right-ofway. Such sign shall be removed when ninety-five (95) percent of all inits or lots have been occupied.

7.4 One (1) wall sign for identification purposes for each such development shall be permitted. Such sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area. The sign shall not extend above the roof line nor shall such sign project from the face of the building more than twelve (12) inches.

Golf Courses - Golf courses with frontage on two roads, each of which has a minimum road right-of-way width of eighty-six (86) feet, shall be permitted two (2) ground signs - one for each frontage. Each sign shall not be located closer than seven (7) feet from any road right-of-way. Such signs shall neither exceed sixty-four (64) square feet in area or twenty (20) feet in height. The area of the sign may be increased to a maximum of ninety-six (96) square feet if the sign is constructed of natural materials in accordance with the provisions of section 13.0. All height measurements shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk or

the road closest to the sign. 7.6 A multiple family or mobile home development shall be permitted one (1) project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the Township Board. This sign may remain until the first uilding permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project Development signs shall neither exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area not eight (8) feet in height and shall not be located closer than seven (7) feet to any property line. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989 nded eff. Feb. 6, 1992

29.008 Section 8. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN OFFICE DISTRICTS, (O-1), AND MID-RISE (MRD) AND HIGH-RISE DEVELOPMENTS (HRD), GROUND SIGNS.

A. One (1) ground sign may be permitted for each developed lot or parcel. The sign shall not be located closer than seven (7) feet to any property line and to the edge of the pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way.

The sign shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in area, fourteen (14) feet in length and eight (8) feet in height as measured from the finished elevation of the sidewalk located along the right-of-way nearest to the sign. The area of the sign may be increased to a maximum of sixty-four (64) square feet if the sign is constructed of natural materials in accordance with section 13.0.

The ground sign shall be integrated into the landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for the structures on the site. Exceptions: One (1) additional ground sign may be permitted on

sites which meet one or more of the following conditions:

The site has frontage which is not an easement on more than one road; or, 2. The commercial, industrial or office development has more than

70,000 square feet of gross area and has frontage on at least one road of 400 feet. Under no circumstance shall more than two (2) ground signs be

permitted on the site. WALL SIGNS. Any development with one (1) or more buildings, shall he permitted one (1) wall sign not exceeding fifty (50) square feet in area. 8.3 PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT SIGNS. An office development shall be permitted one (1) project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the Township Board. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project Announcement signs shall neither exceed hirty-two (32) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height and shall not be located closer than seven (7) feet to any property line. (Ord. no. 120) eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amend. eff. Feb. 6, 1992; amend. eff. Nov. 3, 1993) 29.009 Section 9. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN ALL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS (C-1, C-2, C-3

9.1 WALL SIGNS/AWNING SIGNS. The total square footage allowed for a wall sign, awning sign, or a combination of the two in these zoning districts shall be determined by multiplying two (2) square feet by the linear footage of frontage of the building or legally occupied tenant space, but shall not exceed two-hundred (200) square feet per building or tenant space. Corner lots shall not be provided additional footage. When a wall sign is used in conjunction with an awning sign the total square footage allowed for both together shall not exceed the maximum square footage that would be allowed for a wall sign. 9.2 WINDOW SIGNS. Window copy, painted or otherwise attached to the

window surface, shall be limited in area to fifty (50) percent of the total surface of the window to which the sign is affixed. (This type of sign does not require a permit). 9.3 CANOPY SIGNS. Canopy signs shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in

total area and shall not project further than the canopy support structure. The minimum clearance shall be ten (10) feet from the average grade of the parcel on which it is located to the bottom of the sign: No permit is required for a canopy sign. 9.4 GROUND SIGNS.

A. One (1) ground sign may be permitted for each developed lot or parcel. The sign shall not be located closer than seven (7) feet to any property line and to the edge of the pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way.

The sign shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in area, fourteen (14) feet in length and eight (8) feet in height as measured from the finished elevation of the sidewalk located along the right-of-way nearest to the sign. The area of the sign may be increased to a maximum of sixty-four 64) square feet if the sign is constructed of natural materials in

accordance with section 13.0 The ground sign shall be integrated into the landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for the tructures on the site.

D. Exceptions: One (1) additional ground sign may be permitted on sites which meet one or more of the following conditions:

The site has frontage which is not an easement on more than one road; or. 2. The commercial, industrial or office development has more than

70,000 square feet of gross area and has frontage on at least one road of 400 feet Under no circumstance shall more than two (2) ground signs be

permitted on the site. 9.5 BILLBOARDS. Billboards shall be permitted in the G-I zoning district adjacent to limited access interstate freeways and shall not exceed one hundred sixty (160) square feet in area nor twelve (12) feet in height and set back a minimum distance of one thousand (1,000) feet from any right-of-way line. No billboard shall be erected closer than two thousand (2,000) feet from any other billboard. The structure of the sign shall be exclusively steel, and no wood or other combustible material shall be permitted. The sign shall not be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. No billboard in conjunction with a free ground sign as red in section 12.0.

9.6 TEMPORARY CLOTH OR CANVAS SIGNS, PENNANTS, OR BANNERS may be displayed for a period of up to four weeks within the calendar year that the first permit was applied for. Three (3) permits may be issued per calendar year. The total square footage allowed for a

banner sign shall not exceed what is permitted for a wall sign in section MENU ORDER AND SIMILAR DRIVE-THROUGH ASSISTANCE 9.7 SIGNS. One (1) such free standing sign not exceeding twenty-five (25) square feet in size shall be permitted per each legally valid "drive-through" type use. Further, said sign may only be located at the point of vocal communication with the main building.

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT SIGNS. A commercial or industrial development shall be permitted one (1) project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the Township Board. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project Announcement signs shall neither exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in

CANTON GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTY. A changeable copying/reader board may be installed in addition to what is permissible within Section (9) nine of this Ordinance. This provision is not applicable to size and location requirements. (Ord. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amend. eff. Feb. 6, 1992; amend. eff. May 28, 1992; amend. eff. Nov. 3, 1993; amend. Eff. Dec. 2, 1999) 29.010 Section 10. SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT IN

height and shall not be located closer than seven (7) feet to any property

AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICTS (RA, RR, RE). Each conforming agricultural or open space recreational use shall be permitted wall signs. The area of such sign shall be computed by multiplying two (2) square feet by the total linear front footage of the lding itself, but in no case shall the total sign area exceed two hundred (200) square feet. The sign shall not extend above the roof line or gable line, nor shall such sign project more than twelve (12) inches

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from the face of the building. 2 One ground sign for each developed lot or parcel where a conforming use exists, shall be permitted after the building and sign permits have been issued. The sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area, nor exceed eight (8) feet in height. Such signs shall be set back a minimum

of fifteen (15) feet from any property line. Producers of bona fide agricultural products as permitted within the RA, RR, RE zoning classifications and as further defined in the State Construction Code M.C.L.A. 125.1502 shall be permitted no more than two (2) off-premise ground signs. The signs shall be no larger than thirty-two (32) square feet in area and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height. The signs shall be located no less than seven (7) feet from all oad rights-of-way and one hundred (100) feet away from all other signs Each agricultural producer including, but not limited to, an individual partnership, or corporation, shall be permitted to establish and maintain such signs. The purpose of the off-premise advertisement signs is to permit the producer to make the public aware of produce for sale. The sign shall include the name of the producer, the type(s) of produce available and directional information to assist the motoring public in ocating the producer's agricultural area. Additional information may be indicated at the option of the producer. Such signs shall not advertise any products or services other than the availability of bona fide agricultural produce raised by the producer.

mits may be obtained for a maximum period of six (6) consecutive months in any calendar year. Permit applicants shall present a letter indicating permission has been received from the land owner of tax record to place said sign upon his or her property. In addition a cash bond shall be posted to guarantee removal of said signs. Said signs shall be removed

- within forty-eight (48) hours of permit expiration. GOLF COURSES Golf courses with frontage on two roads, each of which has a minimum road right-of-way width of eighty-six (86) feet. shall be permitted two (2) ground signs - one for each frontage. Each sign shall not be located closer than seven (7) feet from any road right-of-way Such signs shall neither exceed sixty-four (64) square feet in area or twenty (20) feet in height. The area of the sign may be increased to a maximum of ninety-six (96) square feet if the sign is constructed of natural materials in accordance with the provisions of section 13.0. All height measurements shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk or the road closest to the sign.
- 10.5 An agricultural development shall be permitted one (1) project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the Township Board. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed Project Development signs shall neither exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height and shall not be located close than seven (7) feet to any property line. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Feb. 6, 1992) Section 11. NON-CONFORMING SIGNS.
- The regulations established in the Zoning Ordinance under Non-Conforming Structures shall also be applicable to signs which exist on the date of the adoption of these regulations where such signs fail to comply with the provisions described in this section. The elimination of non-conforming signs is hereby declared to be a public purpose and for a public service. The Township Board may initiate proceedings and prosecute for condemnation of non-conforming signs under the power of eminent domain in accordance with Article 149 of the Public Acts of 1911, amended, being section 213.21 through 213.41 of the Michigan Compiled Laws or other appropriate statutes.

11.2 Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner or user of a nonconforming sign, or owner of property on which the non-conforming sign is located from the provisions of the Ordinance regarding safety and

maintenance of the sign. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989) 012 Section 12. REZONING SIGNS IN ALL DISTRICTS. Whenever an application for re-zoning or amendment to a Consent

- Judgement or Planned Unit Development is made, the following rements shall be met. 12.1 A four (4) foot by eight (8) foot sign shall be erected in full public view
- along road frontage at least twenty (20) days prior to a public hearing on the property which is the site of the re-zoning provided, however, the property to be re-zoned is situated on two streets or roads abutting the subject property, then two (2) signs, one for each road, shall be required. A permit and bond shall be required.

12.3 The sign shall read as follows: At the top of the sign, the words shall appear, "This property proposed to

be re-zoned", or other applicable language. The sign shall contain the name of the real party interested in asking for

a zoning change. The sign shall contain what the present zoning is at the time of petition The sign shall contain the proposed or requested zoning sought and amount of acreage involved (map with dimensions). e. The sign shall contain the proposed use of the land if the zoning is

The date and place of the public hearing on the REZONING 12.4 It shall be the duty of the petitioner to erect, maintain and remove said sign; removal shall be within three (3) days after the public hearing. 12.5 In the event that the Township determines the need to conside

REZONING certain land areas, the regulations of this subsection will not be applicable. The Township will endeavor to carry out the erection of REZONING signs as described in section 13.0. However, if agreemen cannot be reached with the property owner for the erection of the sign(s), the Township may proceed with consideration of the REZONING in

cordance with the other appropriate provisions of the Ordinance. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989) Section 13. CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNS WITH NATURAL MATERIALS.

Where it is indicated in this section that the area of a sign may be increased if natural materials are utilized in the construction of the sign the following regulations shall apply to such construction.

13.1 Only natural materials as defined in this section may be utilized in the construction of the sign. 13.2 The Building Official shall determine whether or not the constru-

materials proposed for use in any natural materials sign comply with the intention of the definition of "natural material". 13.3 A natural material sign may only be illuminated utilizing a light source

external to the sign. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989) 014 Section 14. PORTABLE SIGNS.

Non-profit religious organizations and other similar community nonprofit organizations may utilize a portable sign for the purpose of advertising the time and place of worship services or other meetings open to the public. Such sign may not exceed six (6) square feet in area or four (4) feet in total height. The sign shall not exceed two (2) feet in horizontal width. The sign must be located so as not to disrupt or create a safety hazard for pedestrian or vehicular movement. A sign permit is required. However, such portable sign will be permitted only if the nonprofit organization is not permitted other permanent ground signs on the subject property. The portable sign utilized by the non-profit organization may not be placed closer than seven (7) feet from any road ht-of-way. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989)

29.015 Section 15. GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS SPECIAL SIGNS. Gasoline service stations may display the following special signs which are deemed customary and necessary to their respective businesses. Sign

permits shall be required for such signs. No more than two (2) signs, each sign not exceeding nine (9) square feet in area, may be placed on a gasoline pump island for the purpose of

displaying gasoline prices. 15.2 No more than two (2) signs, each sign not exceeding nine (9) square feet in area, may be placed on a gasoline pump island for the purpose of designating "attendant served" or "self-serve" in accordance with

nee 102, Section 2. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989) 29.016 Section 16. DIRECTIONAL SIGNS. Signs not exceeding six (6) square feet which contain only non-

commercial messages including designation of rest rooms, drive entrances and exits, telephone locations and directions to door openings. Such signs shall require permits. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989) 29.017 Section 17. ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS.

In the event a violation of this Ordinance is noted, the Ordinance

Inspector will notify the owner of record and the occupant of said property of said violation. Such notice shall specify the violation, and the time within which the corrective action must be completed. This notice may be served personally or by mail. In the event the property is not in compliance with this Ordinance at the end of the period specified in the Notice of Violation, an Appearance Ticket may be issued. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Feb. 6, 1992) 9.018 Section 18. PENALTIES.

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Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a seanor, and upon conviction thereof, may be fined not more that five hundred (\$500.) dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days or both, upon the discretion of the court. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989)

29.019 Section 19. CONSTRUCTION NON APPLICABILITY, APPEALS. This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such mannen 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 reto; provided however, that where any inconsistency or conflict cannot be avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or onflicting provisions shall control and prevail. 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 in such appealed instance. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989 20 Section 20. REPEAL.

All ordinances or parts therefrom in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amend. off. Feb. 6, 1992; amend. eff. May 28, 1992 amend, eff. Nov. 3, 1993)

29.021 Section 21. SEVERABILITY. Should any provision or section of this Ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining provisions or sections. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amend. eff. Feb. 6, 1992; amend. eff. May 28, 1992; amend. eff. Nov. 3, 1993)) Section 22. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or effect any offense or act not committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amend. eff. Feb. 6, 1992; amend. eff. May 28, 1992; amend. eff. Nov.

29 023 Section 23 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication, (Ord. no. 120 eff. Dec. 28, 1989; amended eff. Feb. 6, 1992; amended eff. May 28, 1992; amend. eff. Nov. 3, 1993; amend eff. Dec. 2, 1999) ion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution recognizing the Mot

PCEP Marching Band. All aves present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to amend the bid award to Team Office Interiors for the purchase of work stations and furniture for the MIS Division by \$391.96 not to exceed \$23,496.96. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the Resolution for Final

Approval of the Tentative and Final Preliminary Plats for Warren-Lotz Industrial Park Subdivision All aves present. an by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the Resolution for Approval of the Preliminary Plan for Woods of Central Park Site

minium. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the sale of parcel 046

- therefor. All ayes present.
- J & R Farm Tractor Company in the amount of \$6,878 for Fellows Creek Golf Club, the funds which is budgeted in the Fellows Creek Golf Club
- Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approval of the increase to Purchase Order 20202 for the painting of the Canton Softball Center from \$7,700 to \$8,700, funds for which is available in the FY 1999 Canton Softball Center budget account #101-755-975-0000-Capital Outlay Bldg & Improvements. All aves present.

of a Clerk Typist I position for the Canton Softball Center, funding for which is in the FY2000 Canton Softball Center budget account #101-755-

current Continuing Part-time Clerk position and create and fill a full time Clerk Typist I position in Administrative and Community Services,

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of one (1) 2000 Ford F-450 with utility body from Jorgensen Ford at the cost of \$31,577 00, the funds for this purchase coming from FY1999 account #592-000-142-0000 All aves present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the bid award for the purchase of one (1) 25 KW WACKER G25 Generator to Colwell Equipment Company, Inc., 5755 Belleville, Canton, MI 48187 at a cost not to exceed \$14,575.00, funds for which to come from account #592-000

142-0000 Vehicles and Moving Equipment. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agreement with Wayne County to upgrade winter maintenance on an additional 8.75 miles of roads and authorize payment of \$37,367.00 to Wayne County, funding to come from FY1999 account #101-441-950-0000. All ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce, table and publish first reading of the Electrical Ordinance No. 77(C) for publication in the Canton Observer on December 2, 1999 . All aves present. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 77(C

ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE SUMMARY

RDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 77, ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY BY REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND AMENDMENTS AND RULES SET FORTH WITHIN THE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRIC EXAMINING AND APPEALS BOARD AND FOR ELECTRIC INSPECTION, PROVIDING FOR FEES FOR INSPECTION PROVIDING FOR RIGHT OF ACCESS TO BUILDINGS, PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENT OF PERMITS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, MAINTENANCE, SERVICE OR REPAIR, PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION, PROVIDING FOR RE-INSPECTION, PROVIDING FOR-CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDING FOR APPROVED MATERIALS, PROVIDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE L ···

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS

SECTION 1. This section amends Ordinance No. 77 as follows

Section 1. Short Title This sections titles this Ordinance as the "Electrical Ordinance"

Section 2 Definitions

Section 2. Dennitions This section defines "Apprentice Electrician", "Board", "Department", "Electrical Equipment", "Electrical Contractor", "Electrical Inspector", "Electrical Journeyman", "Electric Sign", "Electrical Wiring", "Fire Alarm Contractor", "Fire Alarm Specialty Apprentice Technician", "Fire Alarm Specialty Licensure", "Fire Alarm Specialty Technician", "Fire Alarm System" "Jobsite", "Master Electrician", "Minor Repair Work", "Municipality", "Outline Lighting", "Owner", "Sign Specialist", "Sign Specialty Contractor", Specialty Licensure", and "Related Sign Wiring"

Section 3. Adoption of National Electrical Code

This section adopts by reference the National Electrical code (N.F.P.A. 70 1996) as amended and NFPA 71.72.73, and 74 for fire alarm systems as approved y the ANSI and amendments, rules and regulations set forth hereinafter a the Electrical Code of the Township

Section 4. Electrical Examination and Appeals And Electric Inspection This section grants jurisdiction to the Electrical Examining and Appeals Board over the inspection of electrical installations, empowers the Board to ulgate and recommend rules and regulations concerning electrical work in the Township, and provides that the Board of Trustees shall appoint an Electrical Inspector

Section 5. Fees for Inspection. This section provides that the Board of Trustees shall establish fees for permits, license registration and examination

Section 6. Right of Access to Buildings.

This section provides that the Electrical Inspector shall have access to buildings in the exercise of his or her official duties and authority to connect electrical supply where such current is dangerous or may interfere with the work of the Fire Department.

ction 7. Permits. This section makes it unlawful to install, alter or repair electrical equinment without a permit, and provides that permits may be issued to Licensed Electrical Contractors, Licensed Fire, Alarm Contractors, Licensed Sign Specialty Contractors and a bona fide owner of a single family residence, no part of which is used for rental or commercial purposes.

99-0003-714 for \$116,000.00 to Carrollton Arms, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the documents Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the awarding of bid for purchase of a New Holland 759C Backhoe Attachment to the low bidder Capital Account #211-697-977-0000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the creation and filling 705-0000-Salaries. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the elimination of the which new position has been budgeted in the ACSDFY2000 budget account #101-175-705-0000-Salaries. All ayes present. A14(C)

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 onnie Brown of Dexter and Debbie Brunner of Los Angeles; brothers Hubert of California and Roy of Wisconsin; sisters Margaret Lomprey of Nevada and Theresa Cittman and Gertrude Schmelzie, both of Wisconsin; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

JACQUELINE A. "JACKIE" POWERS

'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

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Section 11. Approved Materials.

Park). She was a member of Our | grandmother, Lady of Good Council 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. Bowe of Plymouth, Jack Powers and Jeannie Pow-

Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or to

Local arrangements were

33, of Wayne were held Nov. 30 Services for Jacqueline A. | at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, with Mrs. Pamela Dodge of Ward Presbyte-

Memorials may be made to

the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Street, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446

made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. BRIAN P. DEIGHTON

Services for Brian P. Deighton

rian 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 b his mother, Donna. Survivors include his father, William A.;

one brother, William K. (Karen);

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Margaret Deighton; and two nieces and

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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 the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 485 S. Main First United Methodist Church and was a Boy Scout leader for 12 years, active in TOP 3. He graduated from Livonia Franklin | 82. of Northville were held Nov High School in 1967. He entered the Air Force in 1970, retiring in 1993 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 manage- nia. She enjoyed cooking tradiment from Webster University in St. Louis. He was employed by NCI Information Systems as a | dren and great grandchildren senior systems analyst and was a team leader.

He was preceded in death by is parents, Edward and Wilma Bradfute; one son, Robert John

Bradfute; and his father-in-law

aloud for the following:

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Betty Newton Survivors include his wife, Helen Bradfute of O'Fallon: one son, Everette Bradfute of O'Fallon; two sisters, Kay Arnold of Plymouth and Barbara (Grant) Danskine of Dunnellon, Fla.; two brothers-in-law, Hugh (Sally) Newton of Potsdam, N.Y., and Harley (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.

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 Livotional French dishes for the holi days and teaching her grandchil about their French heritage.

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

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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) Breant of Dearborn Heights; and three greatgrandchildren, 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 Funeral Home, Plymouth ENID SCHEPPELE

Services for Enid Scheppele,

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 n Gateshead, England, and died Nov. 26 in Plymouth. She

worked all her life with family and others in the greenhous 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 Ply-

mouth community in 1928 and

12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

was a member of First United Methodist Church in Plymouth She loved to bake, sew, and knit She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy. Survivors include her son, Robert (Esther Scheppele of Canton; two daugh ters, Betty Fick of Plymouth and Jean Scheppele of Plymouth; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grand children; four step great-grandchildren; two great-great grand children; and two sisters, Greta Hughes of Waterloo, Iowa, and Mona Miller of Glendale, Calif.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, made by the Schrader-Howell | MI 48170 or to a charity of choice.

Resident leads HFCC alumni

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

Petrarca, who lives in Canon, will be responsible for leading a team of nine board mbers

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 approve) 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 Chairma

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 Publish: December 2, 1999

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

<u>Section 10.</u> 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

Building Code, and the N.F.P.A.'s 71-74 for Fire Alarm Systems, and are

unless of good design and construction, and provides that devices and

sion, the regulations of the National electrical Code, the Township

makes it unlawful to use any electrical device or equipment

disconnect electrical service if found to be defectively installed.

deemed to be prima facie evidence of approved methods.

This section provides for underground 600 volts or less, and installation of nderground service condu Section 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the 35° District Court Building Authority

December 21, 1999, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read

FURNITURE INSTALLATION AND SETUP

NEW 35TH DISTRICT COURT

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with th

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 of December 14, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to Kerry K

Erdman, Court Administrator at (734) 459-4575 or at the above Court

address. Specifications are available at the 35th District Court

660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth MI 48170 until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday

35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY

If any section of this ordinance be declared void by legal actions for any reason, all other sections shall continue to be in force until specifically clared 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 amendmen

Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public nspection 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 amendments to Pool Ordinance No. 110 (C) for ublication in the Canton Observer Dec. 2, 1999. All aves present. irst Reading POOL ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 110(C)

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 NSPECTIONS THEREOF; ESTABLISHING LOCATION, FENCE AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR POOLS: PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 36; PROVIDING FOR THE APPEAL THEREFROM. AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF NCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 110 OF THE CHARTER OWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE SECTION 17.012. ADDING SECTION 7.019, AMENDING SECTION 17.031, RENUMBERING SECTIONS 17.033 .036 AND ADDING SUBSECTION 17.051(a) OF ORDINANCE NO. 110 ESTABLISHING DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF SWIMMING POOLS, ABOVE-GROUND/ON-GROUND POOL, BARRIER, HOT TUB, IN-ROUND POOL PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL (INDOOR AND OI TDOOF 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 esentative thereof who shall administer this ordinance. 7.012 DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATION OF POOLS This section

defines the terms, phrases, words and their deviations and classifications, to wit: "above"ground/on-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 PERMITFEES This section sets forth the authority to require yment 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 ents of workmanship and compliance with applicable codes.

17.017 INSPECTION This section sets forth the requirement and ition 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 enalty for unlawful o

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 isers or the public

17.031 SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS This section sets orth 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. <u>17.034 WADING POOLS</u> This section provides that no wading pool shall be

left unattended unless it is provided with a substant, al cover or is surrounded by a fence as provided in this ordinance. 17.035 TEMPORARY FENCE This section sets forth the requirements of a emperary fence, approved by the Building Official. 7.036 COMPLIANCE WITH FENCE REQUIREMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS

THERETO This section sets forth the that no pool shall have water placed in it until the provisions of this section are complied with and exemptions from the The Board will review the following types of appeals: Homestead, Hardship, Clerical Errors, and Mutual Mistakes of Facts No appointments are necessary.

1999 CITY OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE OF HEARING

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review

The Board of Review will convene on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1999 at

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact (734) 453-1234 x 222. MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN, City Assess Publish: December 2 and 5, 1999

sions of this section

7.041 HAZARDS AND SHAPE This section sets forth the requirement pertaining to hazardous projections or constructions, shapes of pool and

17.042 LIGHTS This section sets forth lighting requireme

17.050 DIVING BOARD OR PLATFORM This section sets for equirements pertaining to diving boards, platforms or hoppers for pools luding but not limited to, height, clearances, distances, water depth anchorage and compliance with applicable sections of the Construction Cod ion Rules of the State of Michigan, 1996 as amended. 17.052 DEPTH MARKINGS This section sets forth the requir deck markings on the deck or wall of the pool. 17.061 GENERAL This section sets forth operation and maintenand

requirement of pools and pool equipment. <u>17.062 SUPERVISION</u> This section sets forth that the pool shall be so supervised that safety hazards are not created. 17.063 RESCUE DEVICES This section sets forth the types of rescue

ices which shall be available within the pool enclosure 17.064 WATER RESTRICTIONS This section sets forth water use 17.065 DRAINAGE RESTRICTIONS This section sets forth water drainage

17.066 MAINTENANCE This section sets forth the standard of nents, corrections and penalties for violation thereto. 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 provision that 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 provision shall control and prevail; and if there is believed to be a affict between the stated intent and any specific Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals may in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provisions while retaining he intent, in such appealed instance. 17.080 PENALTIES This section sets forth the penalties for violations of

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. <u>17.100 SEVERABILITY</u> 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

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 Burdziak 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 aves

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 existing funds 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., Youngsville, 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 aves present.

ion 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 November 23, 1999. The fall text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on December 14, THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT Clerk

ent of electrical service conductors. The Charter Township of Canton. Section 1. SERVICE ENTRANCE CONDUCTORS.

equipment approved by recognized authorities, such as U.S. Bureau of Standards, Electrical Testing Laboratories, Underwriters Laboratories, or Statury Mutual, may be approved by the Electrical Inspector. Section 12 Maintenance of Records. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARD GOVERNING THE 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,

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. This section provides for the following definitions of adopted from Chapter A. Ins section provides for the contoring demittion of approved," "Board," 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

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 officer 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

Print Reading of <u>ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS</u>; <u>PLACEMENT</u> ORDINANCE NO. 78 (B) An Ordinance to regulate the location and

stallations, owner's notification to the inspection authority, refunds, transfer

Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS, PERMIT REGULATIONS, FEES.

f permit, and owner completing work started by contractor.

provisions of the Ordinance will remain valid. on 4. Repeal of Conflicting Or

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

Section 6. Effective Date.

regular business hours.

Sec. 1. GENERAL

Sec. 2. FILING OF PERMITS.

C. This section provides for Permit fee. Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

This section provides for the effective date of the Ordinance.

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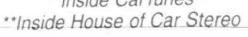


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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1999

Drug use Study raises serious concerns

in the paraphrase 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

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 respon sibility. 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

With 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-

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 that what 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 ome peanut butter and battery-operated nterns worked well during the snows of January 1999. They probably will do the same for the problems of January 2000.



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In praise of 'rivalry'

-44 " '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 flature 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. 'Ve live in the same community – my neighbors can go to Salem and I to Canton.

After a big Canton/Salem game bragging rites 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

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 coun-

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POINTS OF VIEW

Brighter days With Canton tree serving as beacon, the holidays beckon

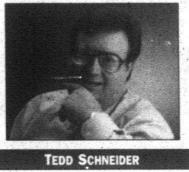
they threw the switch on Canton's Christmas tree Wednesday night, not a moment too soon. The annual tree lighting ceremony marks the real beginning of the holiday season hereabouts and serves as a welcome respite from the blizzard of sale flyers and live news reports from shopping mall corridors we've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

They - meaning the tree lighting "committee" headed unofficially by Debbie Zevalkink, 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

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 some thing 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 oliday, non-alcoholic beverages.

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



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 attend ed 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 Can-

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

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 iustice system and a poor memory.

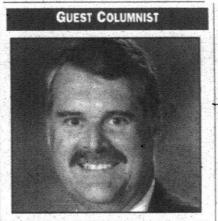
The main reason stated by the Observer in opposition to Senate Bill 525 (SB 525), which I sponsored, is that it would be unenforceable. This statement is wrong.

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 ov their actions

The penalty would be imposed simlar to any other type of probationary sentence. The court order banning an ndividual 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 sen-

tenced under this bill and subsequently arrested for another offense on a campus, the police would check the person's record and find the court



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 type of 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

The 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-

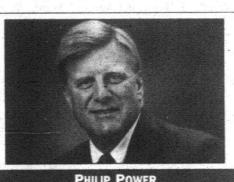
authentic candidacies of all sorts. Usefully, my dictionary defines authentic as, "Conforming to fact and therefore worthy of trust, reliance, or belief."

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 mayal 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



PHILIP POWER

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'

'Full disclosure, what could be a better cam-

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

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

In fact, political bingo fundtaising 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 Qak) 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.

"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."

paign finance reform than that?'

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

State Rep. Mike Bishop

"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.

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.

is seeking the Democratic nomination for prosecutor in the pri-

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

Ward, who has been chief

assistant prosecutor under Prosecutor John O'Hair for 14 years, mary election on Aug. 3, 2000.

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

POLITICAL FUND-RAISERS

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk©oe.homecomm.net

Wayne County commissioners have decided to let County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz continue to collect delinquent prop-

erty 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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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Do thinkin' before doin'

ately 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,

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

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

Choir tunes up for 'world tour'





BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

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 charce 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-alifetime 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 Touth Chorale to the

Inviting the Counsellor Touth 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

respectful in other people's homes. Cassie to be respectful in other people's homes. Then she told her that her

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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, "Yaknow, 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.

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 18150 or at her e-mail address: downsj@mail.resa.net.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

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.

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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

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER smason@oe.homecomm.net

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 Seouts 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 CARNEGE

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, 71/2, both of Canton, fill gift bags that were decorated by their classmates with clothing and other items for needy families at Plymouth Christian Academy.

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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 trou-

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 said. door-to-door sales of products.

such as pizza kits and cook- Christmas concerts: books.

"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 Theater

Another benefit concert is planned Monday, Feb. 14, also at the Penn. There, the chorale 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

Other upcoming events include

Dec. 16 at Our Lady of Good

Counsel Church, 1062 W, Church St. Plymouth Dec. 21 at Detroit Metropoli tan Airport in Romulus; a March 18 performance with Our Lady's adult choir and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and at Ply-

mouth'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.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

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 missi

"You get to give people things," he said. "It makes them feel happy because they never got Christmas gifts in their life." Matt's classmate Jaclyn Stothers, 7, of Canton, agrees, saying it was fun to make the bags because "you get your

hands all messy. While the younger students are honing their creative skills decorating the bags, it is truly a school-wide service project. Each of the 180 gift bags contains a pair of gloves, a cap, socks, a sweatshirt and an assortment of men's toiletries like soap,

poos and washcloths. The items were donated by students from preschool to sixth snack time to raise additional

people have needs. "Because it's a Christian school, that is something we want to instill in our young peo-Timing is everything. At Plymouth Christian Academy, November is "generosity" month.

The service project is an example of just that. The students are aware of its importance. Annie Mackenzie, a 7-year-old Plymouth resident, said the project is about "caring and helping

other people." "It's really fun doing it," she said. Parents have gotten involved as well. Plymouth resident Kathy Pol-

era is one of about 50 parents assisting in the organization of the service project for The Detroit Rescue Mission. She

Wrapping

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

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 eightday Jewish holiday, which starts at sundown Friday. However, the booths do have a silver print paper and blue ribbon to accommodate Hanukkah, birthday and

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 goes 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 The booths are open during

nity service project," she said. comes in to gather the items which have been donated by "We want them to be connected to the community and realize 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 it's 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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mall hours through Christmas Eve. The gift wrapping isn't limited to purchases made at the mall. Gifts can be brought in from other stores.

And in mid-December, the Scouts will be at Barnes and

Noble, Wal-Mart and Media "At Wal-Mart, we'll be wrap ping for donations only," said Bergendahl. "Sometimes, people give more when it's by donation." Scott, in her third year of

wrapping, has signed up for. seven shifts. Campbell plans to work five. As a coordinator, Bergendahl

has signed up for 28 shifts and is already scheduling more. "You have to enjoy gift wrap-

ping," said Bergendahl. "You have to be a people person," Campbell added. "There's times when I you don't enjoy it, but I enjoy being around people. It's a lot of fun.

"The funniest thing to me last year was a man telling me to 'Wrap the present, so it looks like I did it. It's for my wife."

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Knoll-Yack

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Daniel Edwin Knoll and Eliza-

beth Anne Yack were married

Sent, 18 at St. Michael Lutheran

Church by the Rev. Jerry

The bride is the daughter of

Thomas and Barbara Yack of

Canton. The groom is the son of

Edwin and Susan Knoll of Vas-

The bride is a 1992 graduate of

Plymouth Canton High School

graduate and a 1996 graduate of

the University of Michigan-Dear-

born with a business administra-

tion degree. She is employed as a

consultant for Triad Perfor-

mance Technologies in Farming-

The groom is a 1991 graduate

of Frankenmuth High School

and a 1996 graduate of Michi-

gan Technological University.

He is employed as an engineer at

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

Rvan Stowe served as best

Debra Taylor and Kenneth L.

Wood Jr. of Pensacola, Fla.

announce the engagement of

their daughter, Kimberly Sheree

Wood, to Stephen Robert Geisler,

the son of Allan A. Geisler of

Jaskolski as bridesmaids.

Wood-Geisler

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 adminis- Dearborn Heights. tration. He is employed as an Restoration and Building Co. in of Wayne.

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 Livo-

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 an 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 Col-

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- Crescive in Saline.

An April wedding is planned

Toyota Technical Center in Ann

planned at St. Paul's Presbyteri-

ing in Plymouth and MTI-

office manager at Vision at First Congregational Church

Dearborn and Sylvia H. Wells of Mooresville, N.C., both formerly of Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a cum laude raduate of the University of Alabama with a bachelor of arts degree. She is a senior at the University of Alabama School of Law pursuing a juris doctor Her fiancé is a graduate of

Henry Ford Community College and a summa cum laude graduate of George Washington University with a bachelor of arts degree. He will is a senior pursuing a juris doctor degree from Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala.



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

The couple received guests at the Italian-American Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They are making their home in Novi.



the University of Alabama A December wedding is planned at Holy Cross Lutheran

School of Law.

Kathryn Topolewski and husband Richard of Plymouth Township, Joseph and wife Lisa of Kendra. He retired from Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Detroit in 1989. Prior

Koss

Stitt Post.

Frank and Felicia Koss of Red-

ford are celebrating their 50th

anniversary with a Mass at St.

born Heights and a party with

close family members and

friends at the American Legion

The couple exchanged vows on

Church in Detroit. She is the for-mer Felicia Blocki.

They have five married chil-

and wife Mary of Grand Rapids.

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 Fur niture in Livonia for more than



ANNIVERSARIES

Sterling Heights, Patrick and to that he was employed at Pfeil wife Mary Kay of Redford, David fer Brewing Co. She volunteered to perform administrative ser vices at St. Albertus Church.

They currently are active as volunteers at Holy Cross Hospi-Dearborn Heights. They also tal and at St. Sabina Church have four grandchildren - Jen- His hobbies include gardening nifer, Christopher, Christina and and woodworking. She enjoys needlework and baking. Their primary interest is spending time with their grandchildren.



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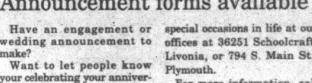


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WEEKEND

STORY TIME

Kindermusik presents Story Time with Miss Karen," Saturday, Dec. 4, at Little Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, and at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5220 or (734) 454-0178.

TOY COLLECTION

Mel's Golden Razor Annual Toy Collection will take place until Dec. 18 at 595 Forest, Plymouth. There will be new and used toys for needy and handicapped children for Christmas. Call (734) 455-9057 for details

CANTON GOODFELLOWS The Canton Goodfellows will be collecting toys and non-perishable food items until Tuesday, Dec. 14, to provide gifts and holiday food baskets for needy Canton families and senior citizens. The collection is now under way. Non-perishable food items needed include: Soup, canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese cereal, peanut butter, jelly, snacks, treats such as candy and gum, holiday dinner trimmings including cranberry sauce, stuffing/dressing, instant potatoes, gravy, Jell-O, oudding, cake mixes and frosting. Please don't gift

wrap toys as they must be sorted by age and gender. Donations may be dropped off at the Hanford Road Clubhouse in Sunflower Village, 45800 Hanford, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays

PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS The Plymouth Goodfel lows Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the incoming holiday season The Goodfellows Association exists to ensure that no child will miss the opportunity of receiving a resent for Christmas. Within the next few weeks. the Goodfellows will begin identifying families to are in need of help, or if you know of a family in -. need, please send the name, address, phone num ber and number of children in the family to: Plymouth Goodfellows Association. P.O. Box 700912, Plymonth. MI 48170. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfellows at the same address. The Goodfellows fund-raiser (selling the Goodfellows edition at area road intersections) will take place Saturday, Dec. 4.

GREEN'S MART The Women's National Farm Garden Club will hold a greens sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at 904 Ann Arbor Trail at Beitner's Store Front, Plymouth. Wreaths, swags and boughs will be on sale. There will also be a bake sale

PAPER SALE

The Plymouth Goodfellows will hold a paper sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the fire station behind Plymouth City Hall. Volunteers are needed to help sell papers Proceeds go to help Plymouth and Plymouth **Township resident families** with Christmas gifts and food for the holidays. Call (734) 416-9656.

SPORTS SALE

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its Annual Used Sports Equipment Sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Pheasant Run Golf Club Clubhouse, 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at this sale. Sellers can bring their equipment to the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Items will be priced and tagged for the sale on Saturday, Dec. 4. You set the prices. you get the money (Cantor Parks and Recreation keeps 15 percent). Volunteers will be on hand to do the selling, so you need not be present. You may collect your money or pick up your unsold items from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Call Canton Parks and Recreation

Services at (734) 397-5110 STRATEGY SESSIONS The Princeton Review will be holding free strategy sessions for students and parents on the SAT

and ACT. Sessions will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Summit on the Park, Canton. These are 90-minute sessions where students learn SAT and ACT test-taking techniques as well as valuable information on the college admissions process. Students and/or parents must call the Princeton Review to register for the strategy essions as seating is limited. For more information or to register, call 1-800-2-REVIEW

OPEN HOUSE/BAKE SALE The Canton Historical

Society will host its annual Holiday Open House and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, um is located on Canton center Road at Heritage Council. Call (734) 207-Drive. The bake sale will 3918. feature a "politician's table" with homemade treats donated by local politicians, Books on Canton history are available. Sweet Corn Series buildings are also on sale. These

include Cherry Hill Methodist Church, the Bartlett Travis House, the Canton Museum and the Seymour House. Parking is available at the rear of the museum. For more information, call (734) 495-

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW

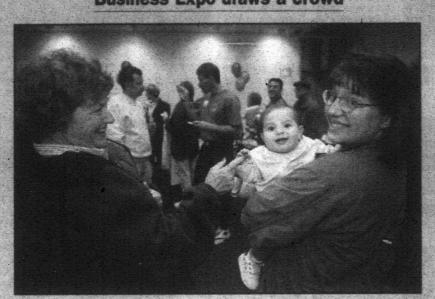
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There will be a "Holiday Doll Show" Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center located at 525 Farmer. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5, and \$2 for ages 4-12. The show features dealers, collectors and doll artists selling new, used, antique, **Business Expo draws a crowd**

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

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GALEND



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUR Friendly visit: Grace Morgan of Canton (left) visits with Amanda Barberena, six months, and her mother Kendra of Plymouth at the recent Old Village Business Expo at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

collectible dolls and doll accessories of all kinds. Call (734) 455-2110. CHRISTMAS MUSICAL The Promiseland Chil dren's Ministry of Canton Friendship Church will present the musical: "When Santa Bowed at Christmas" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Dec. 12, in the gymnasium at the Summit. This event is free. A nursery will also be provided in the Pines 3800.Room. Please join everyone for cookies after the hour

AROUND TOWN FXHIRI

show.

The Plymouth Communi ty Arts Council features "Spirit Earth," the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee, through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and weekends by appointment. (Dec. 17 through the holidays by appointment only). A reception to meet the artist is set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fr day. Dec. 10, at the Arts

BNI MEETING The Plymouth chapter of

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Additional info.

Business Network International will hold its monthly in all in an and a second

meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800. The Canton chapter of **Business Network Interna**tional will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday Dec. 10. at the Summit. 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323

MOPS MEETING

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453 5534

M.O.M. MEETING

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every second and fourth Friday of the vided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191. **ART & JEWELRY FESTIVAL**

■ Native West will celebrate its 10th annual "Holi day Art and Jewelry Festival" 3-9 p.m. Thursday,

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups

below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth,

Use additional sheet if necessary

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

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

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

NDA

Dec. 2; 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3: 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4: and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. The festival will include new art jewelry by Native American artists. The show will be held at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8838.

HOLIDAY DUETS

The Plymouth Communi ty Arts Council "Whistle Stop Players" children's theater group presents two holiday classics in duet. "Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates" by Mary Mapes Dodge, and "The Bird's Christmas Carol" by Kate Douglas Wiggin will be performed at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at the PCAC; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 4; and 2 p.m. Dec. 5 Tickets are \$5 for all ages. Call (734) 416-

4278CANDLE LIGHTING

L.A. Turowski and Neely-Turowski Funeral Homes will host a memorial candle lighting service at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. The public is invited to attend and pay tribute to a loved one. In addition to the candle lighting service a special presentation will be made entitled "Handling The Holidays," which will provide specific information about how to more effectively deal with grief during the holiday season Wes Baldwin, director of

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Pointe Care Counseling, will lead the presentation The service will be held at the Neely-Turowski Funer al Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 525-9020.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club has a new meeting place at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS The Entertainment 2000 Book is available from the Plymouth Community Cho rus to support the organization's educational and charitable activities. The book contains coupons offering 50-percent discounts at restaurants. hotels, cleaners, etc. The book covers all of southeastern Michigan. The price is \$40. The books are delivered to you, Call (734) 459-6829. The Plymouth Symphony League is offering the 1999 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The book is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling 453-3016. Copies are also available at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth. The Ultimate Entertainment Book is \$40, with all proceeds used to

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

DINNER/AUCTION

(734) 464-0369

464-1263 or Dolores at

The Plymouth Commun ty Arts Council invites you to "Escape To The Caribbean," the annual fund-raiser dinner/auction will be held at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11. 2000. Auction items will include trips, dining, cloth ing, furniture, and of course all kinds of art. Dance to the "Couriers." back by popular demand. Entrees to select from include beef tenderloin. stuffed chicken, or orange roughy. Tickets are \$55 per person (\$20 is tax deductible). Advance sale

tickets are only \$50 each if purchased before the end of the year. Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

ME & MY SHADOW New Morning School has openings for its winter 2000 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introductory class for 2.3 and 4 year olds and their parents. Parent and child par ticipate in music, play activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time. Two Saturday morning sessions begin on Jan. 15 and one Monday evening session begins on Jan. 17, 2000. New Morning is certified by Michigan Department of Education. For more information contact the school at (734) 420 3331. New Morning is located at 14501 Haggerty ust north of Schoolcraft

DISCUSSION GROUP

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

KIWANIS CLUB The Plymouth Kiwanis

Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road, Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782. NURSERY OPENINGS

Plymouth Children's

Nursery Co-op has a few openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. PCN has been establish for over 30 years and is committed to providing a nurturing envi ronment for children with supportive parent participation, Call (734) 455-6250 First Baptist Church of **Plymouth-Canton Kinder** musik still has openings for their winter session enroll ment. Call (734) 354-9109 Garfield Co-Op still has openings for children 18 months to 5 years. Garfield Co-Op is located in Livonia at Case Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road, Call (734) 462-0135

VILLAGE MUSIC

Village Music is register ing new students for Kindermusik classes beginning the week of Jan. 24. Kindermusik is music education and joyful learning fo the whole family, not just for young children. Call now for classes for newborns to 7 years old. For more information, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825. Early registration is encouraged.

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MILITARY NEWS

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BASIC TRAININ

Air Force Airman Casey-Ann R. Petty has graduated from basic military training at Lack- School land Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. Petty | Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Krueger sucis the daughter of Barbara Alexander of Plymouth. Marine Pvt. Donald P. Bohanner, the son of to challenge new Marine recruits both physically Glenn M. and Latoya B. Cotton of Canton, recent- | and mentally ly completed basic training at Marine Corps | He is a 1999 graduate of North Allegheny Senior

To submit your military announcement, send the | Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Bohanner suc- | High School of Alison Park. Pa. cessfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Bohanner joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country. He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High

Marine Pfc. David W. Krueger, the son of William E. and Margaret M. Krueger of Canton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps cessfully completed 12 weeks of training designed

GRADUATED

Coast Guard Fireman Melanie L. Hoffman the daughter of Gary E. and Diana Hoffman of Canton, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J. Hoffman and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's three core values, honor, respect and devotion to duty, and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct.

Hoffman will join 36,000 other men and women who are the Coast Guard's force. She is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. Seaman Stacy Sinke graduated from basic mil-

itary training from the United States Coast Guard Training Center at Cape May, N.J. She is currently stationed at Key Wesy, Fla.

She is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is the daughter of John and Linda Sinke of Canton. DEPLOYMENT

Navy Airman Ray C. Horton, the son of James 2. Horton of Canton, recently visited Jebel Ali. United Arab Emirates, while on a six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, home ported in San Diego. The 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joined the Navy in June 1999.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131. NEW WORSHIP SITE

Living Word Church is relocat-

ing its place of worship to Eriksson Elementary School on Haggerty, south of Ford Road, in Canton Township. Worship with Pastor Randy Duncan takes place at 10:30 a.m. For more

nformation, call the church at (734) 737-9566 or on-line at Liv-

ingWordChurch@aol.com CHURCH FUND-RAISER Clarenceville United Methodist Church is selling Entertainment passbooks to raise money for the church. The coupon books cost \$40 and are available by calling Jim Robinson at (248) 347-1535 or the church office at (248) 474-3444. NEW MILLENNIUM

"Can the new millennium change your life?" will be addressed by David Degler of Nashville, Tenn., at a public lec ture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the First Church of Christ,

Degler has a master's degree in ournalism from Ohio Universi-He also served in the U.S. Air Force in the information office. He is in the full-time practice of Christian Science healing. NEW BEGINNINGS

The topic for the Thursday, Dec. 2, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group, will e "Making It through the Holi-

day." The group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all

sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

MUSICAL PRODUCTION **Covenant Community Church** will present "Savior," the story of God's passion for his people, at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the church 25800 Student, Redford. The musical production is being a. ne in the spirit of the Messiah and they style of "Les Miserables." Admission is free. A nursery will be provided. For more information, call the church at (313) 535-

3100 CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will have their Christmas fellowship luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. , at Redford United Methodist Church, 22400 Grand River, Detroit. The cost will be \$5. The program will feature a Christmas reading by Jessie Mae Sanderson, an old-fashioned Christmas carol sing-along and the installation of officers. Participants should bring toothbrushes and toothnaste for First Step. For more information, call Edith Warson at (313) 538-7060. GLORY OF CHRISTMAS'

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

Tickets cost \$10 and are available by sending a check payable to Temple Baptist Church or by charge (VISA/MasterCard) to **Temple Baptist Church Ticket** Office, 49555 North Territorial Plymouth 48170. For more infor mation, call the church at (734) 414-7777, Ext. 600. Due to the length of the program, children under age 4 will not be admitted No nursery facilities will be available

SINGLE POINT

Ward Presbyterian Church will have First Call in concert at its Showcase at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall of the Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. The concert is free, however, a free will offering will be taken. For more formation, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920. ADVENT BREAKFAST

Doug Haugen, director of

Lutheran Men in Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will speak about "Men in Mission" at the 19th annual Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council's Advent Communion Breakfast Saturday, Dec. 4. The breakfast will be at 8 a.m.at Roseville Erin Presbyterian Church, 30000 Gratiot at 12 1/2 Mile Road, Roseville. Tickets cost \$7 and are available by calling the Detroit Presbytery

Office at (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin at (734) 425-3024. **BREAKFAST WITH ANGELS** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

will host a Breakfast with Angels 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday Dec. 4, at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The breakfast will help fami-

hies focus not only on Santa and presents but on the "presence" of Christ during the holiday season.Parents and children will share a morning of crafts, a spe cial breakfast and visit from the "angels" who were the first to announce the birth of Christ.

Jews celebrate the Festival of Lights Jewish families will come Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. He also ordered that the cen- sive night until on the final tral Jewish Temple be desecrat-

together this weekend to cele-

Lights

brated from sundown Friday, Dec. 3, to sundown Saturday. Dec. 11.

In Livonia, Congregation Beit latke party at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road A donation of \$10 per house-

hold is requested. For more information, call Elaine Gittleman at (248) 544-0674.

Congregation Bet Chaverim will celebrate Hanukkah at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. The cele-Hill Methodist Church at Cherry

Braun's Tree

For more information, call the brate Hanukkah, the Festival CBC hotline at (734) 480-8880. Hanukkah is celebrated for

Based on the Hebrew, or eight days and eight nights to rallied the Jews of Israel to join lunar, calendar, Hanukkah usu- commemorate the Maccabean ally falls in late November or victory over the Syrians in 164 during December. This year, the B.C.E. and the rededication of Jerusalem after its desecration. Antiochus IV, King of Svria,

tried to force the Jews to renounce their faith and customs Kodesh will have a Hanukkah and worship Greek idols. He became the champion of an intense hellenization campaign that reached its peak on the 25th day of Kislev in 167 B.C.E.

On that day, Antiochus decreed that any Jew caught observing the Sabbath, having the Torah or the Five Books of Moses in his possession, or in any way maintaining Jewish bration will be held at Cherry customs and not worshipping night of the holiday, with an Greek gods would be killed.

forces in opposing the Syrians and their decrees. When he died in 166 B.C.E., he asked Judah Festival of Lights will be cele- the central Jewish temple in Maccabee to continue the fight for religious and personal freedom. He did, ultimately defeating the Syrian commander-inchief and his forces in 164 B.C.E. When the Maccabees gained possession of Jerusalem, the began to cleanse the temple. According to the Book of Mac

ed and called Zeus Olympius.

Mattathias and his five sons

cabees, the celebrations to rededicate the temple started on 25th day of Kislev, picked to coincide with the third anniversary of the decree that led to its desecration. A candle is lit on the

Hanukkah menorah the first additional candle lit each succes-

night, eight candles are burning. Special prayers of praise and thanksgiving hymns are recited during every service over the eight days of Hanukkah. Gifts are given, and among the special foods prepared during Hanukkah are latkes, or potato pancakes, and jelly-filled donuts.

A favorite game played during Hanukkah is dreidle, a foursided top. A dreidle is spun and depending on the top letter showing, the player will either contribute to the kitty, take the entire kitty, win half of the kitty or pass. The "stakes" are usually nuts, candy or small amounts o change.

The four Hebrew letters on the dreidle are the initials for the Hebrew words "Nes Gadol Hava Sham," which means "a great miracle happened there.



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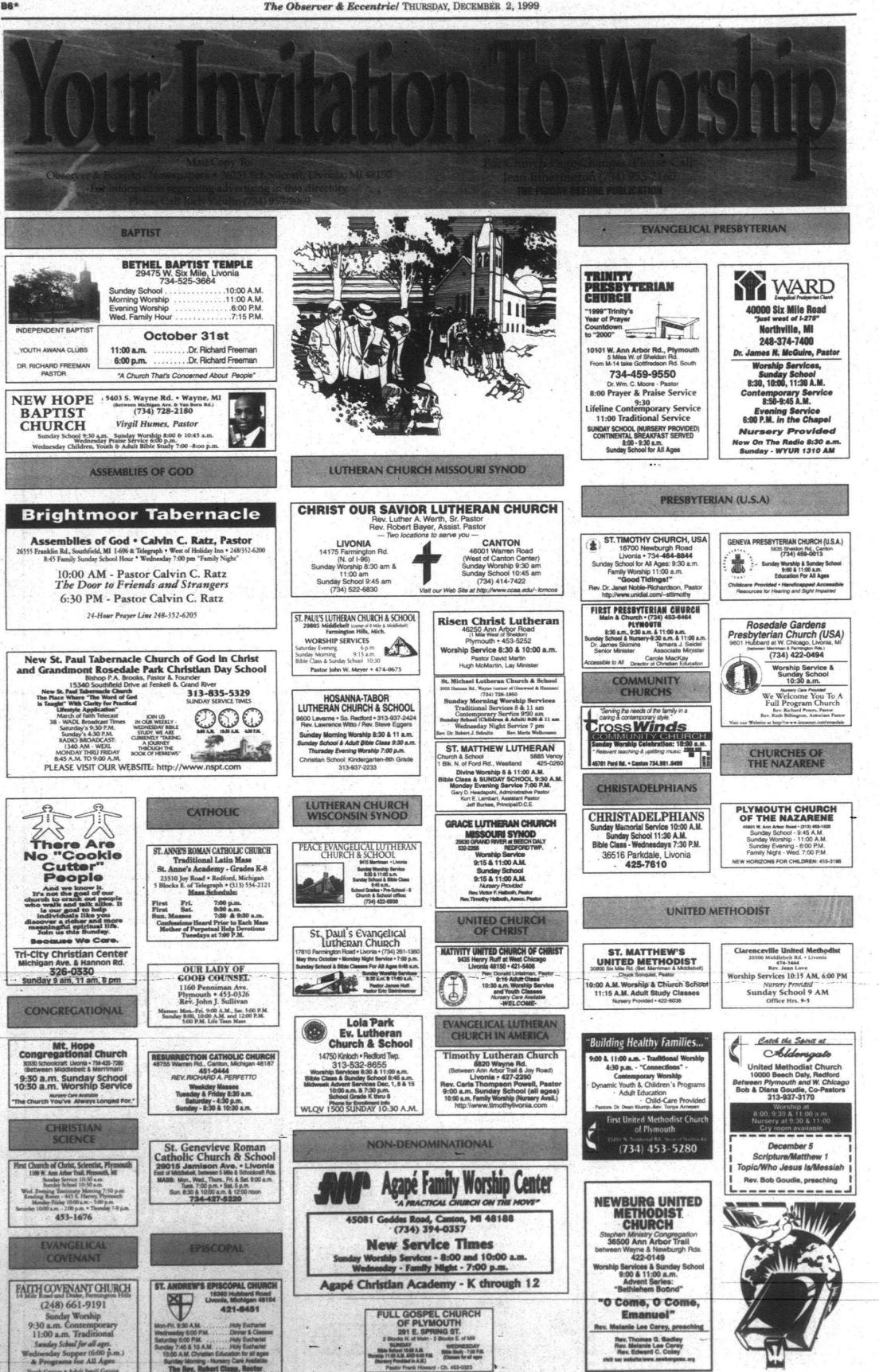
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The cost is \$5 per family plus one canned food item. For reservations, call Peggy Kalis at (734)

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-

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 Ensem ble, 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 \$16 respectively. For more information, call Fran Loiselle director of handbells at First United at (734) 453-5280 or

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

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 avail-

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-

SERVICE OF LESSONS

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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 follow ing the service For more information, call the church at (734)

421-7249.

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 remember "One Night in 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) 522-6830. Trinity Lutheran Church will have Advent supper and ser-

vices 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-

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 accoun-

port a summer work trip to

Appalachia. For ticket informa-

tion, call the church office at

(734) 422-0149.

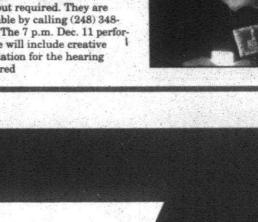
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tant who sorely needs Christmas cheer. A mysterious visitor, Bartholomew, challenges the accountant to learn the true meaning of Christmas and, like Clarence in "It's a Wonderful Life," takes the accountant on a

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 candle light 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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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Hunter honored

Ron Hunter, a sophomore wide receiver at Northwood/University from Plymouth Canton, was named to the all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference second team in football for the second-straight season.

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.

Cost is \$12 per session and includes ice time and T-shirt for each participant.

If interested call Mazzoni at (248) 960-0273 or (313) 592-3408.

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

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

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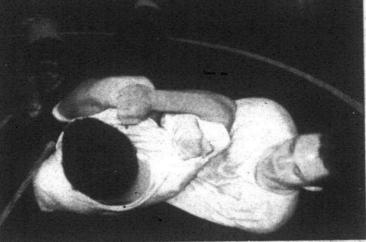
State-meet scorers lead Rocks

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

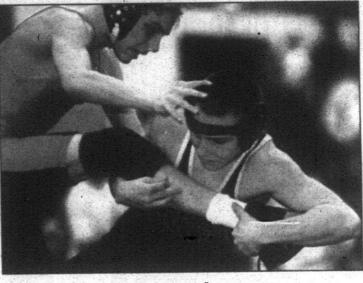
"This," Ron Krueger said, "is definitely my last year of everything." That is certain, because Krueger has already accepted his buyout and will retire from teaching at the end of the school year.

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

Now: as for that remaining Please see SALEM MAT. C3



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN 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.



A leg up: Salem's John Mervyn finished fifth in the state and won his secondstraight WLAA title last year as a junior.

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CANTON

Chiefs could make a move up in the WLAA standings

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

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 lateAll that was fortunately avoided, accord-

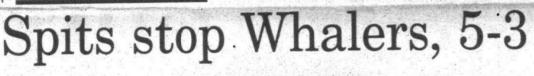
We're trying to put it all behind us," he

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

prise. "I think we have a good chance to be ven better than last year," he said.

fill: Gone are three wrestlers who combined

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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 leagueleading 28 games. Windsor is 16-6-1 and is second in the OHL's West Division with34 points, one behind the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. Plymouth is third

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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 advan-

tage to 4-1.

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.

Roh 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 Gooldy 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.



night practice sessions

ing to Canton coach John Demsick.

said

competitive ladder? Demsick thinks so, which is hardly a sur-

He may be right. There are some holes to

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.

Plymouth made it interesting by scoring twice in a threeminute 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-

Eisher put Plymouth on top,

Please see WHALERS, C4

Salem star picks WSU

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

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.'

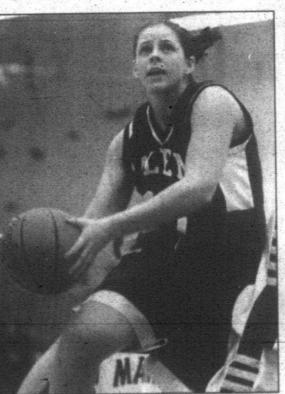
If that sounds like a lot of collegiate-level pressure to dump on a player who hasn't yet graduated from high school, well, don't worry - Grubaugh can handle it. For the past three seasons at Salem, she has been the main offensive threat, the type of player who can put points on the board in so many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

Please see GRUBAUGH, C2



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



Madonna splits, but loses top scorer

Madonna University's women's basketball team got off to a slow start at last weekend's Taylor University Tournament, but the Lady Crusaders managed to salvage a split in their two games in Upland, Ind.

Unfortunately, the off-court news was worse for Madonna. Kathy Panganis, a junior forward and the team's leading scorer thus far, suffered a torn

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knee and is out for the season. On Friday, the aforementioned slow start was all condensed into the opening half. Madonna fell behind Spring Arbor College 40-28 by halftime and could never recover, eventually bowing 71-

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Poor shooting wrecked the rusaders. They converted just 29-of-77 floor shots (37.7 percent); worse, they made just 3-of-14 three-point tries (21.4 percent) and were 2-of-7 from the

free-throw line (28.6 percent). The Cougars hit 28-of-67 shots from the field, and were 5-of-12 on threes (41.7 percent) and 10of-14 on free throws (71.4 per-

Madonna had the edge on the boards, outrebounding Spring Arbor 49-46. Lori Enfield led Madonna with

20 points and 13 rebounds, eight

was that she loved to be in pres-

So why WSU? "They offered

sure situations," he said.

Grubaugh from page C1

Canton) had 10 points and eight rebounds; and Carissa Gizicki had six points, five assists and

four steals. netted 10 points and five assists. cent) Lisa Watt contributed six points,

10 boards and four steals. That win, combined with their 86-83 triumph over host Taylor in the tournament final on Saturday, boosted the Cougars' overall record to 5-2. Madonna's

of them offensive. Chris Dietrich consolation victory Saturday added 12 points and four assists; over Olivet College, 74-61, left Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth the Crusaders with a 4-3 record. Shooting was again the key

factor in Madonna's win over the Comets, but this time it favored the Crusaders. They made 27-of-Spring Arbor was paced by 62 from the floor (43.5 percent) Kristin Denkert, who scored 22 and were 7-of-15 on three-pointpoints. Andrea VanderHorst ers (46.7 percent). They made added 15 and Karrie Howser 13-of-21 free throws (61.9 per-

Olivet was 18-of-61 from the floor (29.5 percent). Madonna led 35-28 at halftime. The Crusaders forced 17 turnovers in the game while committing 13 and had a slight edge in rebounding (43-41). They

also had 20 assists to the Comets 10, led by Gizicki with seven and

Dietrich with six. Indeed, it was an impressive performance for Gizicki, a sophomore from Riverview Gabriel Richard. She hit all seven of her floor shots (and her only three pointer) and all four of her free throws, made two steals and had just two turnovers. Dietrich added 15 points and Enfield had 14 points and 10

rebounds Olivet got 20 points and eight rebounds from Tascha Carr, 13 points and three steals from Christine May, and 11 points from Amy Strouse.



ahead of Stevenson

will be difficult, too.

replaced.

Steve Dendrinos, another senior who placed sixth at 130 at hard. Salem still has a strong lineup the WLAA finals last season, Sophomore John Early will be will move up to 140. "We have at 215. Early lacks experience, in the lower weights. Leading that group are returning WLAA leading Woochuk to believe he'll high expectations for him this year," said Woochuk. champs John Mervyn and Ron be better later in the year. Thompson, both having placed at After Dendrinos, the lineup is At heavyweight, there are "talented" sophomores, less set. Mike Pasternak, a. the state meet last season. said Woochuk. The best at the The two seniors will be hard senior with just two varsity matches to his credit, will be at moment is Zach Jensen. for anyone to beat at the 112 145. "He's another extremely While the Rocks are loaded in pound and 119-pound weight hard worker," insisted Woochuk. classes, respectively. Mervyn the lower divisions, there are as posted a 45-7 record last year, Sophomores Andrew Bennett many questions in the upper placing fifth at state at 112 and Phil Portellos and junior ones. They just might prove to be pounds, and is I21-27 during his James March will fill in at 152, better in tournaments than dual 160 and 171. Mike Popeney, a career.

Thompson "spent a lot of time senior, is the one experienced honing his skills" during the offseason, according to Woochuk. he'll be at 189. Popeney "saw a run at the league title. He was 48-16 last year and lot of action last year, and he'll

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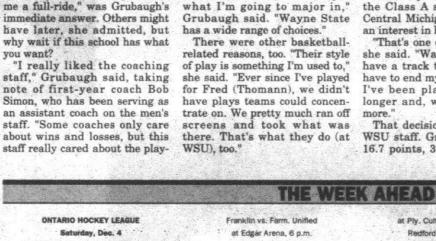
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Still, it wasn't an easy decision. Grubaugh won the state her choice. "I'm not sure yet title last spring in the discus at the Class A state track meet. Central Michigan had expressed an interest in her for track. "That's one of the sad things,"

WSU staff. Grubaugh averaged 16.7 points, 3.5 assists and 5.5 ward

rebounds per game this year; sh

she said. "Wayne State doesn't have a track team. I'm going to I've been playing basketball

That decision is OK with the

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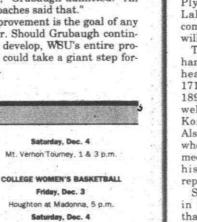
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have to end my track career. But longer and, well, I just like it

also led Salem in three-pointers. She knows the transition won't be easy, even though the Warriors will lose a large contingent of seniors (eight) after this season, opening immediate opportunities for newcomers. "I'm going to have to improve my defensive skills," Grubaugh admitted. "All the coaches said that."

Improvement is the goal of any player. Should Grubaugh continue to develop, WSU's entire pro gram could take a giant step for-



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Coach of year

Madonna University's Rick Larson was recently named 1999 National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Addidas Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year in women's soccer.

All-Region honors. Larson is one of eight recipients of the award nationwide. The honor qualifies Larson for National Coach of the Year Melissa Jacobs from the women's recognition, which will be announced Jan. 2000. Malewski, Stenphanie Uballe Larson led MU to a 14-6-1 and Kelly Artymovich from vol-

overall record, including a 9-4-1 mark in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Lady Crusaders finished third during the WHAC regular season and reached the confer-

assists in 23 games, often while marking the opposition's best player. Piraine, a sophomore, ence playoff championship scored a school record 25 goals Larson also earned WHAC

despite missing six games with Salem mat from page C1

levball

obstacle. Northville won the WLAA title last season, and did so rather handily (by 70 points). Salem placed second, 17 points

Catching up to the Mustangs teams like Stevenson, as well as Plymouth Canton and Walled Lake Western - two up-andcoming powers in the WLAA -

The Rocks won't be empty handed. True, they must replace heavyweight Charlie Hamblin, 171-pounder Jason Bedoun and well as Trent Jones and Jason Kozub, all having graduated. Also Greg Eizans, a 152-pounder meet but opted not to return for his senior season, must be

placed seventh at state at 112; he had a team-high 25 pins. At 125, another prominent senior returns: Rob Ash, who was 26-12 last season and is 61-22 for his career. Ash was a won't be easy. Staying ahead of regional qualifier last season I finished second in the and WLAA

Coach of the Year honors.

He is 17-18-2 in two seasons

Crusaders honored

Seven Madonna soccer and

olleyball players earned NAIA

Bell, a senior from Derry, Ire-

land, had seven goals and nine

Indeed, senior leadership will not be lacking with the Rocks. Lucas Stump, a senior who wrestled at 125 last season, moves up to 130 this year

At 135 another standout is back: senior Josh Henderson. 189-pounder Geoff Bennett, as who was 37-12 as a junior and boasts an 87-33 career mark. "He has a lot of leadership, a

lot of experience on the mat who finished third at the WLAA said Woochuk of Henderson

injuries. He was the WHAC Player of the Year. Sophomore goalie Barker (Livonia Stevenson) posted an 11-4-1 record in 16 games and stopped a penalty kick in Madonna's conference semifinal

win at Aquinas. Sophomore defender Jacobs Charlie Bell and Sam Piraine (Livonia Stevenson) repeated on were honored off the men's socthe All-Region team. She had six cer team, Jenny Barker and goals and three assists. Junior middle hitter Malewski soccer squad plus Brandy

(Redford Thurston) was the WHCA Player of the Year in vollevball as she led the Lady Crusaders in kills (603), digs (566), blocks (158) and block assists (417)Uballe, a senior outside hitter had 570 kills and 118 solo

blocks. Artymovich, a junior outside hitter, excelled defensively

see a lot of action this year Woochuk said. One of Popeney's problems last season is something Woochuk hopes can be addressed this year, and not just by him but the

entire team "A lot of guys paid too much attention to winning and not enough to wrestling," he said. "They lost their focus.

In other words, take care of the details and the major concern - winning the match -

will take care of itself A slew of younger wrestlers will be counted on to fill holes at 103. 215 and heavyweight. Woochuk has high hopes for

freshman Mike Goethe at 103: "He's the best freshman we've had since John Moran. His biggest talent is that he works

But there's certainly enough returnee in the upper divisions; talent and experience to make a

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The Canton Soccer Club will

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o win 90 matches last season. class), Rob Demsick, one of the coach's sons (160) and Jim Shelton (140) have all graduated. was 30-6 and Shelton was 28-12 in '98-99.

bit," said the Canton coach. "And seniors, but they were fabulous wrestlers and leaders, too."

Demsick isn't one to dwell on what he doesn't have, however. Canton will open its season onight in Monroe with plenty of talent to put on the table, and there won't be a shortage of experience, either.

"We have seven freshmen who were in the lineup last year back as sophomores," he said. "We're still going to be a young team. We'll have a tough row to hoe. "But we have a lot of people

out, and that's exciting Indeed, with the off-season problems associated with the program's future, it might be nsidered unexpected. But Canton has 37 out for the team this year: last season, the top number was 33. The Chiefs conclud ed the season with 27 wrestlers.

"We have a ton of sophomores

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Used sports sale

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and they're excited about the Kevin Stoňe (145/152 weight program," Demsick said. And yet, it will be left to the upperclassmen to lead the Chiefs to the promised land. That starts Stone was 32-4, Rob Demsick with the co-captains: John and Rothwell went 13-13. "I Pocock, a 135-pound senior who "You don't lose those kind of

struggled with a shoulder injury last season but still posted a 22wrestlers without mourning a 7 record; Kyle Pitt, a 103-pound iunior who posted a 28-10 mark not just because they were as a sophomore: and Joe Faraoni, a 145-pound junior who filled positions in the upper weight divisions and still went

> "John was a regional qualifier as a sophomore," noted Demsick of Pocock. "We're really counting on him this year. "

Pitt "is so strong, so solid," said Demsick. "He had a good year last year, but he looks even better now.

those guys who never turned ern Division. "I don't see that down an opportunity. "He weighed about 140, and we'd tell him the only opening we have is at 152 if he wants it, and he'd say, 'Sure coach, sure," Demsick recalled

Among the sophomores to watch are Greg Musser, a 125pounder last year who will move up to 130; Doy Demsick, another

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of the coach's sons who is moving from 112 to 119 this season; and Phil Rothwell, a 189-pounder

As freshmen, Musser went 24-10. Demsick posted a 24-14 mark never expected them to come in as freshmen and do so well." said the Chiefs' coach. To remain competitive in the

WLAA, they'll have to keep improving. At Monday's meeting for the conference coaches, the outlook hardly sounded impressive, but Demsick knew better.

"Everyone bemoaned how bac their team was," he said, "They never want to sound overconfi dent

Still, Demsick figures some well-known wrestling powers will remain the teams to beat Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson in the WLAA's Lakes Division and Walled Lake West-As for Faraoni, he was one of ern and Northville in the Westchanging much," said Demsick.

> But what about Canton? Where will it fit in? "As I said, we're still a young team." Demsick said. "But we are a bit more experienced. We do have our work cut out for us."

Should the Chiefs put in the work, the rewards could be sig nificant

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varsity last year," Coach Mike

Rodriguez of Catholic Central

said. "He went down to Ohio last

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.

assists; Heraghty, Mike Frayne,

PREP HOCKEY Scott Salomonson 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 Ross Patterson had two higher, it just seems to fall

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played well, all things consid-

Dan Valentine and Mark Nagel scored the Salem goals. Andrew Peters and Brad Proodi an 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.

"I'm really happy we've got Farmington has a big WLA him for two more years. He's game Friday with Livonia going to have to lose a couple of Franklin at Eddie Edgar Arena pounds to get down to 275, in Livonia. Faceoff is at 6 p.m. 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.

assists from Gooldy and Kris

Vernarsky. The Petes tied it at

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7:11 elapsed in the period.

out junior Matt Williams for a week or two. The 215-pounder

Success is a relative thing for

Mike Rodriguez said. "His father moved back so he could go to school here."

ing his father and helping coach his son, was a state championship wrestler in his time at

brother Blake will be wrestling at 189 pounds for the Shamrocks. Junior Jason Hilliker is at

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

Rodriguez said. "And at 152 is Sean Bell, a state qualifier." Bell was third in the Observer-

Catholic League. Jason Abshire (yes, John's brother) is a 145-pound sophomore on the team while fresh-

Sophomore Paul Hagan is at 125 and freshman Tim Mulroy

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

"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 back."

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

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scoring at the 2:41 mark with Whalers chosen

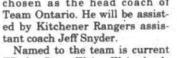
Members of the Plymouth Whalers will have quite a prominent position in the upcoming World Hockey Challenge Tournament, which features under-17 teams from five regions in Canada, the U.S., Slovakia, Russia, the Czech Republic, Russia

and Finland. Steve Sprott, the assistant coach and assistant general manager for the Whalers, was

chosen as the head coach of Team Ontario. He will be assisted by Kitchener Rangers assis-

Whaler Steve Weiss. Weiss leads Plymouth in scoring with eight goals and 19 assists for 27 points.

The tournament runs Dec. 28-Jan. 3, with Team Ontario opening against Slovakia Dec. 28 in New Liskeard, Ont.





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Gooldy's game-winner came 10:15 later, with Steve Morris and Damian Surma assisting. Mike Pickard made 32 saves in goal for Peterborough. Zepp faced 19 shots for Plymouth. stopping 18 of them.

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

"He's from Grand Rapids,"

"There's some strength there,"

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man Mike Siwicki will wrestle at

state power Davison.

Hawks.



rison 17-14.

Harrison 35-28. Harrison 42-28

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Editor's note: Harrison had to forfeit its first two victories for having used an ineligible player.

year when Casey had a bad knee the Shamrocks as several of Rodriguez's competitors are brothers - or sons - of Catholic Central wrestlers. Rodriguez's pride is freshman

Nathan Rodriguez - his grandpounds

David Rodriguez, now assist-

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

sure no one forgets Redford Catholic Central's state champi-Parr spent his freshman and

nucleus." sophomore seasons with the Catholic Central will be with-Shamrocks as Rogowski's desig-"He went 19-3 on the junior

suffered an ankle injury in practice Nov. 29 and will be replaced temporarily by Andy Conlin, who moves up from 189 pounds.

Redford Catholic Central.

son - who will wrestle at 135

at 119.

Make that 10! Harrison edges Creston in Division III final for 10th title

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championship game.

what Farmington Harrison there, but they open it up." scored to defeat Creston, 42-35, Silverdome. "Be careful what you wish for,"

McEwen said. "They had the 42 and we had 35."

In what was the most entergame of the state-finals week- attempts for 153 yards. end, the Hawks more than Bears to win their 10th championship.

for most state titles, which it Herrington, however.

fying, because we didn't think ning plays for 153 yards. we'd be in the playoffs," Herrington said, adding the Hawks had just one starter back from last year's undefeated team and were 2-4 at one point.

The Hawks anticipated an offense-dominated game and had a hard time stopping the Polar Bears (12-2), who found it even more difficult to shut down the

The teams combined for 753 yards in total offense, and there were five lead changes. The outcome wasn't decided until Creston guarterback Carlton Brewster's Hail Mary pass on the

SUMMARY

DIVISION 3 STATE FINAL FARMINGTON HARRISON 42 GRAND RAPIDS CRESTON 35 Nov. 27 at Pontiac Silverdome SCORE BY QUARTERS

F.H. Herrison 10 17 8 7 - 42; record: (10-4) G.R. Creston 7 14 7 7 -- 35; record: (12-2) SCORING SUMMARY First Quarter

10:07 Creston - Andrew Terry 1 run (Odene Pringle kick), 5 plays, 49 yards, TOP 1:53, Creston 7-0. 07:01 Harrison -- Kris Wong 27 field goal.

8 plays, 48 yards, TOP 3:06, Creston 7-3. 02:01 Harrison --- Kevin Woods 2 run (Kris Wong kick), 8 plays, 41 yards, TOP 3:52, Harrison 10-7

Second Quarter 11:52 Creston - Andrew Terry 25 run (Odene Pringle kick), 4 plays, 79 yards, TOP

2:09, Creston 14-10. 08:53 Harrison - Kevin Woods 1 run (Kris Wong kick), 6 plays, 68 yards, TOP 2:59, Har-

05:28 Harrison - Kevin Woods 3 run (Kris Wong kick), 5 plays, 34 yards, TOP 2:22. Har-

02:16 Harrison - Kris Wong 26 field goal. 6 plays, 43 yards, TOP 2:11, Harrison 27:14. 01:25 Creston - Lanard Latham 30 pass from Cariton Brewster (Odene Pringle kick), 4 plays, 46 yards, TOP 0:51, Harrison 27-21

Third Quarter 09:33 Creston --- Lanard Latham 11 pass from Carlton Brewster (Odene Pringle kick), 6 plays, 80-yards, TOP 2:27, Creston 28-27. 03:20 Harrison - Kent Taylor 3 run (Kent Taylor pass), 10 plays, 68 yards, TOP 6:13.

Fourth Quarter 09:56 Harrison - Kevin Woods 10 run

(Tim Doig kick), 7 plays, 51 yards, TOP 3:01. 07:00 Creston - Richard Gifl 56 pass from Caritori Brewster (Odene Pringle kick), 10

plays, 71 yards, TOP 2:56. Harrison 42-35. Saturday total attendance: 32,684: two

SEASON TOTALS

FARMINGTON HARRISON (10-4) Oxford 17, Harrison 14, OT Harrison 35, W.L. Central 12 Harrison 56, Livonia Churchill 6 Harrison 38, Northville 7 Harrison 42, Livonia Franklin 0 W.L. Western 21, Harrison 12 Harrison 35, Plymouth Canton 0 Harrison 10, Livonia Stevenson 0 Harrison 17, Country Day 13 **Division 3 playoffs** Harrison 49, B.H. Andover 0 Harrison 47, St. Clair 14 Harrison 14, Flint Powers 0 Harrison 24; Monroe Jefferson 20 Harrison 45 G.R. Creston 35 Harrison 438, opponents 145

plete in the Harrison end zone. Grand Rapids Creston football team plays," Herrington said. should (in earlier games). coach Charles "Sparky" McEwen "We thought it would be a widefrom the West Side of the state. He was right! That's exactly they like to slam the ball in

Brewster attempted a statein an exciting, offensive shootout finals record 29 passes, complet-Saturday night at the Pontiac ing 15 for 256 yards and three touchdowns, but he also threw two costly interceptions. Harrison senior quarterback

Lou Hadley countered with another fine passing perfortaining and highest-scoring mance, hitting eight of 13 "I was a little surprised they

matched the pass-happy Polar passed the ball as well as they thing less from Farmington Har-Harrison (10-4) tied the record rison," McEwen said. Harrison senior tailback Kevin lead.

now shares with Detroit DePor- Woods ended his career with a But the Hawks came right lowed a 26-yard TD run by Terry was their offense," McEwen said. res. Nobody has coached more big game, too. His four rushing back to put points on the board that put Creston on top, 14-10.

"A lot of people said I couldn't

final play of the game fell incom- run in big games," Woods said. "I they scored early, that we could side. Coach thought that was the sion, but Brewster's fourth-and didn't perform up to what the go down and score, even though weaker side of the defense." "I admire the way Sparky's team and coaches thought I we only got a field goal," Her-"I wasn't necessarily scared;

predicted it would take 42 points open game. They play a pro other teams key on me a lot. to win the Division III state offense. When we play teams Today I just went out there; gave me the ball."

> Woods was being modest. "It was hard to run on Walled Lake Western, but not too many the wideout, Nelson has a good

could tell today (Woods) was to him. He looked out there and running as hard as he could." The game began with a surprise, an indication of what was by senior Ryan Coyle and Nelson 42-28 lead early in the fourth in store, when Creston recovered

The Polar Bears scored five did, but we shouldn't expect any- plays later on the first of two TD Creston defense on the off-tackle mage for a 3-yard TD run, and runs by all-state running back play all night, had consecutive Woods made his record-tying TD Andrew Terry for a quick, 7-0 TD runs of 2, 1 and 3 yards in run from 10 yards.

winners than Harrison's John touchdowns and 24 points tied a with the first of two field goals pair of records. He carried the by senior Kris Wong, who had them, they stopped everyone in knew Farmington Harrison "This is one of the most grati- ball on 33 of the team's 45 run- first-half makes from 27 and 26 the red zone," Woods said. "On could score a lot of points."

yards.

BEST DEALS

rington said. "I knew we could stay in the game."

coach called the plays, and they Nelson passed to wide-open Lanard Latham, who had eight junior Chris Roberson for a 41-Herrington interjected, saying yard gain on a fake punt.

rington said. "If they don't cover people have," He said. "You arm and knows to throw the ball saw he wasn't covered."

Harrison turned interceptions into short scoring drives, coveran onside kick at the Harrison ing 41 and 34 yards for a 24-14 advantage.

the first half. The last two fol-

three of my touchdowns, we ran Harrison apparently had Cre- and we were playing a legendary "It made me feel good, after the same play to the same (left) ston stopped on its next posses-

14 with 2:16 left in the half but still to play

Creston closed to 27-21 at halfcatches for 171 yards.

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

But the Hawks scored on their next two possessions to take a clock. His final pass was batted

outside when he could go sure," Herrington said. "We

"I thought the best defense "In the second half, they kept

16 pass resulted in a 56-vard TD Wong's second field goal by Richard Gill. That made the increased Harrison's lead to 27- score 42-35 with seven minutes

The Hawks failed to get a first down on either of their last two possessions, and the Polar Bears had the ball at their 20 with 57 seconds remaining after a 45-28-27, with an 80-yard drive to yard attempt by Wong was

> Brewster completed four of seven passes and scrambled 18 yards to put the ball on the Har rison 39 with :01 left on the out of the end zone, ending an exciting, suspenseful game.

> "It was certainly never fo needed to go down and make a couple first downs and we didn't do it. That (Creston) offense can score from anywhere on the field. It was in doubt until the last play of the game."

"At this time, our kids feel real bad; they came out and fought very hard," McEwen said. "We knew it would be a tough game. program.

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Gate space at Metro Airport may double with renovations

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

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 \$2.3million 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



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 two new gates, while Southwest 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.

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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-squarefeet of high-tech workspace, one conference room and a cyberconcierge (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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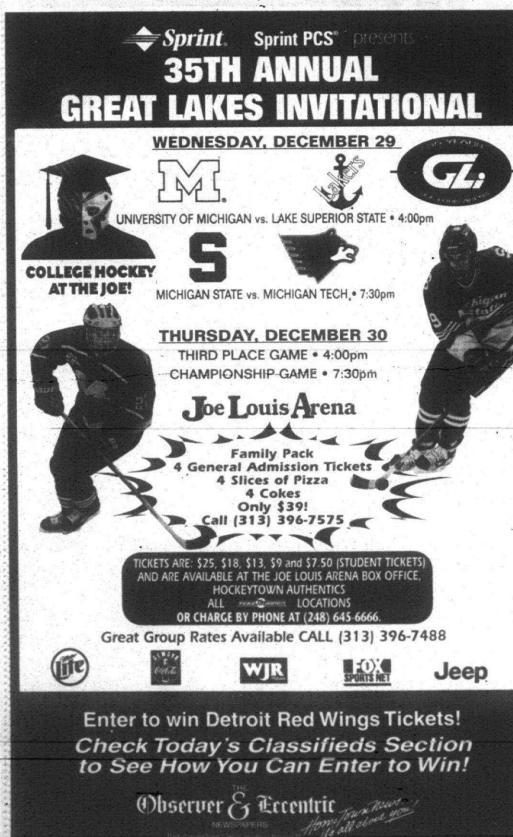
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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

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(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 Tem-ple Emanu-El, 14450 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Tickets \$10 for Jewish Community Center members, \$15 for non-members, call (248) 967-4030.





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



Starry Night: The Cantata Academy light up Detroit's University Cultural Center with song on Noel Night.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lchomin@oe.h

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

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 Mullet, 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.

"Noel Night"

WHAT: The 27th annual event rings in the holidays with carolers, street theater, handbell ringers, choirs, a treelighting ceremony, singa-long, and horse-drawn carriage rides. WHEN: 5-9:30 p.m. Sat

urday, 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.

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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 5111 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

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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-

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 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 Grunyons, 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.

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.

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 Grun-, ons and Spartan Dischords, take a horse-drawn carriage ride, watch as Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer lights the trees then join in the community singalong. 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

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.

garage on Farnsworth east of Woodward. Free shuttles run continuous ly throughout the evening

mony 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

Ave

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

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 crowdpleasers 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-ditties 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 yearand-a-half ago.

But she auditioned and got the role



Spoot: The cast of "Forbidden Christmas" bring hilarious vuletide cheer to the Century Theatre.

Please see HOO-HA, E2

Local dancers step to annual 'Nutcracker' tradition

The Observer & Eccentric/Thursday, December 2, 1999

As common as holiday songs, shopping and anticipation of snow are the annual productions of the "Nutcracker" ballet, and performances of Handel's Messi-

OLIDAY EVENTS

Professional, community and student dance companies all participate in the perennial tradi-

The following is a list of current and upcoming productions "The Nutcracker."

The Harlem Nutcracker," choreographed by Donald Byrd - 3 & 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, Detroit Opera House, Madison Avenue at Broadway, Detroit. (800) 221-1229

Michigan Ballet Theatre with guests from American Ballet Theatre - 2 & 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, Lake Orion High School Center for the Performing Arts, 455 East Scripps Road, Lake Orion. (248) 652-3117

Michigan Classic Ballet - 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, Mercy Auditorium, Farmington Hills. (248) 334-6964

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Thursday, Dec. 9 to Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. (313) 576-5111/(313) 874-SING. Contemporary Civic Ballet -

3:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 11-12, featuring local dancers from tri-county area, and New York City ballet soloist Arch Higgins. Kimball High School Auditorium, east of Crooks, north of 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. (248) 641-9063.

Livonia Civic Ballet, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Clarenceville High School Audi-torium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$13, \$10 seniors/students, \$8 ages 5-9. (734) 427-

9103 Livonia Symphony Orchestra with Dearborn Ballet Theatre, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with Plymouth Can-

with Ballet Internationale ton Ballet Company, 2 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 9 to Sunday, Dec. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Plymouth Salem High School Audi torium, 46181 Joy Road and Canton Center, Canton. \$17 adults/seniors, \$10 students K-12, and \$5 Sugar Plum Teas that follow Saturday-Sunday matinees. (734) 451-2112. The following is a list of cur-

rent performances of Handel's

Fort Street Chorale - 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort St., Detroit. (313) 961-4533 The UMS Choral Union per-

forms 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538 . The Detroit Symphony Orchestra with the University of Michigan Chamber Choir and select vocalists - 3 p.m. Satur

day-Sunday, Dec. 4-5, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$15 to \$68, call (313) 576-5111.



Variation: Choreographer Donald Byrd has transformed the holiday ballet classic into a celebration of African-American culture, featuring Duke Ellington's arrangement of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite.

Hoo-Ha from page E1

anyway and the chance to play Barbra Streisand and Tiny Annie, whom she recreates for this show; along with Doris Day, Mary Martin as Peter Pan, Judy Garland, Liza Minnelli, Kathie Lee and Pokemon - that round, huggable barrel of yellow felt and foam, Pikachu.

Got bless you everyone **Favorite character**

"Tiny Annie is my favorite

character because she's so ridiculous. I'm shameless," said Willinger. "Usually as an actress, you have to be truthful, honest and in the moment, but here, I make it broad and over-the-top.

"Sometimes, when I come off stage after being Pokemon or

so glad I went to graduate school for this.' But it's truly a lot of fun. It's a great exercise in concentration.

Super-quick costume and character changes (more than 15) could cause deja vu for Willinger, who learned to appreciate the

miracle of Velcro when she opened the Gem season in "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" in its new location at 333 Madison Avenue. When Willinger first per formed in "Forbidden Broadway,"

it was at the original Gem location at 62 East Columbia. In October of 1997, the Gem The atre embarked on a five-and-ahalf-block move which resulted



者.

Tiny Annie, I joke to myself, Tm in being entered in the Guinness at Harrison High School in Book of World Records as "the heaviest building moved on wheels. Was it weird performing in the

same theater but a different location "At first it was bizarre," Will-

inger remembers. "I kept heading for the dressing room, but ended up at the wall. There was no door where there used to be doors."

Understudy

Performing at the Gem has opened new doors for Eric Gutman who, along with his parents. Howard and Karen Gutman, petitioned to bring back the dormant musical theater program Farmington when Gutman was a student there. After graduating with a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater performance from Western Michigan University in April 1999, Gutman was all packed and ready to do summer stock in Indiana before relocating to Chicago. Then he got the call from a friend who had recommended Gutman for an understudy role in "Forbidden Hollywood."

"My whole life got flipped upside down in a matter of six days," recalls Gutman, who turned 22 on Nov. 23. "I graduat ed on April 24, 1999, saw 'Forbid den Hollywood' on the 28th and got hired on the 30th."

As the understudy in "Forbidden Hollywood" and "Forbidden Christmas," Gutman covers for both male roles (currently played by Lance Roberts of Los Angeles and Kevin McGlynn of New York) and gets to play Whoopi Goldberg, Frank Sinatra, Louie Armstrong and even Tevye from "Fiddler on the Roof," who longs to get into the Christmas act by singing "If I Were a Gentile" (a role that the nice Jewish Gutman is sure to have down pat). Though he's already gone on 42 times, Gutman is required by contract to watch the show two times a week and be on call. Have cell phone, pager and home phone, will travel. As should you, straight to "Forbidden Christmas," Bah humbug,

HOLIDAY **ART SHOWS**

ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART FAIR

The 29th annual fair takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec 12 at Oakland Community College, Building H, Farmington Hills. (734) 662-3382.

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Weekends of special holiday sales. The "Small Works" fine an sale runs through Thursday December 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. The pottery sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 9 to 11. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. in December, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham (248) 644-0866

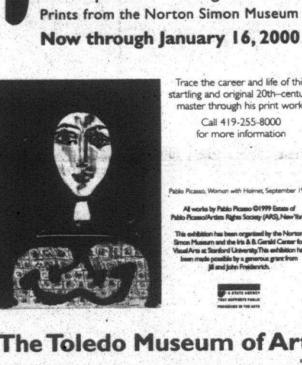
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SPECIAL WRITER

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of live theater.

had never lived. First-time director Kristin Curle has assembled a large and times he was right on target enthusiastic cast. The chorus with his characterization, but at made the most of their roles, and times he lost his commanding in every crowd scene each person presence and merely delivered was in character, lending their own individual vignette to the overall mood of the production. ing Henry Potter, and one would-

A Christmas classic takes George Bailey to the stage

day classic "It's A Wonderful Life" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4, at the Watertower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Tickets \$10, \$7 students ages 18 and under. Call (248) 349-7110 or visit their Web site at www. causeway .com

BY SUE SUCHYTA

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of James W. Rodgers' holiday classic, "It's A Wonderful Life" is an adaptation of the Frank Capra film, based on the story by Philip Van Doren Stern. It follows the film closely, with simpler sets but the immediacy

It's Christmas Eve 1945, and George Bailey, the owner of a small-town savings and loan devastated by an impending financial disaster, is on the verge of taking his life. As he crouches on a bridge ready to jump, Clarence, an angel intent on earning his wings, reminds him, through a series of flashbacks. how different life would be if he

Plymouth Theatre Guild pre-sents a stage version of the holi-duction, as did their closing song duction, as did their closing song "Auld Lang Syne."

Dennis Hubel is a wonderful George Bailey. Jimmy Stewart is a hard act to follow, but Hubel captured the character's affability and down-home charm. He was likable without being slick, humble without being deprecating. Hubel's Bailey moved easily from being a young man to a father.

Hubel created a strong chem istry with Marlene Landry, who played Mary, his girlfriend, then wife. Landry made Mary her own, and filled the stage with her effervescent presence during her scenes. She gave her character grace and a loving, forgiving heart - characteristics which attracted George Bailey and established her as a woman of poise and compassion.

Delores Pearson is wonderful as Mother Bailey, a Midwest patriarch with common sense and homespun charm. Her quiet presence captured the character's essence and brought

Dennis Brunzell as Clarence, George's guardian angel, captured the enthusiasm of the role but seemed impatient to get through some of his longer speeches, rattling them off as if they were difficult to endure. At

his lines. Chris Dorais is a very convinc-

warmth to her words.

Holiday tradition: The Plymouth Theatre Guild rehearses a scene from "It's a Wonderful Life," the James W. Rodgers' story about a man who gets his wish to have never been born.

character until the stage make- were compromised by the mug- snapping gum, reacting with up came off. Potter, the conniving and wealthy power broker in George's hometown, wheels and deals to either control or destroy Bailey Savings and Loan. Dorais played the unscrupulous business mogul with ruthlessness and finesse.

Mr. Potter's serious scenes The opening scene of carolers n't know he wasn't as old as his with George Bailey, however,

ging and fidgeting of his nurse, exaggerated facial expressions. played by teenager Vanessa She'll be wonderful in a larger Hubel (whose father plays role, but as the nurse she should George Bailey). Hubel obviously have quietly faded into the backinherited her father's acting tal- ground during the intense scenes ent, but - lacking a role to show- of conflict between Bailey and case it - overacted in her part, Potter. Director Curle made a playing with her stethoscope, bad call instructing the nurse to

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provide distracting comic relief. The children in the cast were enthusiastic and full of energy, especially George's and Mary's children, played by Paul and Erik Luoma, Sara Curle, and Katie Schremser.

THEATE

Technically, the production staff needs to smooth out their routine. The lighting crew, which is unable to gradually dim the houselights, needs to flick the lights or warn the audience of the impending plunge into dark-

The sound system was inconsistent and echoing. Suspended microphones picked up the character's voices intermittently and only some of the characters on stage, creating a weird echoing effect, especially during the first act. While George Bailey's voice was booming from the speakers, the voices of other character came from the stage unamplified. The characters really didn't need amplification.

The costumes were well done and authentic to the era, right own to the seam in the ladies' stockings. The old-fashioned telehones were a nice touch, as was he wicker wheelchair. The "Baiey Savings and Loan" sign, hough, appeared to be hastily painted, a sloppy afterthought to n otherwise well-executed set.

Sue Suchyta is a Dearborn resident who writes about communi

ty theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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"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 Sur based on a Mexican folk tale, the play features a 10-foot puopet played by

Cara Graniger who walks on stilts, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 967-0999 NOVI THEATRES "A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. Frid

Saturday, Dec. 10-12 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. Novi, \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347

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Continues through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward and I-696, Royal Oak \$3 members (\$2 ages 2-12), \$4 nonmembers (\$3 ages 2-12). (248) 541-5835

> FAMILY EVENTS

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The holiday celebration for families features the breakfast. Hanukkah songs by Janet Pont and a Kwanzaa program by Orma Bradford, the Music Lady will do an interactive singing and puppets program, each child also receives a small favor bag and a list o kid-friendly paintings in the musem that are holiday or celebration centered so they can browse through the galleries after the event, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in Prentis Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Wooward Avenue, \$25, \$15 children ages two and over. (313) 833-0247 KINDERMUSIK STORYTIME

Interactive program of seasonal story telling, music and movement 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Little Book 455-5220; 10 a.m. Tuessday, Dec. 7 at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 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

Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Stitt Post No. 232, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Hghts. \$19, \$13 children age 12 and under. (734) 427-8640 POLISH CHRISTMAS OPLATEK

Wigilia features PRCUA Wieliczka cers, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1: at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster. \$12, \$10 ages 7-12, \$6 ages 6 and under, deadline for tickets Dec 7. (734) 591-2079/(313) 531-6986 WIGILIA Christmas vigil supper features

ancient ritual meal of pierogi and oom soup, traditional carols, 6 n.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 Jister Project of Metro Detroit build "Peace by Piece" in Northern Ireland. (248) 851-1287

ACING COLLECTIBLES SHOW 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S Wayne Road, Westland: \$2, ages 12 and under free, proceeds for Michiga Vietnam Monument. (517) 467-2376 ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS

An evening of dinner, a silent auc tion, dancing and live music by The Earth Angels, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Southfield Centre

Oh Christmas tree: Hol day decorations with a French accent are the highlight of this year Holiday Walk at Mead ow Brook Hall throu 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. Knole Cot tage 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

for the Arts, 24350 Southfield

Road, south of 10 Mile. \$25, to benefit the annual Southfield Ice Company show, (248) 354-9357 ST. NICHOLAS WALK FOR CHARITY 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 CHOOLCRAFT 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 18600 Haggerty, between Six and

ceeds go to the student scholarship fund, (734) 462-4417 WALK THROUGH VICTORIAN CHIRSTMAS

Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$35, pro-

Carolers, hot cider and homemad cookies 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec 10-11, at the Irish Lace Bed and Breakfast, 1073 Penniman, Plymout \$5, to benefit AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center

CLASSICAL HAM MUSICALE

1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the ongregational Church of Birminghan 1000 Crnabrook Road at Woodward, Bioomfield Hills. (248) 335-7160 DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Bach and Handel, with soprano Christine Brandes and mezzo-soprano Marietta Simpson, 8 p.m. Thursdayiday, Dec. 2-3, 10:45 a.m. Friday Dec. 3 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec 4. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit (313) 576-5111: "The Nutcracker" with Ballet Internationale Thursday Dec 9 to Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Detroit Opera House, (318) 576-5111/(313) 874-SING LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA The Dearborn Ballet Theatra dances "The Nutcracker" with orchestra 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Churchi High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741 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 1 Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road and Canton Center, Canton, \$17 adults/seniors, \$10 students K-12, and \$5 Sugar Plum Teas 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 nity Room, Garden City. Free. (734) 462-4400

POPS/SWING JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through December, at Andiamo Italia West 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, field Hills, (248) 865-9300

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BRASS MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. Mary's Church, Greektown, \$15, (248) 424-

9022 TODAY'S BRASS QUINTET "Y1.9K: Music from the Previous Turn of the Century," 11 a.m. Saturday. Dec. 4, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$12. \$9. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

TUBA CHRISTMAS CONCERT Tuba, sousaphone, baritone and eupho nium players are invited to perform in the annual concert 7:30 p.m. Friday. Dec. 3.on Maynard between William and Liberty, Ann Arbor. Preceeded by an indoor rehearsal at 4 p.m. at the University of Michigan School of Music on North Campus. Wear colorful clothing that can be adjusted for the temperatures (734) 763-0128

AUDITIONS

NOVI THEATRES Auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Dec

15-16, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile. (248) 347-0400 STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE Auditions for "Forever Plaid," Monday Tuesday, Dec. 13-14, at the Baldwi Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak For performances Feb. 25-27, March 2.5 and 10-12. (248) 541-4832 THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

REDFORD

is searching for directors, choreogra phers, musical directors, and all oth ers interested in musical comedy the ater, Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

YOUTH COMPETITION The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December a Evola Music of Canton, in addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112

CHORAL

ARBOR CONSORT With the Dodworth Saxhorn Band in a Victorian Christmas: A Celebration in Brass and Voice, 8 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 8, at Concordia College Cha 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor, \$10, \$7 seniors/students. (734) 665-7823 FORT STREET CHORALE

"Messiah." 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W Fort Street, Detroit. \$12. (313) 961 4533

AADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE Sing Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel at 1-96 and Levan Road, Livonia; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at historic St. Paul's Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. \$10, proceeds go towards the chorale's tour to Ireland in June. (734) 432-5708

RTHVILLE CONCERT CHORA Handel's "Messiah" parts I and III, 7 .m. Sunday, Dec. 5, First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville, \$10 advance (\$12 at door), \$35 family in advance (\$40 at door) (248) 349-0911

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS Presents a "Holiday Greetings" con cert 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Dec 3-4 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. at

outh Salem High School, 46181 lov Road, Canton, (734) 455-4080 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

foliday concerts featuring Mozart's "Regina Coeli and Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria" as well as other season favorites, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward, betweem Warren and Hancock, Detroit, Free; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia Donations will be accepted. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462

IMAS CHORAL UNION Handel's "Messiah," 8 p.m. Saturday

Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at Hill Auditorium 825 N. University, An Arbor, \$10-\$18. (734) 764-2538 ANGUARD VOICES Presents two Advent concerts 4 p.m.

and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill at Telegraph, Dearborn \$10. \$7 students/seniors/groups of 10 or more. (313) 317-6566

JAZZ

MSON FUNDERBURGH And the Rockets, 7:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 5. at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

OFM JAZZ TRIO Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

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8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover (248) 645-2150

OHNNY & AL Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Sweet Lorraine's,

29101 Greenfield, Southfield, (248) 559-5985 NCH K. TRIO 8 p.m. Fridays-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 Haggerty, between Si and Seven Mile, Livonia. (734) 462-4400

STRAIGHT AHEAD 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover (248) 645-2150

ANET TENAJ TRIC Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy

Southfield, (248) 351-2925 PAUL VENTIMIGLIA 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham, No cover. (248) 645-2150

ED WELLS The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit (313) 963-9800 PAMELA WISE & THE AFRO-CUBAN

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WORLD MUSIC

'NIGHT IN MOROCCO" Featuring Hassan Hakmoun with guests Marcus Belgrave and Wendell Harrison, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 in the Anerson Theater at Henry Ford Museum, 10900 Oakwood, Dearborn \$30, \$15, (313) 842-7010/(313) 664-200/(248) 645-6666 SHARI KANE/RAY KAMALAY 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at The Ark

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hrough Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Detroi

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BLIND PIG

Continued from previous page POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN

Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday morr ings at Prince of Peace Church, on

Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581-3181 STARDUST 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 DANCE 8 p.m. Friday Dec. 3, at 2800

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COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB Ruebin Ruebin with Pauline Navoy and Dee Profitt, 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. Third Leve Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5), (734) 261-0555 IOFY'S COMEDY CLUR AT PAISANO'S

Blair Shannon, Thursday-Sunday, Dec 2-5, Leo Dufour Dec. 9-12, at the club 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

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Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM Re-opened its door Oct. 19, the celebration continues with more than 250 nteractive 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 :hildren/seniors/students. (734) 995 5430

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY Open house and bake sale, 9 a.m. to

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, on Canton Center Road and Heritage Drive. (734 495-0811

CRANBROOK 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 long term exhibit featuring Michigan's only full-size Tyrannosauru

rex skeleton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at 1221 N Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (877) 462-7262 DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Book signing by David Carson, autho of "Rockin' Down the Dial: The Detroi ound of Radio from Jack the Bellhow 2 nm Sunday Dec. 5: New On the Air! exhibit allows visitors to walk hrough time and the area's radio and TV broadcast industry: "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisi ion interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby). Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a m 5 p.m. Wednesday Friday, 10 a.m. 5

p.m. Saturday Sunday. Free admissio Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER MAX movies include "Tropical

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(313) 577-8400 DETROIT 200

The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan 2. in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the 200, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students \$4 ! ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes."

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flesh-and-blood criminal and bring him to justice.

As the film progresses, we witness a hodgepodge of witchery, some peculiar dream sequences by Johnny Depp) is a ruled-by- that seem slightly out of place here, and, eventually, enough his New York City superiors to fiery special effects to do the solve a string of murders that likes of Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Mel Gibson proud. We also witness enough gore and carnage to paint the killings (all decapitations) are screen, the theater and the town. Finally, there's a Hollywood-ish ending that veers away 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 foreboding 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, himalways huge and monstrous, as much as we'd like, they are moments.

Scheduled to open Tuesday, Dec. 7 THE LEGEND OF 1900"

Drama recounts the life of a gifted plano player who is abandoned at birth on a Trans-Atlantic ship. His talent culminates in a rivalry of mythic 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 relation-

ship 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 a 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 amb tious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid.

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 glistening 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 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.

cinating 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 Inch 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 self, always riding by night and we don't get to know any of them to this picture's comedic



Anna and Chow Yun Mongkut in "Anna King," the Fox 2000 Pictures release.

Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25 "LIBERTY HEIGHTS"

A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s which focuses on issues of religion, race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Adrien Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Mantegna "MANSFIELD PARK"

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Based on the book by Jane Austin, the story of a young

woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealth 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

5...4...3...2...1...Happy New Year! Or so you think. If you are 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? Will it be 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 Steiger, addresses the present day topic that the world is consumed with...the end of the millennium.

Director Peter Hyams, producer Armyan 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 earth? before the new millennium, Satan is unleashed upon the world in nium approaching fast, Jericho one of those people who thinks search of Christine. He uses the must do some soul searching. He body of a man (Byrne), so he can must learn to have faith again if walk among the people of New he is going to protect Christine York. He must find Christine and ' and all of mankind from suffering join with her in an unholy union the "end of days." before midnight on Dec. 31. Once the union takes place, Christine will bear Satan's child and will be thing bigger than he has ever had doomed to reign with him for all to fight on screen. He plays a 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.

dreams of a man coming for her prepared for whatever does hap and is afraid she won't be able to pen when that clock strikes midresist him. She asks Jericho to night. Don't expect Arnold to save help her. But how do you stop us. Although the special effects someone of pure, concentrated evil, are great, it is -- after all -- just a someone with uncontrollable movie

power, someone who is not of this Now with the end of the millen

For Schwarzenegger, this film

gives him a chance to fight some-"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?

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Stereolab's subtle sounds to fill Clutch Cargo

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER mecomm.net

When it comes to atmospheric music, Stereolab certainly knows how to bask in obscurity. In its own almost indefinable

blends experimental electronic techniques with a stylish, ever-somellow element to produce the scatty 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 musifilm. 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, other-

worldy 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

marimbas, vibes and coronets and jazz." 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, way, the London-based band 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 (It's meant) to give a certain flacal score for a futuristic silent out. It gets re-filled as you take it

"(The new material) is a continuation. You can feel the thread that was there right in the beginning. We're more mature, more comfortable, focused on what we hau

O&E: How do you describe that sound? LS: "I couldn't really describe it through music because you can't

express them through words." O&E: Who are some of your musical influences? LS: "We have plenty of musical

influences ... The Beach Boys are very melodic with weird chords. but it still gets to people. It proves you don't have to play in E's and B's. There's a long list of wondersounds are guitarist Mary ful musicians making music from Hansen, keyboardist Morgan Brazil, which was sophisticated, Lhote and newcomer Simon Johns very melodic and exclusive

on bass. Toss in guests to play the very open, very rich. Jazz, we like

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.

more ideas come to you. It's not vor to the record, to condition like a pocket of petrol that runs you to listen in such a way. It's up to you to come up with. Free nterpretation. O&E: How is touring in the states different from touring

in the U.K.? LS: "Every state varies so much. From the Texans comwant to do. We have found our pletely 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 in words. You express feelings good audiences. I believe they enjoy music, like music. They're coming to listen to the music Dancing is an option

"We're spoiled." O&E: Where are the most energetic audiences? LS: "In London are our best

audiences. They're really efferves cent, really great. It's our hometown. **O&E:** Describe a live Stereo lab show. LS: (Sighing) "We can't recreate

the album the way it was on the record. To be honest, there's no O&E: Tell me about record- point. It's more raw, the new songs - I think - because it's not like to add?

more song-like, more live-friendly. They lend themselves to being played live much better (than pre-

vious material)."

O&E: Anything else you'd

Detroit, to Pontiac. It's been such Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Ponti-Detroit, Sixty T-shirts, Cham- older are welcome, Call (248) 645 pagne! Celebrate!"

It's time to celebrate once again LS: "We're looking forward to See Stereolab Thursday, Dec. 9, at a good city to us from the start. ac. Tickets are \$12 now and \$13 We sold the most T-shirts ever in on the day of the show. 18 and



Stirring and Surreal: Tim Gane, Mary Hansen, Laetitia Sadier, Simon Johns and Morgan Lhote are Stereolab, who brings its unusual atmospheric sounds to Clutch Cargo Dec. 9.

weird pieces of music. It's much

DAVID COST.AB

Local man's story a step away from silver screen



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 one 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 lecided to share it Hollywood-style. Now a 31-year-old Livonia resito take his story to the silver screen. his story out on paper. When talking about the would-be tered paper. He's saved everything product." from old golf photographs to a jour-

this far.

His story The main characters of the story are Calif. an unlikely pair, a small-for-his-age "It's a fascinating story about golf

local blues artists: Alberta

Adams, The Alligators, Al Hill

and the Love Butlers and

Mystery Train featuring Jim

It's like Ben Folds Five once

the U.K. Following in the foot-

steps of Fatboy Slim, the Lo-

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McCarty, just to name a few.

It's a classic remembers his mentor, former touch with a writer who had just coming of age Detroiter Dennis Williams, as sold a script involving an ex-Negro story, really. You instrumental during his early years League baseball player and a young can't help but in the game. become attached Harris never wanted to be in

to the idea: An movies. He and his wife Jaqueline inner-city, blue are raising their children, Avery, 5, collar boy, age 14. Austin, 4 and Abigail, 1. He works in grows into a golf the landscaping business. In 1993, phenom with the when he saw an "Entertainment help of his coach Tonight" profile of Rudy Ruettiger and despite all a boy from Indiana who wanted odds. What starts nothing more than to play football out as a recreational sport to keep 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

Ruettiger himself about his life at something of a standstill experiences and making the film. Harris' idea then gained momentum. He was convinced if a regular dent and the father of three, Harris guy from Indiana could make this still shows the same ambition he happen, he could too. Harris began had as a young golfer as he attempts seeking out writers who would set

"It just began snowballing," saw film, he shuffles through a briefcase Harris. "I started from ground zero. full of notes, some scrolled on tat- I'm trying to make it into a finished

Several writers expressed an nal of the very steps he's taken to interest in his idea, but it was a realize this dream thus far. More boost from Jim Burnstein, a Plythan anything he believes in him- mouth resident and the head of the self, which is one reason he's gotten screenwriting program at the Uni------ versity of Mtchigan-Ann Arbor, that set the gears in motion. Burnstein is known for his work on "The Mighty Harris admits everyone has a Ducks 3" and "Renaissance Man." story. What sets his heartfelt tale Burnstein connected Harris with apart from others, one might ask? Garrett Schiff, a writer in Encino,

golf hopeful from the city and a soft and kids," said Burnstein, "I liked spoken 350-pound African American the idea of the African-American golf professional who share a pas- professional golfer. I thought that sion for the game. Harris fondly had real potential. I put him in

day gift for the Blues fan in the Columbia Records.

family? Dearborn's Venture Can you say "collection?" The Records is releasing "Uncut holiday season seems to spark a Detroit II" featuring six of best demand for "Best of" CDs and chart-topping collections. Here's a few sure bets to spur a family sing-a-long after dinner: "The Best of Simon and Garfunkel" features favorites like "A Hazy said, the "mixed tape's a master- Shade of Winter" and "Bridge piece." England's electronic Over Troubled Water," reggae export, the Lo Fidelity All master Jimmy Cliff's "Ultimate Stars have completed a second Collection," spotlights "I Can volume in a series of mix albums See Clearly Now," and "The for Skint's Big Beat Boutique in Harder They Come," and "The Neil Diamond Collection" has hits like "Sweet Caroline." Steely Dan, Steppenwolf, The For a Lo-Fi fix in the meantime, Commodores and The Four Tops check out "How To Operate also have "best of" compilations.

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 unraveled. By late February 1995, Harris' story began to take shape. Even Oprah Winfrey took a few minutes to listen to Har ris' idea in person.

Schiff wrote a film treatment for "The Mark Harris Story" or "A Dia-It began with a phone call to mond in the Rough." After more South Bend Ind, where he spoke to than six years. Harris finds himself

TIME OUT NEW YORK



"The goal is to find a producer and lirector to take the film treatment to a major motion picture level." said Harris. "With the proper commitment and dedication, it can be

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His statement reflects the mesgeared toward a young adult audi-

Burnstein commended Harris' efforts. "If you're not a writer your- ing to metro Detroiters, even if the self, you can't do it unless you learn. It's a very difficult art to learn. He did the wise thing in finding some-

one who could write. Taking time

Persistence is key when trying to get a film made. "It's never easy to get a movie made," said Burnstein. "Shakespeare in Love' took something like nine years to get made. That's normal. You have to go into it with your eyes wide open.

Harris intends to have the movie filmed in the Metro area. He is seeking local contacts who will assist him in making that happen.

Burnstein, speaking as someon whose film "Renaissance Man' sage of the film, which is one of hope opened in Detroit, said when films are made locally, it may make local residents "feel good about themselves." Familiar scenes have meanoverall 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 who've surpassed the produc tion process, the next hurdle may nvolve 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

Harris is ready and willing to make it happen. Stephanie Angelyn Casola can be reached at

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The Observer & Eccentric/Thursday, December 2, 1999

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 typi-cal Danish Christmas dinner of roast pork.

The pork special, made with prunes, apples and red cabbage, is served with candied-brown potatoes and Swedish ligonberries

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 glögg to comple-ment 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 homecooked meal - not something you go to a restaurant and order. In America (people) like to go out and order meatballs.

When customers enter the oneroom dining area, there's an

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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 lingonberries.

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.

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."

At your Rory Gill (left) and Lockhart present Danish meatballs and veal, toes at Nankin Mill

Tavern.

WHAT'S COOKING

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kwygonik@oe.homecomm.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 Nozero and friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13. Michael James and Debbie Jim-

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 — Resta 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

Ristorante Ciaro -- Newly opened, cozy 80-seat Italian restaurant, 1024 Monroe St., south of Michigan Ave., Dearborn. House specialty is woodfired, thin crust pizzas baked in a wood burning oven. Homemade pastas, yeal 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.

DINNER FOR



Lockhart comments that Nankin Mill is a family-friendly eatery. They feature a kids menu with fish, grilled cheese,

service: Chef restaurant owner Jerry Frikadeller, made with ground beef served on red cabbage with Danish pota-

