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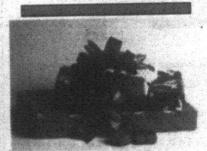
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# Booher is choice to lead distric



Berkley Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher has been named by the Plymouth-Canton school board as its top choice for local school chief. A contingent from the district will visit Berkley before a contract is offered.

BY TONY BRUSCATO

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education followed the lead of the Superintendent Selection Committee and named Kathleen Booher, Berkley

Schools superintendent, as its number one choice to become the district's next

Booher was a unanimous selection by trustees, and the only one of the three finalists they'll continue to pursue at The next step will be for trustees and community members to make a site visit to Berkley, talking with teachers, administrators, community leaders and business people about Booher to decide if a contract will be offered.

Trustee Steve Guile said he received a glowing reference from Birmingham Schools Superintendent John Hoeffler.

"He had nothing but positive things to say about her, and said she would be a great asset to our district," said Guile. "She also has broad support

Brunch with

Summit on

Sunday. In

ca Bolz, 16

takes a look

jolly fat man upon whose

lap she has

realizes she doesn't know

who this red-

suited man is

gles to get

away and back to momma's

arms.

and strug-

just been placed ... but

months,

up at the

the photos at far left, Jessi-

Santa at

the Park

throughout Oakland Coun-

ty."
"I think she has the drive and qualifications to lead us where we want to go," added Trustee Darwin Watts



Trustee Judy Mardigian said she

Please see SUPERINTENDENT, A14

# Waiting for Santa









### Canton man, 53, He's the man: Alyssa Burris, 5, (left) and Madiskilled son Lewis, 4, hold hands while awaitin crash ing their turn to see Santa at the first session of

STAFF WRITER
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A 53-year-old Canton man was killed Monday night after crashing his Dodge Caravan into the rear end of a tractor cab on Ford Road.

Robert Stewart Puttock III was transported to St. Mary Hospital in

Please see CRASH, A10

# Tough time for victim's family

UPDATE

BY BRAD KADRICH

Ordinarily at Christmas, the smell of pierogies would be wafting from the kitchen of Helen Klocek. She'd be making Belgian waffle cookies, one of the family's favorite treats.

Please see TOUGH TIME, A4

Thornhollow Tree Farm, 44387 Hull Road,

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a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Scotch pine only, \$26 any size. (734)

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Warren Road between Whitmore Lake Road

and Pontiac Trail. Tuesday Thursday, noon-

dark; Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to dark. Pines,

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on I-94), then south. 66 miles to farm.

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(Kalmbach Road), follow signs to farm

Road, Dexter. From Ann Arbor, take Jackson

(two miles west of Baker Road and Exit 167

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M Arend Tree Farm, 3512 Notten Road and

Scotch pine, blue spruce, douglas fir, \$20-

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Dexter. Farm is located six miles west of

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to Judd, west to farm. Weekends only, 9

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\$40. (734) 429-3666.

fir, \$30.any size. (734) 426-5271.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. White spruce and Douglas

U.S. 23 to Willis, west to Platt Road, south

\$20; spruces and firs, \$5 to \$7 a foot.

Arbor. Three miles north of Ann Arbor on

left to farm 1/2 mile on right. Weekdays 10

Road); go south through town; take

699-3709.

(734) 663-2717.

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

According to the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, more than 4 million Christmas trees will be harvested in Michigan this year, with 1 million going to in-

mas tree-growing state in the nation, but it grows a larger variety, 13, than any other

The most popular varieties are Scotch, white and Austrian pine; Douglas, Fraser, canaan, concolor and balsam fir, and blue,

nches long: retains needles well.

in nature 600-800 years.

nature for a 1,000 years.

live in nature 350 years.

Christmas tree

Blue spruce: Dark green to powdery blue

needle retention among species, although it

will drop needles in a warm room. Can live

Scotch pine: Stiff branches and dark

green needles, 1-3 inches long; holds

needles for four weeks; keeps aroma

throughout the season. Most popular

Balsam fir: Short, flat, long-lasting

needles; dark green with silvery cast; soft,

feathery appearance; very fragrant. During

the Civil War, the resin was used to treat

Douglas fir: Blue to dark green needles, 1

1 1/2 inches long; good fragrance; needles

have sweet scent when crushed. Can live in

■ Fraser fir: Dark green needles, 1/2-1 inch

inches long; retains needles throughout the

holiday season; very full appearance; little

or no fragrance; less allergic reaction than

more fragrant trees. State tree of Michigan

needles, 1/2-1-1/2 inches long; nice shape

and good aroma; good needle retention. Can

long; good needle retention, nice scent.

White pine: Blue green needles, 2-5

White fir or concelor fir: Blue-green

needles, 1-3 inches long; good form; best

it comes to your Christmas tree, beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

"There's a tree for everybody," said Mary McCreedy, whose parents own Braun's Tree Farm in Ann Arbor. Rest assured, there are no "ugly" trees, she added. "We really don't have any. We trim them every year." Cutting down a fresh Christmas tree has

become a yearly ritual for many families. "A lot of people just want the experience of cutting their tree. They make it an outing. People spend hours here," said McCreedy.

Of course, there was the man who dashed up to Braun's a few days before Christmas, quickly cut down a \$20 tree, then bought a

Norway and white spruce. However, when \$180 tree stand. McCreedy says her family still laughs at that incident.

Tree farm owners advise cutting your tree soon. Their stock thins out closer to Christmas, especially for the popular firs. So, pile the kids in the car, leave the dog at home (need you ask why?) and head out to the snowy hills of the wild yule yonder.

To help you in your quest for the "perfect tree," we have listed some area tree farms, as well as information on tree types and care. To obtain a copy of the MCTA Choose & Cut Guide, call (517) 322-5511 or mail request to MCTA, PO Box 1215, Okemos,

MI 48805-1215.

### Tree care

Nothing "saps" the holiday spirit more than bringing a tree indoors and finding out it's too tall. Measure your ceiling height and the tree before you buy it

Trees sold on retail lots have been cut weeks earlier. They may have come from out of state and have been exposed to drying winds in transit. Shop early before the best trees have been sold.

■ Look for green trees with few browning needles. The needles should not fall off if you run a branch through your hands. Raise the tree a few inches off the ground and drop in on the butt end. Green needles

uld not fall off. Make sure base of tree is straight and 6-8 inches long so it will fit easily into the

Store the tree out of the wind or in an unheated garage until you're ready to put it up. Make a fresh 1-inch cut on the butt end and place the tree in a bucket of warm

When you bring the tree indoors, make another fresh 1-inch cut and place tree in a stand that holds at least 1/2 gallon of water. Maintain water level around tree base to prevent resin forming on cut end. Once reain forms, the tree will not absorb

water and will quickly dry out. ■ To water a tree that's been decorated and surrounded by presents, buy a funne and a 3-4 foot length of vinyl tubing. Attach tubing over funnel outlet, then fasten funnel/tube with a twist-tie or twine in an out-of-the-way but reachable part of the

# Tree trivia

■ The use of evergreen trees to celebrate the winter season predates the birth of Christ. The first printed reference to Christmas trees appeared in Germany in ■ Using small candles to light a Christmas

tree dates back to the middle of the 17th Thomas Edison's assistant, Edward

Johnson, come up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees in 1882. Christmas tree lights were first mass produced in 1890.

■ Teddy Roosevelt banned the Christmas tree from the White House for environmental

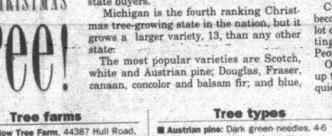
32.4 million families purchased a real tree

An acre of Christmas trees provides the

daily oxygen requirements of 18 people.

Artificial trees will last for six years in your home, but for centuries in a landfill. Source: Michigan Christmas Tree Association and the University of Illinois Extension Service.





Checking out: Stacey Beaudreau punches in her debit card info as she pays for her purchases at the new Farmer Jack grocery store in Canton, with daughters Nicole, 4, (left) and Elise, 2. Dan Johnson (far left) assists with the bagging of the items.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION 2000 MEETING SCHEDULE

At the Meeting of October 4, 1999, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2000: January 10, January 24, February 7, February 28, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 5, June 19, July 10, July 24, August 14, August 28, September 11, September 25, October 2, October 16, November 13, December 4, and December 18, 2000. The second meeting of each month

The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of stration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. VIC GUSTAFSON



Elizabeth Routson,



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# Canton's newest supermaket stresses selection, convenience

Full-service meat and seafood counters, a bakery, coffee shop and family deli are just a few features of Canton's newest gro-

Farmer Jack opened the doors of its \$6-million Canton Center Road and Cherry Hill store Wednesday, According to Sales Director Martin Schumacher, township patrons will be the store's top priority.

"We believe in one-stop shopping and convenience for ourcustomers," he said. "We want to fulfill all of their needs with quality products."

The 53,000-square-foot facility will employ about 150 people. Store officials and local dignitaries held a ceremonial ribbon cutting Tuesday.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said Farmer Jack and sur- why we're here."

rounding shops will provide an important retail link for Canton. "It's the gateway to the western portion of the community

he commented. "It's the last commercial corner as we move Blockbuster Video, Dairy Queen, a Learning Center and pizza restaurant will make up a second 12,000-square foot build-

ing in the "Farmer Jack Commercial Center," Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said. Both the grocery and the retail buildings are brick. "A lot of attention was paid to this project," said Yack. "It really is a great addition to the com-

While much attention was paid to store design, Manager Alan Piotrowski said the empha sis will be, well, food. "We want the product to

shine." he commented. "That's Abundance and freshness will

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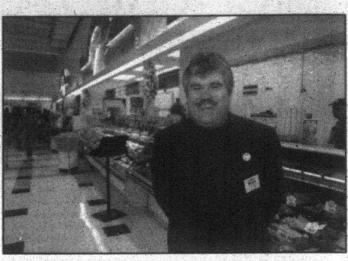
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All smiles: Store manager Alan Piotrowski, standing near the meat department, smiles as he oversees the grand opening.

be another focus, Piotrowski year and be priced exactly the

Customers will be treated to aisles and aisles of fresh fruits and vegetables. It is, in fact, the first thing patrons are likely to notice when entering the store. But it won't be the last.

A "Grab 'n Go" shop will be featured in the deli Lunch or dinner customers can pick up ready-made sandwiches, pizza, salad and deserts. A soup and salad bar is also

nearby. Customers will be able to pay for items at the "Deli Express" cash register. Then there's the "Eight O'clock Coffee Cafe." Patrons can take a

time out from shopping and enjoy fresh baked goods and flavored specialty coffees. Speaking of baked goods, Farmer Jack will feature Bakers

same as restaurant pies.

"Photo Cake" is another highlight. Exact, high-quality reproductions of any photograph can be made on a cake. A special computer printer-like machine uses food dyes on a sugar paste sheet to create the reproduc-

will feature black angus beef and top quality luncheon meats. Schumacher said his company is definitely aiming at upscale clientele with such features. "Canton has one of the highest

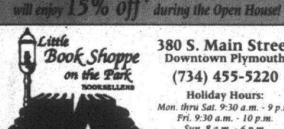
A full service meat counter

income levels in southeastern Michigan," he added. A self-serve recycling station. U.S. Post Office outlet, pharmacy and Old Kent Banking Center

are other services offered at the Square pies. Fourteen varieties The store will be open 24



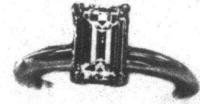
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# Candlelight vigil Sunday to focus on deceased kids

in both life and death."

plant. Sam was only 7.

saw her son die last November

from infections and complica-

tions following a lung trans-

"Every day is a struggle, and

However, Johnson feels events

that's the way it will be forever."

that our kids live in every one of there."

Janet Johnson of Plymouth death.

place to go to be with other par- she said. "Those at the vigil and ents to show their grief," said the support group are all walk-

Kilgore, a member of The Com- ing in our shoes. They have a

group for grieving parents. "We to explain how we feel or our

hope to let the community know actions because they've been

us. Their light continues to Kilgore, who offers her support

shine by the lives they touched. to students whenever a class-

They made an impact on others mate dies, said many look at life

"It sometimes feels like it was more than 100 names of children

passionate Friends, a support huge connection. We don't have Barb Kilgore of Canton said there's never a day she doesn't think about her son, Michael, who died suddenly at home in

"I think about him a lot. Sometimes it feels like a nightmare," said Kilgore, rememberng the day Michael died at age 16 from Lung QT Syndrome. "The pain never goes away, but life in a different, positive way."

To remember Michael, and all the other children in the area only last week," said Johnson. who have died, Kilgore is organizing a candlelight vigil on Sunday, Dec. 12. The day has been designated International Chil- like Sunday's candlelight vigil dren's Memorial Day, and the and groups like Compassionate vigil will be held at 7 p.m. at Friends help the grieving pro- dren read at the candlelight vigil Kellogg Park in Plymouth, spon-cess. sored by the local chapter of "Family and friends are won- gore at (734) 455-8679 or e-mail Compassionate Friends.

Nutcracker Ballet."

seats are reserved.

2 p.m. matinee. Dec. 11.

mances will be held at the Ply-

mouth-Salem High School audi-

mouth. The 7:30 p.m. Saturday

show and the 3 p.m. Sunday

matinee will be performed by 12-

year-old Haley Albertsen from

derful, but sometimes they can't her at TKilgore99@aol.com. "It gives family and friends a understand the daily struggle,"

'Nutcracker' on stage at Salem

again join forces with the Ply- Bunny's Dance Studio. Tom Job, a 15-year-old from mouth-Canton Ballet and the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers to pre- of the Nutcracker. Job attends sent the classic fairy tale, "The Dawnell Dryja and Quillan performances. This year's performances will Nagel, both performing courtesy be at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.. Satof the Cincinnati Ballet Compaurday, Dec. 11; and at 3 p.m.

the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Sunday, Dec. 12. All perfor-Dawnell Dryja is a former member of the Plymouth-Canton torium. Tickets are \$17 for Ballet Company and resident of adults and \$10 for children; all Canton. Dryja has danced professionally since the age of 17 Emily York, a 13-year-old Canton resident, will perform at the and currently is a member of the Cincinnati Ballet. Dawnell York attends the Joanne's began her career with the Dance Extension located in Ply-

Metropolitan Ballet Theatre of Detroit and upon moving to Ohio, performed with the Dayton Ballet in a variety of roles.

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granted like they used to," said

who have died that will be read

during ceremonies, which will

also include music and the read-

Parents who would like to have

the names of their deceased chil-

on Sunday can contact Barb Kil-

Kilgore said thus far she has

The Plymouth Symphony Brighton, will perform the part League will host its "Sugar Plum Fairy Tea" following the 2 p.m. the Gloria Dance Studio. Dec. 11 and the 3 p.m. Dec. 12 At the tea, the audience has

the opportunity to meet and talk ny, will share their talents as with members of the ballet and orchestra as well as enjoy tasty refreshments. Tickets are \$5. Sponsors are Art Van Furniture, Ford Motor Company, Co-op Services Credit Union, Panasonio and the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs.

(734) 451-2112. Tickets are also available at: Crystal Diamond Setters in Plymouth, Dearborn Music in Canton, Evola Music in Canton, and the Plymouth Can More than 150 musicians, ton Ballet Company

Williams, 8

months, can't keep up with her mom while Christmas shopping at Target in Canton Tuesday. At right, Conductor

Kay Baldwin leads the Agape Christian Academy Band. during special morning activities for senior citizen and disabled



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# Police have few Tough time from page A1 clues in Klocek murder probe

While her family waits and wonders, the investigation into ship resident Helen Klocek solved than it was when it hap-

pened nine months ago. And while that might be frustrating to the family, the lack of published information is in some respects necessary, according to police professionals. Information given out during an investigation can help or hinder a case, according to Detroit Police Lt. William (Billie) Jackson of the Homicide Division.

Detroit police want to hold back certain facts in order to evaluate the authenticity of tips,

"The killer knows what hap pened," he said. The police and Klocek's family

are still searching for clues into what led to her death March 2. About 11 a.m. that day Klocek, 84, was seen at the Three Brothers Restaurant on Joy Road, her favorite restaurant.

Later in the day, a witness driving west on Joy Road in Detroit said she saw a woman who resembled Klocek looking confused as she drove a white Ford Escort east on Joy Road. An African-American man was have closed cases that are 15 seated in the front passenger seat and looked like he was giving her directions, the witness told police. The witness also recalled that the man's seat was

When Klocek's car was found in the Grand River and Southfield Road area, the front paspolice Sgt. Ike Smith, the origi-

e-mail address: cfsales@mich.com

nal investigator in the case. Nei-ther her purse nor her identification has been found.

Klocek's body was found about 10:30 p.m. March 2 in an alley the murder of Plymouth Town- at the rear of 18616 Joy Road in Detroit, Smith said. "I know she seems to be no closer to being wasn't there earlier because some people said they walked through the alley at 7:30 p.m.," Police said Klocek died as the

result of blunt force trauma. "She was beaten something bad," Smith said. "She was beaten and abused. Somebody had

jumped on her chest." Klocek's death stands out in Smith's memory among all the cases he has investigated during his 25 years in the police depart-

"That's because of the severity of the assault and the fact that this was an older person," Smith

Klocek's family recently ran several advertisements, costing hundred of dollars, in the Plymouth Observer. The ads read: "We need your help. Did you see our great-grandmother on March 2 of this year?"

"We haven't received any tips (as a result of) these ads," Jackson said. "Not a person has called other than the media. We have people out there beating the bushes on this today. We

checked out, Smith said. The leads his investigators are following up on now were generated by their own leg work, he

"There's nothing that will close this case in a couple of senger seat was in the same days," Jackson said. He doesn't reclined position, said Detroit want to give false hopes in the

Receive A \$100

daughters, Barbara Zurowick of Canton and Irene Buckshaw, stopping with great delight in the toy departments. She'd have had who knows how many meals at Three Brothers, her favorite restaurant.

But thanks to the random violence perpetrated by an as-yetunknown assailant, it's no ordinary Christmas for Helen Klocek's family. The 84-year-old Plymouth Township resident is gone now, brutally murdered in March, her battered and beaten body dumped in a Detroit alley. Her 1992 Ford Escort was found at Grand River and Southfield, torched in a church parking lot.

# Searching for answers

So instead of looking for jewelry or clothes beneath the Christmas tree this year, Klocek's daughters are hoping for something they now fear may never "We just don't know," said

Buckshaw. "That's the horrible

It's been that way since Zurowick got a phone call at 1:30 a.m. March 3. It came from a Detroit homicide detective who bluntly told the sleepy Zurowick her mother was dead.

No witnesses have come forward, save the lone woman who said she saw a car similar to Klocek's driven by a woman who looked something like Klocek with a man, possibly an African American, reclining in the pas-

Not exactly strong specifics in a case that has baffled police for nine months. If there is more information, Detroit detectives are keeping it to themselves. The family understands that, out the lack of detail has them frustrated to the point that they decided to try and jump-start the stalled investigation.

Twice a week for four weeks, Klocek's family paid for advertising in the Plymouth Observer, urging anyone who saw any-

"We think somebody must have seen something," Buckshaw said. "Even if they're



Family mourns: Daughters Barbara Zurowick (from left) of Canton and Irene Buckshaw with their mother, Helen Klocek, of Plymouth Township, in a photo taken shortly before Helen's slaying last March

granddaughter, Michelle

advertise for tips in an effort to

"Not knowing what happened

and the fact that it did happen,

just plays in your head like a

video," she said. "It automatical-

The family believes the abduc-

tion and perhaps the murder

took place in Plymouth, because

Klocek rarely left the area. The

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Her voice trailed off, as it does often when she talks about her mother. The words don't come, "Not knowing (the details) is the hardest part," Buckshaw said. "How long did they have because none of the family her? Was she scared? Did she die knows what to say. Two daughters, four grandchildren, four step-children, six natural greatgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren are left to ponder the fate of the woman end the wondering. who referred to all of them as

Events of March 2

The last time anyone saw Klocek alive was leaving Three Brothers around 11:30 a.m. March 2. She was so well known there, she could walk in, pick up her own menu and seat herself. Her body was found in an alley around Joy and Telegraph at 9:30 that night. What happened in the intervening 10 hours is in awhile, Bill Knapp's; and family is willing to do it. Anyanyone's guess. The family doesn't know whether she made it Mall to get her hair done. back to her apartment, or

All the uncertainty tortures may have cost her her life.

Valued her independence "She valued her indepen Her niece agrees. Klocek's

> Now the family fights - for answers, for closure. A reward is being considered, and will be offered soon in a further attempt to dislodge something from someone who may have seen what happened. The reward is a good idea, according to police

"Money talks," said Detroit police Sgt. Ike Smith, who investigated the case after it first broke. "People want money."

If that's what it takes, the

"She filled a void in my life Klocek still drove, and kept whether her car was stolen early everything important to her in December (1998)," Zurowick said in the day, or whether she knew her purse. The family also of her mother. "It's been a tough

tain a measure of independence

dence," Zurowick said. "She always said she had a lot of

"She was feisty, and her purse Shaughnessy, led the decision to was her life," Buckshaw added. "She could have fought."

thing to stop the wondering.

because I'd lost my husband in what was happening before she believes that her desire to main- year for all of us."





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# Battle over charter cap goes down to wire

talking to the Dems. He'd have

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It may have been more than

just moral outrage that caused

who were ready to bolt if Chuck

Perricone to toss out the trade.

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

the trade isn't clear. Perricone Gov. John Engler and House said Democrats are demanding Republicans failed in their it. Minority Leader Mike Hanattempts last week to raise the ley, D-Saginaw, said it was the have gained." cap on the number of charter governor who first offered it, schools allowed to operate in which the governor's office Michigan, but they also promised to come back and try again this week.

Just a handful of votes shy of the number needed for passage, proponents like sponsor Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, Speaker of the House Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, and Engler spent the week in intense negotiations trying to win over the last few reticent members of their own caucus, including Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

Law said there is so much wrong with the latest draft of the bill that "they would have to tear whole pages out of it to make it

His primary concern is over a lack of financial accountability Although charter schools are considered to be public schools allowing them to draw financing from the state school aid fund in return for not charging tuition many operate like private schools. In the past, charter schools have refused to turn over audits to the state.

"Tell me what kind of salaries you are paying the principal Tell me what kind of salaries you are paying the teachers. You could go to a public school and get all that information. Like it or not, you could get all of it, Law said. "We are spending \$210 million on charters, and I'm telling you that I don't know how that money is being spent. And

we are just getting warmed up." Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, is another of those Republicans opposing the plan. She said charter schools draw money away from public schools. She also noted that charter schools could get around the current caps by seeking authorization from a school district or community college. Only those authorized by universities are capped, she said, but charter schools prefer working through universities

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, DeWeese said he was short only 'a couple of votes" and he was adjusting his bill line by line to win them over. On Wednesday Dec. 1, Republicans put the fifth rewrite of the bill to a test, but it fell a half dozen votes shy. The board was cleared before the vote was tallied or recorded, a practice which has become standard procedure in the House when leadership wants to keep a bill alive. "Every time he (DeWeese) changes a word to get one vote, he loses another, House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, explained.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, which was considered to be the dead line if additional charter schools are to be opened next fall, Perri cone announced that Repub cans would put off another attempt. He said he was rejecting an offer by House Democrats to trade passage of the raised charter school cap in return for killing off a bill which would eliminate residency requirements for city workers. "I don't make that kind of trade for anything ... Residency is a complete ly separate issue," Perricone

# Stiff penalty for pretending to be a doctor

It will soon be a 15-year felony to practice medicine without a license, as a result of two bills signed into law recently by Gov. John Engler.

It always was illegal, but the penalties were not as severe, a fact that came clear last year when Dennis Roark of Sterling Heights was charged with acting as a thoracic surgeon despite having never graduated from col-

The prosecutor had to charge Roark with "uttering and publishing" for faking credentials in order to get a heftier penalty. said Jack McHugh, legislative aide to Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy. Roark is serving 6-15 years after pleading guilty to that

"The penalties were nothing very tough. The judge said in this case (acting as a surgeon without a license) it was more like a rape," McHugh said.

Perricone deals," Rep. Bob Gos- over between house and senate 200 next year. After that, the selin, R-Troy, said. "They were ready to bolt because he was just

lost more votes than he would To open new charter schools

next year, the bill would have to pass by Dec. 31 allowing the raised cap to go into effect in introduced by Rep. LaMar Lem- new oversight board and allow April. The legislature is sched- mons, D-Detroit, but now signifi- for new charter schools specifiuled to adjourn Dec. 9, and that cantly rewritten, would raise the cally designed for "at risk" stu-"There were eight Republicans means there will no longer be cap on charter schools set up dents. time for a required five-day lay- through universities from 150 to

.. unless lawmakers decide to cap would increase 25 per year. ignore their own rules.

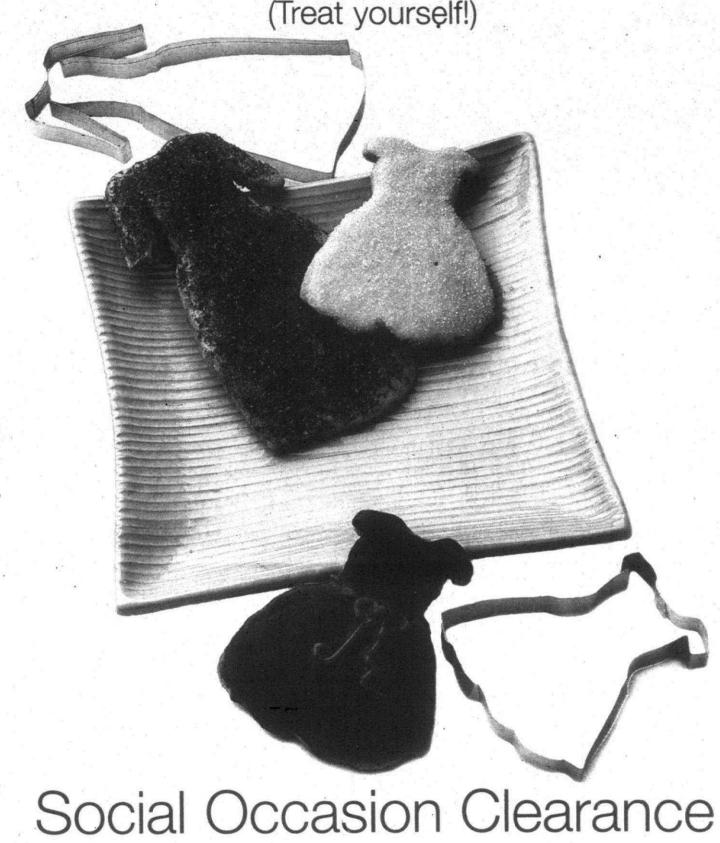
"They'll find a way," Gosselin

House Bill 4706, initially

ation now, John Truscott, said, stating confidently that the spokesman for the governor, said bill can still be passed before leg- some 100 more schools are islators take off for Christmas already seeking permission to

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family members. er-in-law starts in on him about airport parking, then his brother chimes in about always getting lost at the airport. Katz reminds them about airport upgrades and conveniences: a new message sign, a parking hotline and park-

The ads are a way for Katz and airport officials to acknowledge the public complaints and sometimes critical perceptions of the airport, but Katz uses the spots to update the public. Katz has a little fun with it, too, ending the spot with the line that he

# Santa Claus makes visit to LightFest

Children have a chance to visit with Santa Claus at Wayne County's LightFest until Dec. 24. Santa's temporary residence is the Warrendale Picnic Area at the end of Wayne County Light-Fest, which county officials call the Midwest's longest drivethrough holiday light show, now open 7-10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, through Dec 31, with the exception of Christ mas Day. Photos with Santa food concessions and a gift shop are available at the Warrendal

Wayne County's LightFest exhibits displays along 4 1/2 miles of Hines Drive from Merry man Road in Westland to War rendale Picnic Area in Dearbor

Each display features anima tion. This year visitors can expect to see parachuting rein deer, Santa's sleigh ascending into the sky and a ball shot over the Inkster Road bridge. Dis plays include the Lochness Mon ster and a giant poinsettia

This year marks the third season that Santa has appeared at the Wayne County LightFest His helpers at the Dearborn Rotary Club have ensured that he spread Christmas cheer to all the children who stop and see him at his pavilion. A \$5 dona tion for photos with Santa is suggested, and will benefit the Rotary's outreach efforts on local and international levels.

A \$5 minimum donation per car also helps keep Wayne County LightFest operating. There is an additional charge for commer

are encouraged to pre-register. For more information on Wayne County LightFest or to arrange bus/limo tours, call (734)

# Author speaks at seminar on hospice care

Dr. Alan Wolfelt, author and educator, will headline the seminar, "Hospice, Death, Grief and Mourning," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at St. John's Center for Youth and Family in Plymouth. The workshop is designed for clergy of all faiths, as well as deacons, pastoral care ministers and caregivers. Semipar sponsors are Madonna University's Hospice Education Department, Hospice of Michigan and St. John's Center.

Wolfelt is a clinical psycholo gist and director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado and Toronto, Canada.

Cost of the seminar is \$35 a person; if two or more people attend from the same facility, the fee is \$30 per person. Registrations received after Dec. 17 pre \$40. Seminar fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. For information about the seminar, contact Dr. Kelly Rhoades, Madonna University

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> Mike Conway Airport spokesman

could eat a "little more turkey "Why would we go with the self-Soon it starts. First, his moth- and a lot less crow" during the effacing, humorous approach?"

amusing, and poke a little fun at man Advertising in Bloomfield ourselves. We felt people would listen to us more."

Airport officials found the ads a good way to inform the public about credit card express lanes for quicker ways to leave the like officials are "preaching" to parking deck, a parking hotline the public, Conway said. (1-800-642-1978) and a giant message sign informing crowded," Conway said. "But motorists entering the airport

about parking. asked Mike Conway, airport The idea for the ads came from

Hills with consultants at Caponigro Public Relations of South-

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# Tax break for utilities may cost communities millions

Communities and schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties may lose \$116 million in tax revenue, according to leaders from those counties, because of a change in the state's computation of the values of gas and electric utility property (equip-

The Big Four -Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Chairman John Hertel - spent Wednesday meeting with local municipal, township and school officials in those three counties to gather support for a lawsuit they expected to file this month against the State Tax

The commission adopted per-

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Edward McNamara: Wayne County executive.

sonal property multipliers in on studies county officials said November. The multipliers give were submitted by the utility the public utilities a reduction in companies. The tax schedules

ducing a cut of 25 percent in cials said. taxes for electric companies and 32 percent for gas companies, county officials said.

The commission cut valuation multipliers, using a "net book value" for the utilities' distribution and transmission equipment and materials, based on the actual, original purchase price of not include land or easements. Historically, assessed values have been based on the property's current market value minus

County officials expect to argue in court that the new method is unconstitutional because the new valuation method applies only to gas and electric utility property.

All other businesses in the state will continue to be assessed using the current-value method. unfair business advantage, but College, \$990,744, Schoolcraft personal property taxes, based result in values that are "sub- dramatically eroding local tax College, \$207,901; Wayne-West- Scott Simons said Edison

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"The state constitution guar-

antees uniformity in taxation," \$250,943; Redford Union, said Gary Evanko, director of Wayne County's assessment and equalization division. Wayne County government would lose Edward McNamara said there \$8.2 million over four years.

would lose the following revenue the equipment minus deprecia- due to the assessment reduction tion. That tax classification did over four years, which includes the utilities' assessment appeals still pending, for these western Wayne County communities: Livonia, \$482,126; Westland, \$445,897; Redford, \$306,357; Garden City, \$172,531; Canton,

\$98,708; city of Plymouth,

lost revenue.

back on services.'

hurt, either.

will have no choice but to cut

Archer said the city of Detroit

and schools stand to lose \$21.8

million. Archer said the group of

\$78,981; and Plymouth Township, \$75,144. Evanko said school and college districts also would lose the following for the same time period: Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, \$2 milnot only giving the utilities an lion; Wayne County Community

stantially below market," pro- bases throughout the state, offi- land, \$1.2 million; Livonia, \$1 received communications from million; Plymouth-Canton, \$834,691; South Redford, County figures were inflated. \$233,578; Garden City,

"Sixty to 70 percent of any \$198,308; Clarenceville, \$62,705. potential refund (appealed Wayne County Executive ssment) also would be reimbursed by the state of Michigan aren't many options for local govthrough the school fund pro-Evanko said local communities ernments and school districts gram," Simons said. That inforwhen it comes to replacing the mation, however, could not be confirmed with state officials.

> "Most communities are right Generally Edison comprises up against the Headlee cap and less than 0.5 percent of commucan't raise their local tax rates to nities' tax bases. Simons said. Bridget Medina, press secremake up the shortfall." McNamara said. "Schools and cities

tary for the state Department of Treasury, said the commission had a constitutional obligation to ensure the multipliers were accurate. "These haven't been updated in 30 years." Medina

leaders "had nothing against" utilities. "We're talking about The commission actually recbasic fairness," Archer said. "We ommended tables that reflected don't want the utilities to be a smaller depreciation rate than hurt, but we don't want to be what was recommended by a consultant, Medina said. Differ-Detroit Edison spokesman



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# Bill bars principals from joining unions

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

tives voted: Reps. Bruce Patter-School principals will no longer be allowed to join unions, son, R-Canton; Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills; or collectively bargain for pay and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted and benefits, under a bill passed by the state House.

Lawmakers voted 56-54 to Heights; Eileen DeHart, D-Westapprove Senate Bill 663, sponsored, by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-

He introduced the legislation when principals in Detroit schools joined teachers on the picket lines this fall. He contends they still had a management responsibility to be running the school buildings, even while teachers were out.

"There ought to be a clear distinction between labor and management. If principals are unionized, there is no clear management in the district. And that's

not healthy," he said.

Bennett contended that principals, and teachers, will be "paid twice" for their time on the picket line. Because they receive an annual salary, they do not lose pay for time out on strike, he argued. But they do pick up extra pay when the school year has to be extended to make up for the time lost to the strike

Federal law already bans school district administrators from joining unions, Bennett further contends. His bill will merely repeal the section of state law that allows the exception here.

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. argues it is one more case of the state overriding local controls. If local school districts do not want their administrators joining unions, that can be accomplished at the school board level.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, said he does not believe the state should tell any employee group it does not have the right to collectively bargain. Democrats have noted that management in other areas of government are allowed to unionize, such as supervisors in police and House Democrats further

charged the bill was racially motivated on the part of Republicans, a charge to which Repub-

Bennett's bill would prohibit supervisory personnel in school district and "confidential secretaries" from unionizing, as well as principals. The ban would apply not only to those who have a management role in the district - those who have the authority to hire and fire - but also to all frontline supervisors, those who simply direct work groups, he said.

Since representatives amended the bill before passage, the

# Tax break

from page A8

ent items or company assets deserve different depreciation rates in their values, Medina

"Computers are vastly different than automotive equipment," Medina said. "They can't be lumped together and depreciate at the same rate. It's like apples and oranges." The county leaders want local

communities to pass a resolution opposing the special tax break for utilities. If community leaders wished to join the counties in the lawsuit, they would be charged 1.5 percent of the anticipated revenue lost in legal fees.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said Livonia was interested in joining the lawsuit. "I think we should seek uniformity and fairness," Kirksey said. Budget cuts would be difficult for the city, Kirksey added.

"(The new valuation) means other individuals will pick up the burden and that's not fair, Kirksey said. Kirksey expects the issue will be discussed Friday at the Conference of Western Wayne meeting in Ply-

Richard Reed, an attorney retained by the three counties and Detroit, would like a complaint filed by the end of the

"We just want the same techniques used for valuation that are used for every other taxpayer in the state - the same methods that are used for you and

# Schoolcraft registers for winter term

semester, with classes beginning Friday, Jan. 7.

The Observer & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1999

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Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn fundamental genetic concepts. land,; Tom Kelly, D-Wayne; and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, voted

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Here is how local representa-

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### **OBITUARIES**

### **ELSIE BUCKBERRY**

Services for Elsie Buckberry, 97, of Plymouth (formerly of Belleville) were Dec. 7 at Trinity Episcopal Church with Fr. John R. Hagen officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat

She was born June 14, 1902. She died Dec. 3 in Lourdes Nursing Home. She was a homemak-

She was preceded in death by her husband, William; and one great grandson, Jeffery A. Linstrom. Survivors include her daughter, Elsie A. (Donald) Overy; two sons, Otto W. (Virginia) Buckberry, Marshall J. (LaDora) Buckberry; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-greatgrandchild.

Local arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home.

### STANLEY J. STAFIEJ

Services for Stanley J. Stafiej, 85, of Canton were Dec. 8 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating.

He was born Nov. 10, 1914, in New York, N.Y. He died Dec. 5. He worked for an automotive company as a job setter.

Survivors include two sons, Richard (Carole), and Stan; two brothers; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### **BERNARDA SCERRI**

Services for Bernarda Scerri, 72, of Fort Mill, S.C. were Dec. 7 at St. Gemma's Catholic Church, Detroit, with the Rev. Mark S. Brauer officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, Southfield.

She was born Nov. 21, 1927, in Malta. She was a member of St. Gemma's Parish for more than 40 years. Having moved to Fort Mill recently, she was a member of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. She was a loving mother and grandmother and a devoted

Survivors include her husband, Pius Scerri of Fort Mill, S.C.; two sons, Anthony (Lorna) Serri of Fort Mill, S.C., and John Scerri of Westland; three daughters, Rosalie Scerri of Westland, Mary (lloyd) Duston of Plymouth, and Margaret (William) Stafford of Navato, Calif.; and one grandchild, Chelsea Scerri of Fort Mill, S.C.

### **BERNADINE HAYWOOD**

Services for Bernadine Haywood, 82, of Plymouth were Dec. 6 at Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. James F. Kean of Our Lady of Victory officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

She was born Aug. 2, 1917, in Detroit. She died Dec. 3 in Superior Township. She was a secre-

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sylvia M. Liddell. Survivors include her son-in-law, John Liddell; three grandsons, John (Ronald) Liddell, Michael (Kitty) Liddell, Robert Liddell; and two great grandchildren.

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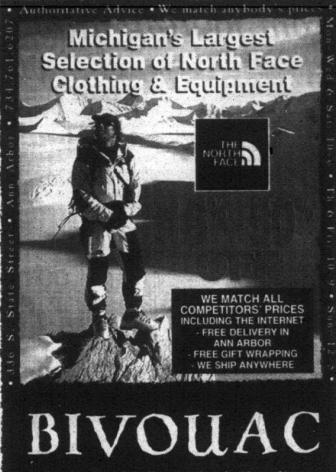
### JAMES F. DESKA

Services for James F. Deska, 67, of Farmington Hills were Dec. 4 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

He was born Jan. 23, 1932, in Detroit. He died Dec. 1 in Farmington Hills. He retired in 1995 from Amera Mortgage Co. He was a banker. He was in the Navy. His hobbies included classic cars, antiques, auctions and

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; one son, David (Dottie) of Canton; one daughter, Donna (Patrick) Rapin of Commerce Township; one brother, Richard of Livonia; and five grandchil-

Memorials may be made to Friends of McKenzia Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 530843, Livonia



# Crash from page A1

Livonia shortly after the accident, which occurred at about 9:50 p.m. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

"He was a very nice, likable person," said Lottie Ostrowski, who worked with Puttock at Frank's Nursery in Canton. "He'd do anything to help anybody.

She said he had just left the store prior to the accident. Ostrowski, a manager, said Puttock had worked part-time at Frank's for a little more than a month.

It was a second job for Puttock, she added.

"He was a great person to work with," Ostrowski said. "We always called him 'Big Bob' because we had three Roberts working here."

According to Canton Police officer Leonard Schemanske, the tractor cab was sitting in the center lane of Ford Road just west of Morton Taylor waiting to make a left turn into a strip

Puttock pulled into the center lane from Frank's parking lot, also headed westbound, and struck the vehicle. Schemanske said it's unclear exactly what caused the accident.

"We don't think alcohol was a factor," he added.

Puttock wasn't wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, said Schemanske. His Dodge Caravan, a 1987 model, wasn't equipped with an airbag.



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Puttock was able to walk away from the accident before collapsing, said Schemanske. He died of multiple head and chest injuries, according to the Wayne County

Puttock's family declined to

release survivor or funeral infor-

Ostrowski said.



# TRADING PLACES

# Doing business beyond borders

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

ohn McConnell needed to know whether expanding his firm's transportation services in Mexico would be worth the time, trouble and

As vice president of Sonora Logistics in Northville, McConnell helps run that firm with his wife, Alba, arranging for transportation of auto-motive goods and vehicles.

So the McConnells of Northville

turned to Schoolcraft College. John McConnell consulted with the college's Export Resource Center to report on the amount of "heavy haul," or machinery and equipment, exchanged between the United States and Mexico.

McConnell will use that study for business planning and to obtain financing from banks. "Banks are interested in the market, and how much demand there is," McConnell

"From a business plan perspective, (the export center) is an excellent resource of information. It's a great thing to have a facility that's close by that can assist small businesses."

### **Exports** double

Indeed, all the world is a marketplace. Michigan's export growth of Michigan-produced goods and services has more than doubled in 12 years, up from \$12 billion in 1986 to \$31.4 billion in 1998.

With the Detroit area second only to Seattle as the largest exporter of American products and Michigan the sixth largest exporting state, Schoolcraft College is offering information and resources for small businesses whose owners wish to expand into foreign markets, but don't know



Trade talks: John McConnell of Sonora Logistics discusses export with Kerstin Angermeier, international trade specialist at Schoolcraft's Business Development Center.

where to start.

The college has initiated seminars ranging from international marketing to cross-cultural communication, and offers its Export Resource Center at the Business Development Center. When entrepreneurs complete the series of six seminars, they receive an

Schoolcraft boasts that it has the only program in Southeastern Michigan that focuses on the entire export process and country-specific seminars. The college works as a "subcenter" under a regional center at Wayne State University and with the U.S. Small Business Administration in Detroit.

"World economies are becoming more and more interdependent with the restructuring of political boundaries, collapse of communism, opening of new consumer markets, historic trade agreements and World Trade Organization," said Vikram Mathur, international coordinator with Continuing Education Services.

### Grants help out

The Export Assistance Center offered by Schoolcraft was established Please see TRADING, A12

Primary metals \$600

Food products 126
Apparel 120

# Foreign market seminars inform entrepreneurs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

The world market is open to local businesses through the Export Resource Center at Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center.

The Export Resource Center specializes in helping company owners who are interested in capitalizing on international business opportunities. The center can also assist companies already in the international marketplace through information about exporting trends and potential expansion of their products and services into additional countries.

The center houses a video conferencing facility, an executive Internet lab and an export research library. Video conferencing allows business owners to communicate with overseas contacts, meet with potential buyers and present product demonstrations.

The Business Development Center also has created the International Trade Certification Program offering six seminars on international

trade and four seminars on specific countries.

Alicia Jones, chief operating dincer and owner of Word Communications in Oak Park, runs an Internet consulting firm with programs to train at-risk children about careers involving computers and the Internet. She attended the seminars wanting to identify foreign markets in which she could sell the program on CD-ROMs.

Jones credited Kerstin Angermeier, an international trade specialist at the Business Development Center, with finding a market, locating Albanian children in France who Jones identified as "at-risk" and "disengaged." Jones hopes the French school systems will buy the CDs. She has served the Detroit Public Schools and the Oakland Intermediate School District with her

products. "It's a tremendous resource without having to go there (France) in advance," Jones said.

We asked them to identify a foreign market that met our growth projections."

Jones said Angermeier obtained demographics of France, and Jones learned at the seminars about exporting the CD-ROM, language barriers and tariffs. Angermeier also was familiar with

Please see SEMINARS, A12

# Detroit is second in businesses that export

By KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.home

The World Trade Organization failed to get an agreement last week on an agenda for a new round of global trade talks, as protesters

disrupted discussions on Tuesday

and Wednesday in Seattle. Seattle was chosen as the site of the WTO conference as the United States' leading exporter of American products, but guess who is No.

With \$27 billion in goods exported in 1998 - \$12 billion to Canada alone - the metro Detroit area shines as a nation's No. 2 exporter, with sales in transportation equipment and industrial machinery leading the way and helping fuel the local economy.

John O'Gara, an international trade specialist at Detroit's U.S. Export Assistance Center, says the Detroit and U.S. trade success with Canada can be attributed to its proximity to Michigan.

"They also are very similar to us,"

O'Gara said of the two countries in terms of language and culture. "Mexico is close by, while western Europe has a similar culture."

Businesses also do well in Latin America, but the chances of success in trade depends on the product. Countries may protect certain industries, while the United States exercises economic and trade sanctions against Cuba, Iran, Iraq and Libya due to the political situations there, O'Gara said.

The number of U.S. small busies that export has tripled in the last decade, and the biggest growth was seen in the smallest companies that employ fewer than 20 people. Small businesses now account for almost a third of all U.S. export

A U.S. Small Business Administration **U.S. Department of Commerce** study shows:

- Nearly 97 percent of U.S. firms that export are small businesses.
- Small businesses account for nearly 31 percent of total U.S. export sales.

Top merchandise exports to the world from the Detroit area for 1998

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Transportation equipment \$18.8 Industrial machinery and computers 2.6 Electric and electronic equipment Fabricated metal products 1.1

Total manufactured products: \$26.7 Billion Nonmanufactured commodities: \$315 Million Nonmanufactured commodition
TOTAL: \$27 Billion

- The number of small firms that export has tripled over the last decade, rising to 209,455 in 1997.
- Very small companies those with fewer than 20 employees made up 65 percent of all U.S. exporting firms in 1997.
- Non-manufacturing companies dominate exporting by small firms. In 1997, they accounted for 69 percent of all small exporters and generated 69 percent of exports.
- Small business exporters pay 13 percent higher wages than nonexport companies and tend to

stay in business longer.

■ Small business exporters pay 11 percent higher benefits than other companies for health care, pension plans and disability insurance

Scientific and measuring instruments 548

Rubber, plastic and metal products 422 Chemical products 357

Furniture and fixtures 292
Stone, clay and glass products 281

Business owners can learn about resources on exporting, including market entry and financing assistance, through the SBA's office at (313) 226-6075, U.S. Export Assistance Center at (313) 226-3650 and Michigan Small Business Development Centers at (313) 964-1798. Information also is available at the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/oit/export.

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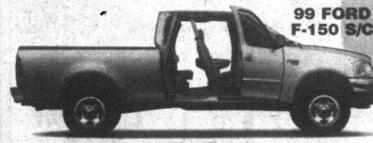


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Four companies signed up for this fall's seminar. One wanted to send greeting cards to Asia; another wanted to ship nail polish to Europe, and a third wanted to user is for a product." ship goat cheese to Russia. Another wanted to ship machinery.

Many are small to mid-sized businesses whose owners don't know how to market internationally, said Kerstin Angermeier, an international trade specialist at has tremendous potential," Maththe Business Development Center. ur said. Together, those two coun-

Companies also can learn about tries have 2.2 billion people. the World Trade Organization's Angermeier adds that not all regulations. "They are the major regulators of what goes in and out do business in just because they of the country," Mathur said.

Companies must learn all they can about the potential "end than the U.S.," Angermeier said.

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doing business," Angermeier said. Mathur, born in Nigeria and "You have to know who the end raised in India, said Indian men "never shake hands with women," but it is considered proper for an Indian man to shake the hand of Mathur said China and India an American woman.

are difficult places to do business A commonplace gesture somewith their current political situatimes needs to be avoided altotions. "But once you are in them, it gether, said Bruce Sweet, director of Schoolcraft's business and ndustrial services.

"If you do an OK sign, it's considered a vulgar gesture," Sweet said, about the Hispanic culture. "For us, it's a normal thing to do, but it's vulgar."

The international background of the staff - Mathur also worked in Geneva for the WTO - gives European and Asian views beyond the sometimes parochial American view of the world.

"It really gives our clients a perspective that is not the U.S. and a broader world view," Sweet said. "I think that they (the staff) don't make the same kinds of assump-

Seminars from page A11

Without her help, "we would have spent months of research and | to export, but the resources were development and thousands of dollars," Jones said. Jones hopes to

check on potential markets in Africa and China. Lisa Radwick, a licensing and product support manager at Avan-

ti Press in Detroit, attended the FOREIGN about the export MARKET process. Avanti SEMINARS prints primarily greeting cards,

and produces gift items, such as calendars and mugs. Radwick is responsible for national sales and was exploring exporting licensing designs over-

"It's a very different list of things you need to be aware of," Radwick said of international trade. "Mistakes can be made and they can be very costly."

The seminar has provided Radwick with information about several resources on the Web. "You learn about being careful about limited markets with distribution," said Radwick. "We don't have the opportunity to look at

other options. Several red flags

have been raised from the things I have learned." "You think about things more and ask more questions, and don't

Radwick didn't get to learn everything she needed to in order excellent, costs reasonable and gave them books and research. assistance, Radwick said.

Seminars scheduled International trade seminars in the winter of 2000:

■ International Marketing (Feb. 15 and 17): Includes product and company export readiness, conducting international market research and devising market entry strategies.

■ International Finance ( Feb. 22 and 24): Considers letters of credit, other methods of payment, currency exchange rates (and risks), choosing a bank, and alternative financing options.

■ International Logistics (Feb. 29 and March 2): Addresses risk management, export procedures and documentation, electronic data interchange, and helps companies assess freight forwarders versus international logistics firms. Cross cultural communica-

tion (March 7): Examines the role of culture in international business, including: customs and eti-quette, negotiations and decision making, hosting international visitors and living and working

Foreign Government Sales (March 14): Explores how to do business with developing nations and helps create an effective strategy for foreign government sales. This session also addresses the role of multinational development banks and other appropriate U.S.

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Trade Agreements and Legal Aspects of Foreign Trade (March 21): Reviews the roles of the World Trade Organization, regional trade agreements and various international traderelated organizations.

These seminars are offered 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Participants may register for either session. Country specific seminars will be scheduled as follows from 9 a.m. to noon for Japan, March 18; Korea, March 25; Canada and Mexico, April 1, and Mercosur countries, April 8. Mercosur is a trade bloc of South American nations governed by a trade agreement by the same name; and includes Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

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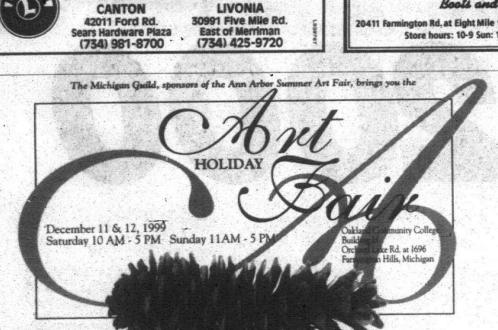
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liked Booher's vision for the high school and ideas on corporate grants, and feels the glass ceiling for women has been lift ed in Plymouth-Canton schools. If offered a contract, Booher would become the district's first female superintendent.

"What really impressed me was that she did her homework and knows who we are and what our challenges are," said Mardigian. "I'm excited about having female superintendent, and I think she will inspire the girls and women of our district to reach a new level."

Board President Susan Davis said her reference check with Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Superintendent Mike Flanagan, of Plymouth Township, indicated "she is a bright shining star. He sees her as intelligent, straightforward ... a person who has leadership skills."

Board members chose Booher over William Weber, a Canton work several years ago," said resident, who is assistant superintendent for South Redford Schools, and Phyllis Wilson, deputy superintendent of umbus (Ohio) Public Schools.



Impressed: "She (Booher) did her homework," said Plymouth-Canton Trustee Judy Mardigian.

"I heard a lot of good things about Plymouth-Canton schools when I moved to southeast Michigan, and it was on my short list of places I'd like to Booher. "I was pleased when I got the call from Sue Davis."

Knowing that Plymouth-Canton was looking for a new superintendent. Booher did her home-

work early and paid the district a visit earlier this year with interim Superintendent Ken

After spending nearly five years (1994-99) in Berkley as superintendent, Booher feels ready to move on.

"I feel very good about what we've accomplished in Berkley," said Booher. "I think we've taken this district from being good to one that has made pow erful, positive moves for kids. Kids are what it's all about."

There will be a number of hallenges for Booher, including moving from a district with 4,300 students and an annual budget of \$32 million to Plymouth-Canton's 16,500 students and a budget of more than \$100

Booher's current salary is . \$111,000. Former superintendent Chuck Little was paid \$120,000 annually.

If the Plymouth-Canton school board offers her a contract after the site visit, Booher said she could probably wrap up her business with Berkley sometime in February, shortly after the start

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# **Plowing ahead**

# Good plan in place for roads

onday's first snowfall of the season – into early spring.
which snuck up on early morning commuters – was a timeland the season – into early spring.
The county has muters - was a timely reminder of last January's blizzard. That's when more than a foot of snow over New Year's weekend paralyzed traffic on Canton's main roads, some of which went unplowed for 48 hours.

So we've asked Mother Nature for a millen-

But failing that, we're glad to see better communication and some good planning by township and county officials who hope to avoid a repeat of last winter.

Canton and other townships rely exclusively on Wayne County to get primary roads -Ford and Canton Center are two examples plowed and salted. This year, Canton trustees have approved an agreement that adds a number of local streets to that list providing Canton picks up 50 percent of the cost (estimated at \$37,367 for Canton's share). Sections of Sheldon, Lotz, Warren and Lilley will be

To their credit, both Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and Cameron Priebe, Wayne County public services director, admit mistakes were made in the wake of the Blizzard of '99. While some terse words were exchanged at the time, neither official is interested in playing the blame game. Both appear to be sincere in their efforts to improve things this time

Steps were taken after a series of meetings between the county and township that lasted

The county has made some changes to its plowing routes and maintenance yards so that Canton roads receive more prompt attention. More than \$60,000 was spent on radios to equip all vehicles and new phone lines have been installed at county yards for local governments to contact during storms.

"We feel confident they'll do a good job," Yack said, noting that service did get better as the winter progressed

One problem with winter road maintenance in Canton and other townships is perception. When people make that first angry phone call its usually to their local government, which in this case has little control over when and how roads are plowed. But people expect more than a pass-the-buck reply from township hall and Yack has assured us efforts will be made to get accurate and timely information to Canton residents in future snow emergencies.

For a growing, urban township like Canton, passable roads are a top priority. Residents, local business owners and employees - even drive-through commuters on their way to somewhere else - suffer when snow and ice aren't cleared.

It would be great if we got a break from winter this time around and were out playing golf or riding bikes in January. The next best thing would be a winter where the roads were plowed and salted as efficiently and professionally as possible.

# Cap is no mere bargaining chip

orse trading is an essential part of the democratic process.

Politician A wants Politician B's vote on a matter he thinks is especially important and he's willing to trade away his vote on something he thinks isn't quite as important.

That's called compromise and that's how legislation gets done. When the U.S. House changed hands two elections ago, a group of inexperienced political novices came to office with the stated position that they weren't about to horse trade. They had their convictions, and, by gum, they were standing by them. The result was legislative gridlock, a stalled court system and a couple of confrontations with the president from the other party, who constantly trumped them.

On the state level, the Legislature and the executive are from the same party, but there is still a need for horse trading with members of the opposition and recalcitrant Republicans. Gov. John Engler is a master at this sort of political gamesmanship and is generally admired across party lines for his understandng of how the game is played.

But there are times when the average citi-'zen might wonder, is this really the best way 'to run a state, aren't there some principles 'that can't and shouldn't be traded away?

This past two weeks, Engler and House Republicans have been furiously trying to raise the cap on university sponsored charter schools from 150 to 200. They face a tight deadline of Dec. 31 if the cap is to be lifted in time to get schools running by next fall. The issue seems dead in the House and even if it passes the Senate, it might be too late for joint legislation.

We have expressed our serious reservations about raising the cap and about the quality and accountability of charter schools. We are also concerned about the level of games playLifting the charter school cap is one of those core issues on which both sides should work to find the best answer rather than working to horse trade for their position.

ing involved in trying to push this legislation through

It was reported that House Democrats were willing to trade away their votes on the charter cap in return for killing off a bill that would eliminate residency requirements for city workers. Democrats claim the offer was initiated from the governor's office.

As Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo) rightly notes these are separate and unrelated issues. As it turns out, what Perricone was really concerned about was that several Republicans were ready to bolt on the cap issue if the House leadership made a deal on

We believe the future of public education is an essential state issue, not to be lightly traded away or compromised. If Republicans, and some Democrats, believe the future of our education system depends on the increase of charter schools, why would they abandon that issue so blithely?

We believe that the majority of Democrats in the House and Senate along with thoughtful Republican supporters of public education such as Rep. Gerald Law, Plymouth, and Patricia Godchaux, Birmingham, should remain skeptical about raising the cap.

This is one of those core issues on which both sides should work to find the best answer rather than working to horse trade for their

**Geof Brooks** 



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### True meaning of tolerance

eve been reading with amusement the debate on the controversial displays at the high school. Do these people actually read what they write or listen to what they say?

Both sides supposedly adhere to "tolerance" and yet neither shows any signs of understanding the concept. In fact, if you read the letters you quickly see that by simply replacing a few adjectives you can exactly mimic the other side's message!

If the "left" side of the issue really wanted to see tolerance embraced they would show us by example. Throwing out words like homophobic and hate are cheap shots at taking the moral high ground and they just don't work. They have some sort of myth that tolerance and acceptance are synonyms. Maybe they need to spend some more time in English class. Tolerance is acknowledging a belief system as valid even if it abhors yours. You don't tolerate the "right" any more than they tolerate you!

And to my religious friends, practice don't preach. We're taught that we're here to "be Christ-like," not to make sure others are. When you read to love your neighbor, it doesn't have a little asterisk next to the word neighbor that qualifies it into "people you agree with." We're supposed to love everybody, even those whose lifestyles you totally disagree with. It's such a simple message, and vet sometimes the simple things can be the

As far as the displays go, real "tolerance" (I'm really beginning to loathe that word) would have been to take into consideration all of the audience. When I was young I was taught that if something was uncomfortable or offensive to one in a group you didn't force the discussion on the whole.

Now read this carefully - this is not censorship. It is courtesy. The folks who put up the display on gay issues simply were not being tolerant of the Christian perspective. Period. It's exactly the same as a religious person calling the gay lifestyle "wrong."

Now I'm not saying either side is correct. But you have to understand that both belief systems are valid. They exist in our culture. You don't have to agree, or even accept it. But you have to acknowledge it. That is tolerance. David Bard

# Social Security games

Most people correctly believe that Social Security has been our most successful social program. However, as the program has matured, it faces many obstacles to its viabili-

The first major crisis it faced was in 1981 when concerns were raised about the trust fund running out of money by 1983. The Greenspan Commission was formed, which made recommendations to resolve the shortterm financing problems the program faced. A combination of legislation enacting the recommendations, low inflation and the economic boom has contributed to yearly trust fund surpluses until the proclaimed total is now in excess of \$650 billion.

Unfortunately, within the Treasury, Social Security taxes are commingled with general tax revenues, which allows Congress to spend Trust Fund surpluses to fund other expenses within the budget. For example, the 1999 \$70billion surplus existed only because Congress included the 1998 \$99-billion surplus when the actual budget showed a deficit. To cover up the embezzlement of trust fund money by Congress, the Department of Treasury has been forced to issue non-negotiable IOU bonds to the trust fund.

Congress has exploited the co-mingling flaw in the trust fund to achieve a spending coup without having to increase income taxes, but at severe cost to low-income workers. Workers have been hit hard when the regressive Social Security tax has also been used to fund other spending programs. This has been particularly devastating to the self-employed business people such as entrepreneurs, farmers and ranchers who must contribute at double the normal Social Security tax rate.

Isn't embezzlement of trust fund money a

Robert Dahlquist Orange, Calif.

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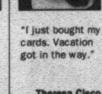


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# **POINTS OF VIEW**

# Lost innocence

# Youth culture, media are major obstacles to raising children

s a teacher, elementary and middle school principal, and in ny position as interim superinendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, I have often been asked this question by parents: What suggestions or advice do you have for us as parents in raising our children?

My best response to this question, cially in this holiday season of gift giving, is to give back and preserve childhood. Stated another way, keep children innocent, naive, and in pursuit of the joy-filled experiences of growing up - experiences such as rolling in the grass, chasing butterflies, hitting a baseball, kicking a soccer ball, playing checkers, reading or having a good story read to them.

Unfortunately, that is not the bill of fare children are being fed into their growing senses and awareness of the world they live in. From birth dren are exposed to over 100,000 acts of random violence on television and many more on video games. This not only desensitizes children to the value and meaning of life, but also robs them of their childhood innocence as we push children into premature adult issues.

Turn on the radio or television and

one can scan through the stations and find vulgar language and violence that shocks and stuns adults, let alone children. It is sad but true that children frequently access these same stations and are allowed to draw their own conclusions regarding quality of life concerns. Children are also bombarded with noise and images in this age of technology. Where is the quiet, contemplative time needed to thought-process, dream and watch the clouds in the sky?

GUEST COLUMNIST

### KENNETH WALCOTT

As parents we all work hard to provide our children with nice clothing, a good home and a good community to live in. Yet, within our home and community we are permitting a cesspool of visual and verbal vulgarity to flow into children's minds. We make sure our children brush their teeth to avoid tooth decay, yet we permit the

In a recent New York Times article about TV there is a clear implication that to get ratings you need to imply that violence and sex are cool. A couple of new TV programs, which I was not aware of, are titled "Wasteland" and "Shasta McNasty." These two programs evidently have graphic scenes and are filled with vulgar or highly suggestive language to get the ecessary ratings.

Besides TV, young children now also have access to the Internet. Being on the Internet without supervision is another opportunity to pollute minds and corrupt one's inno-

Interviews with parents around this country suggest that many American families still are not acutely stressed about the violence and vul-

Needless to say, many parents are deeply concerned regarding the basic values and mores of today's youth. They are the parents who communi cate with their children while showing respect and teaching respect of themselves and all others who share their world.

There is much we can do if we are willing to take charge and permit our children to have the necessary space and time to go through their stages of development so they can become a self-actualized adult and contributing citizen in our American society. As a nation we preserve parks, historical areas, homes of past presidents. Let's start preserving childhood for the sake of our children.

Kenneth J. Walcott is the interim superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

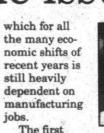
# World trade issues can be felt in our own back yard

t seems so far away. What does it have to do with us? The World Trade Organization met last week in Seattle and their meeting was met with unexpected fury. Anarchists who haven't had anything to rage against for nearly a generation were in their glory. They stormed the streets, happily smashing out windows at Starbucks and Nike. And it wasn't the dark roast they were protesting.

The left in this country has been cowed and silent for so long, some people may have thought they'd all gone away or at least retired to helping Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter rebuild old houses.

Finally, they have an issue, well many issues actually, they can sink their collective (or is it collectivist?)

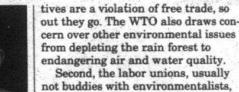
And while violence is always regrettable and usually avoidable, the issues raised at the WTO confab have important implications for our area,



HUGH GALLAGHER thing to understand is that those black-

garbed anarchists were a tiny, tiny minority of those who had gathered to protest, most peacefully. The fringe elements of the left, like the fascist on the right, always like to leech onto whatever protest is happening. And, boy, was this happening.

First, there were the environmentalists. After years of working with Congress, they have been able to get legislation that protects several endangered species from destructive fishing methods. But the WTO has decided that those legislative initia-



are concerned about labor practices in foreign countries that allow adults and children to work at starvation wages in dangerous jobs. Their concern for children is real, but they are also concerned about global corporations taking their jobs from the United States to undeveloped countries.

Third, the WTO operates in splendid secrecy. The organization claims this is necessary to prevent just the kind of hooliganism that erupted in Seattle. In this country, we believe in open government, active and vigorous debate, extensive and complete press coverage. It is unacceptable that some international organization which operates without public scrutiny be allowed to overrule the U.S. Congress in the name of free trade. Of course, we all believe in free trade, except for Pat Buchanan. But, at what cost, to whom and why?

At last week's meeting of the Canton Economic Club, economist David Sowerby of Farmington made an eloquent "all boats rise under free trade" argument. But when free trade is defined as "allowing major corporations to do whatever they want to make a maximum profit no matter. how many people they exploit or how much they ruin the environment" maybe it's time we rethink free trade

That's what all the fuss was about. t would be unrealistic to expect Asian, African and South American countries to suddenly adapt to American labor standards, but it is not unrealistic to set them in that direction. Environmental arguments might be more com plex than some "tree huggers" would have us believe, but we must always weigh economic issues against longrange environmental issues.

The WTO can serve an important role in eliminating national disputes that often lead from trade wars to shooting wars, but only if it is a fully open organization and only if it aims for higher, not lower, standards of national behavior.

Though we are all busily retraining to be part of the "information revolution," a large number of southeast Michigan jobs are still in manufacturing. We must be concerned that the corporations that provide employment in our area do not threaten to leave for some "South American town" just because the WTO says it's all right to pay child workers almost nothing in unregulated factories that belch pollution into the air and water.

It's a local issue. Hugh Gallagher is the managing. editor of The Observer Newspapers. He can be reached by phone at (734)953-2149, by e-mail at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net or by fax at

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# Judicial selection in need of reform

ust about a year ago I wrote a column on the way special interest money, previously focused largely on races for governor and the Legislature, was engulfing races for the Michigan Supreme Court.

I cited two successful Republicans who won seats on the court in last November's election after raising previously unheard of amounts of campaign cash. According to campaign finance reports, Maura Corrigan raised \$1,004,495, while Cliff Taylor raised \$943,863.

Michigan has a truly screwy way of picking Supreme Court justices. Candidates are first nominated at the Democratic and Republican party conventions - partisan political activities to the core. Then candidates are listed on the "nonpartisan" section of the ballot - a bewildering transformation to be sure. And because virtually no voters know anything at all about the actual judicial qualifications of any of the contenders, candidates are obliged to raise lots of

money to run TV ads to increase their name ID. I suggested moving into judicial races was a logical next step for the bigwigs who run the political action committees. After all, if buying influence with the state legislature works, why not judges? And I warned that the probable result would be that public attitudes about the integrity and impartiality of Supreme Court decisions would become about as alienated and cynical as

public opinion now views votes in the Legislature. It didn't take long for my prediction to come true. Last May, Jim Ford, a trial lawyer from Kalamazoo, publicly questioned the Justices' motives when the Supreme Court ruled against his client in an insurance case. (The court is currently dominated by Republican nominees, 5-2.)

Ford obviously hit a nerve. A lawyer for the state Republican Party immediately charged him with conduct unbecoming a lawyer and had him hauled up before the Attorney Grievance Commission. The case against Ford was eventually dropped on free speech grounds, although he was warned not ever to do it again.

Then last week Justice Taylor (he of the \$943,863 campaign war chest) went after Ford again in an interview with the Kalamazoo Gazette. That the justice with the closest ties to Gov. John Engler would get after a court critic in public suggests just how savage the political battle for control of the court will be next year.

The Republican general argument is that the Michigan Democratic Party and its allies - the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, the American Civil Liberties Union and organized labor are doing nothing more than trying to discredit a judicial system they no longer control. That may or may not be so.

But the argument now raging over the partian bias of the Supreme Court is proof, to me at ighest judicial body is proceeding apace. While



# PHIL POWER

some may argue that interpretation of the law, like the writing of history, should be left to the winners, I'm old fashioned enough to believe that respect for the impartiality of the law is one of the fundamental underpinnings of a civil society.

What's the fundamental problem in all this? The screwy system by which our Supreme Court justices are elected. The news organizations don't cover the Supreme Court races. The public is largely unaware of the capabilities of the candidates. The Michigan bedsheet ballot is long, and the voters don't even know which party nominated the candidates who appear fictitious-

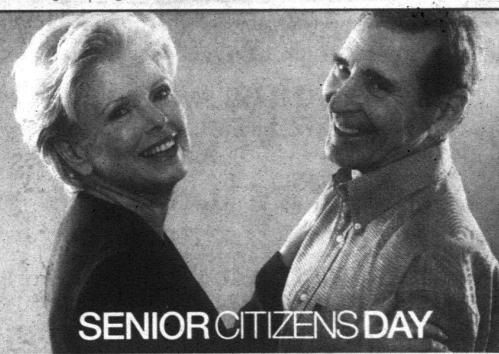
ly as "nonpartisan." A far better idea would be to follow the lead of other states which have the governor appoint justices, subject to a vote by the Senate and, possibly, confirmation in office by statewide election. Another wrinkle would be to designate a panel of "wise persons," who would review likely candidates for our state's highest court and forward a short list to the governor, who

would then be obliged to nominate from the list. Doing this requires amending the Michigan Constitution. Sorry; this is unlikely. Republicans, sensing partisan history is on their side, are already raising big money to fight next year's judicial campaigns. And Democratic power brokers, notably organized labor, are reluctant to give up their choke hold on the

nomination process. The rhetoric from both sides on this subject, of course, will be about the sanctity of the public ballot and how important it is in a democracy for "the people" to select their justices.

I wonder if a system that relies on unknowing voters to select unknowns to our highest court is really democracy or merely a convenient device for shadowy interests to maintain control over the levers of power.

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### HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

# Yule legacy abides in gentle hearts

e approach a Christmas that is noteworthy as the last one of the 1900s

Capturing the uniqueness of this December is quite a task. What compelling parallels between now and 2,000 years ago can I find? Moreover, since holiday stories are among the hardest to write, what new tale can I tell that isn't too sentimental?

Be that as it may, let me tell you a story for the sea-

Once upon a Christmas Eve, bitter-cold night air nipped at noses, hurrying people inside. Ice glazed the sidewalks and streets of one particular Michigan town. The manager of a townhouse community there couldn't risk driving on dangerous roads to be with relatives many miles away.

Finding herself unexpectedly at home, she joined the residents in their cozy arts and crafts room, where festive tables were laden with bountiful holiday fare.

"Excuse me," one of the senior residents said. "I've forgotten something," Off she went, leaving the manager and the merry chatter of the gathering behind. Shortly afterward, the room fell silent as another resident began reading the story of the Nativity.

When the woman returned, she went to the manager and whispered, "Some people were at the front door, inquiring about a townhouse, so I let them

Drat, the manager thought. It's Christmas Eve, and I'm off duty. Worse, I'm sure I know who they are, and I'm going to have to tell them they don't qualify!

### Dreaded meeting

Off she strode, bracing herself to deliver bad news. Sure enough, there was the young couple she dreaded meeting, with their four small children in tow.

The couple had spent their savings to move to town for a job, which then fell through. They lost an apartment they had rented and their security deposit. Things had started to look up when the husband

found a new job. We have enough for the rent now," he said, hopeful for his family. But he and the manager both knew there was no money left over for yet another security deposit.

Through frosty windows, she could see the panel van that the family was living in. They looked so cold and weary, especially the 2year-old boy, whose face and hands were red. Alas. though, corporate rules. The manager felt bad, but her hands were tied.

Just as she opened her mouth to say, "I'm sorry, but ...," the resident's voice from the next room broke through the momentary silence in the office.

... And there was no room in the inn," the woman read.

The words of rejection died in the manager's open mouth. Instead, out tumbled, "Let me show you to your new home" as she reached for keys to an empty townhouse.

Please see HISTORY, B3



In triplicate: Santa hats in place, 23month-old triplets Madeline, Natalie and Greg Gannon get wheeled into Wonder-land Mall by their mom, Susan of Livo-

# Santa wishes come in 3's



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'Let me gol': Gary Nayh of Northville holds a not-so-happy Brianna and Beatrice while mom Fran holds a crying Brittany as they get their picture taken with Santa. The triplets are 22 months old.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

hey rolled through the parking lot in triplicate, with Santa hats bobbing

A group of about 17 families of triplets known collectively as 3-4-All - got dressed in their holiday finest and strolled into Livonia's Wonderland Mall with mom and dad for a special visit with Santa Claus and some quality play time.

The special event, organized by mall marketing director Cathy Young, gave the children a special moment with Santa who came in early and posed for pictures starting at 9 a.m. This was the first event of its kind at the mall.

"This was a perfect venue," said Young, smiling. "I know the group tries to get together as much as they can." She considered the day a success and may plan another day for triplets in the future.

It all started at Oakwood Hospital. Four mothers-to-be found themselves in one special situation. They were all about to give birth to triplets.

More than two years later, the moms connected with about 12 other sets of parents with triplets to exchange advice and give support. The group is building strong friendships all along the way.

Once a month the moms get together for dinner and conversation, and around the holidays they plan events with the children.

On Friday, giggles and chatter echoed through the corridors of the mall, which has been transformed into what it's calling a Winter Wonderland for the holiday shopping season. With a hearty "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas," Santa posed for a group shot with the kids and led the group to an early lunch in the mall.

Although some people might think parenting three babies at once is a difficult task, all the parents agreed it's really

triple the joy.

Just ask Lesley Merlino, a founding parent of Aftershock Times Three, one of the groups that makes up 3-4-All. The Farmington Hills resident was one of the original four mems and now writes a newsletter that keeps the group in touch

with events, activities and advice. She insists that "life is great,"

."It's a lot of work, but it's worth it," said Merlino. "You get three times the love, three times the hugs, three times the kisses. It's really all worth it.

But imagine trying to feed three hungry babies at once, or put three sobbing infants to sleep at the same time.

Good thing Carole Kody is around to support them. The Canton resident and mother of 2-year-old triplets started Aftershock and saw many of the other mothers through their pregnancies.

She warned the mothers-to-be to stay off their feet, and once the little ones were

Please see TRIPLETS, B2



Families find home that cares about their elder members

# More to Adore club gives big people place to gather

Kim Zager sounds a bit like Bob Barker when she talks about the private social club she started in February. If you're a BBW, come on

down. Ditto if you're a BHM. And if you don't have a BBW or a BHM to come to the dance parties with, no fret.

"I tell them to come and I'll troduce them to a whole table full of people," said Zager. "You don't necessarily have to like big women. If you want to come, you're not required to pick up

"However, big women are very cool to have fun with. We're really bubbly and light-hearted."

The "there" is Zager's More to Adore, a social club for people who weigh more than 200 pounds. The BBW is a big, beauiful woman and the BHM is a

Through word-of-mouth, a hot line and newsletter, Zager has slowly built attendance, staging dances, swim parties, fashion shows and haunted hayrides for More to Adore members. The dance parties are held at the Dearborn Elks Lodge.

there were 125 people.

the toll-free hotline."

the ratio is 3:1.

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site the hotline and newsletter.

which has a mailing list number-

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"Almost every month we do a dance and incorporate other things," said Zager. "We've had a large and lovely lingerie fashion show. In November, we did a Chubby Charity Clothes Swap and donated the money to the Red Cross's Disaster Relief

The first party in April attracted 85 people. By the Octo-ber haunted hayride and bonfire,



their 40s," she said. "They're at an age where they don't care her organizational skills since "I expected it would cost me what their friends think. But ninth grade, would like to see money, but I broke even," she where are the 25-year-olds? her club grow to chapters in said. "A club is very expensive to There are so many women at the other cities and states. She run, so I use the admission to parties that the men have wonpay the expenses - the disc jockev. hall rental, refreshments and derful odds

"I don't know how to reach the an even bigger success, "if I had men who like big women. Some the time to run around." don't want to come alone, but if they do, I guarantee they won't son," she said. "I think people Zager gets the word out through the More to Adore Web be alone for long."

Social clubs like More to Adore Michigan's BBW Connection, have been "around for ages." with the first ones start ing up in New York. A large number can be found there and in California.

is increasing, Zager is in need of a few more men. At the present "A lot of men who come are in

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ing 198. And while participation

know there's such support." Like the other parents, Kody said the most important aspect of belonging to the group is the support, advice and friendship she receives from others in her

"It makes such a difference because they can relate," she said. "They understand. It helps keep me sane.'

Joann Alcantara of Redford agreed, admitting she was "scared to death" when she found out she was not having one baby,

who go to the club should get something back from it. After the last party, it felt really good to sit back and have fun. "My dad asked me what the

reward was, if I wasn't making any money. This is the reward. I've made some wonderful friends and different connec-

The hometowns of the people who help her range from Grosse Pointe to Southgate to Sterling Heights and Royal Oak. More to cities in seven states - Michigan, Ohio, Texas, Illinois, New York, Indiana and Wisconsin - and

"I've had somebody from each of those places at a party," Zager

any size. I tell people to be proud She also works "real close" of who they are. I have a girl help me now who never would with the local chapter of the National Association to Advance Encouraged by the response, Zager has booked all of the dates Fat Acceptance, a non-profit human rights organization dedifor More to Adore parties next cated to improving the quality of year. The club will close out 1999 life for fat people. Information with a holiday party 8 a.m. to 1 about More to Adore appears on the NAAFA Web site, and Zager makes announces about NAAFA at the parties.

For more information about Zager also helps others devel-More to Adore, call the hotline at op the confidence she has. The (877) PARTY-XL (727-8995); ingerie show featured fashions visit the Web site at by a woman from St. Louis, Mo., http://www.geocities.com/Morewho makes clothing up to size ToAdore, or send an e-mail to 10X, and modeled by club mem-MoreToAdore@hotmail.com

Kim Zager

she wants:

women and

some men to

enjoy them-

selves at

More to

private

Adore, the

social club

in April.

Zager, who has been honing

devotes 20 hours a week to the

club and admits that it would be

"I really work hard for a rea-

she started

big hand-

knows what

big beautiful

born, gave them strategies to get the babies to sleep at night.

But Kody admits the group is worthwhile for her, too. "It's the best," she said. "It's the one thing I look forward to stand what parenting triplets is

"No one can really relate unless you have triplets," she said, adding that not even parents of twins can truly underevery month. It's so great to like. "The program is really get together)." great because they've all been through it."

So now when her little ones want to be held at the same time, and she finds she doesn't have enough hands to pick them all up, she sits on the floor and lets them all be close to her at the same time. It's just part of being a mom to triples.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Susan Gannon of Livonia has had 23 months to get used to it. The mother of Natalie, Madeline and Gregory has made a lot of friends. And her children are (248) 426-0646.

befriending other sets of triples "The kids get together to play," she said. "We have a summer picnic, a Halloween party, a Christmas party. The rest of the year, it's mostly the adults (who

people from the time I met them

is just incredible," she said. "Peo-

ple who have dreamed of being

nodels have that opportunity.

This is a private club where you

can walk in with confidence and

know everybody there is like you.

this how I'm going to be, but I

try to reach out to those who feel

"Most people who come say

Big all of her life, Zager hasn't

let that stop her from being on

sports teams, active in youth

groups and pledging and joining

said. "I never let it get me down.

"I try to promote confidence at

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the

Dearborn Elks Lodge, 25000

Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

dance. Now she does."

"I tried, I always tried," she

and wants to be there.

insecure.

For Fran and Gary Nayh of Northville, having triplets is a joy. Gary's best advice to parents about to have triplets is "have a schedule; do the same things at the same time. Routine is the

"It's a great group," added Kody. "I feel so blessed to know these people. It's the best support system.

family to take home, with lots of For information about joining desserts for the kids. Christmas morning the oldest 3-4-All or raising triplets, call daughter brought the manager a

> "This is from our tree. I wanted you to have it," she said, hugging the woman.

BY ARLENE FUNKE SPECIAL WRITER

her." Murray said.

Judy Murray of Redford laid

her worries to rest when she

moved her mother into the

Lutheran Home Livonia nursing

home soon after it opened last

"I wanted a place that would

Lutheran Home Livonia is a

nursing home with a "non-insti-

tutional" ambiance and a small

army of volunteers who help

keep residents busy and

Today, 93-year-old Inez Aleg-

nani is comfortable in her cozy

room at the nursing home and

enjoys playing bingo, taking field

trips with the other residents

"They need activities, they

and attending chapel services.

don't need to stay in bed all day,

Murray said. "I can't ever

remember seeing people in the

Lutheran Home Livonia on

Plymouth Road east of Middle-

belt Road, recently celebrated its

first anniversary with a worship

service, followed by dinner and

entertainment for residents.

family members, staff and volun-

At present, the skilled-care

section of the nursing home is at

its capacity of 88 residents, with

a waiting list. Openings are

available in the 20-bed special

care unit for those with demen-

tia, memory loss or early-stage

"I'm pleased, it's very clean,

said Millie Cosner of Livonia,

whose mother, 97-year-old Hazel

Hagen, moved to the facility in

History from page B1

When the family stepped

through their new front door, the

3-year-old daughter said, "Oh,

Overjoyed, they returned to

"We're having a little party;

why don't you join us," the man-

ager said. Later, the residents

fixed containers of food for the

Mommy, it's so warm in here."

the office to sign the lease.

Alzheimer's disease.

hall slumped over."

care about her, not just care for

The manager looked perplexed. "Your Christmas tree?"

**Busy Christmas Eve** 

It seems the neighborhood had been rather busy late Christmas Eve. Someone had contacted the mail carrier, who persuaded a friend to unlock his tree lot. A blue spruce was soon on its way

to the new residents. Neighbors up and down the hoose a wrapped present t share. They gave without weigh- Therein lies our link to people

ing which gift meant more or who lived 2,000 years ago. live a thousand years from now, less to keep - except one little Remembering the Nativity stirs boy, who had wanted red mit- our hearts to be a little gentler, to extend ourselves to those we tens. He gave them to the todcare about and to strangers we dler to warm his hands.

Invitations came from one set find in need. of neighbors to join them for endure, binding us to people who She lives in Canton Township. breakfast, from another for church, and from a third for Christmas dinner.

The home is operated by

Lutheran Homes of Michigan, a

non-profit Christian organiza-

tion that began serving the

elderly more than 100 years ago.

The organization, affiliated with

the Lutheran Church-Missouri

Synod, also operates nursing

homes in Monroe and Franken-

Although neither Murray nor

her mother is Lutheran, both

value the religious affiliation.

Murray believes that link makes

"This is a ministry for all peo-

ple, not just Lutherans," said

development director Patti

Wachtel of Canton, "Our first

concern is with (residents') spiri-

Lillian Pfeiffer recently moved

into the special-care memory loss

unit. During a recent visit, she

was seen, sitting with a group of

women, taking part in light exer-

cise. She wore clean, comfortable

slacks and a roomy sweatshirt.

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Ministry for all

tual needs."

On New Year's Eve. the woman and her children reappeared at the office. They laid out fried chicken in a basket lined with a red-and-white checkered cloth, homemade biscuits, corn on the cob, beans, hot chocolate and cake.

"We promised ourselves we would bring you lunch with our first paycheck," she said simply. And so, a holiday tradition was born. Each New Year's Eve, she quietly brings lunch for the staff, who, while they eat, retell the story of that special Christmas.

Now you may think this tale was spun from a story teller's mind because the line, " ... no room in the inn," was too convestreet began taking a string of niently placed. But the story was lights off each of their trees, and not invented. As someone once a few ornaments, too. Children told me, "Coincidence is just in several homes were asked God's way of remaining anony-

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money and donated furnishings. Senior citizen volunteers are \$40,000 grant was awarded by being recruited to bake and the Plymouth Road Development donate cookies, which will be Authority of Livonia to assist in

May that spirit of kindness

Her hair was freshly styled and ing home 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. her fingernails were covered in Wednesday, Dec. 15. bright red polish. Virginia Meyers and Beverly "Her caregivers treat her roy Erickson, both of Redford, help lly," said Pfeiffer's sister, Ina with the monthly birthday parluurto of Livonia. ties attended by all the resi-The organization is dedicated dents. Mevers belongs to Hosandeveloping and nurturing a na-Tabor Lutheran Church in cadre of caring volunteers, all of Redford Erickson is a member of

whom receive on-the-job orienta-Salem National Lutheran Church in Westland. To date, more than 100 volun-"I like to come and visit with teers have embraced the Livonia

he residents "Erickson said. facility, regularly donating their The new facility replaces an time to assist at parties, bingo, aged, long-time nursing home the third person admitted to Bible study activities and field that had been shut down some Lutheran Home Livonia and trips. Church groups have raised ame ago. After Lutheran Homes remained almost one year until

of Michigan acquired the site, a her death in August at age 95 "They provided good care for her," said her daughter, Betty Boss of Livonia. sold at a cookie walk at the nurs- the demolition of the old buildalways called her by name. That

We wanted to encourage them. As their mother's health declined, Bos's and her five sibto go forward with the removal lings spent hours at the nursing of the old nursing home," said John Nagy, PRDA director. "We home. They took turns feeding her and sang hymns to comfort think the new facility is very one another. attractive and we're delighted to The staff sometimes brought

them cookies and lemonade. The chaplain visited every day Lutheran Homes of Michigan "They were very nice to us. are licensed and certified skilled Boss said. "We met a lot of nice

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Home on

Road in

Livonia

Plymouth

nursing care and home for the Murray visits her mother sev aged facilities. Anna Zwarka was eral times a week. For the residents' entertainment, she helped organize a fashion show, with music and clothes from bygone

the home," Wachtel said of Mur-

Sunday school students from . John's Lutheran Church in Redford recently came to the nursing home, dressed in Halween costumes, to bring treats the residents.

Stephen Parnell, 9, of Detroit,

aide. Stephen helps out by room: Kathwheeling residents throughout the building. Franklin

At Lutheran Homes Livonia, residents live in one- or two-per son rooms. The Rev. Ernie Labbs, 84, and his wife Irma, 85; moved in this past summer and

share a room. "It's an adjustment," said Irma Labbs. "We're used to being

The couple have brought from their home a favorite recliner chair, a curio cabinet, containing treasured mementos and family

Labbs, a retired Lutheran minister recovering from surgery, hopes to do ministerial work at the nursing home. His wife plans to teach Bible study

The Labbs' daughter, Claire Schwiebert, is chairman of the oard of Lutheran Homes of

"It's nice my parents can be ogether," Schwiebert said. "The workers really seem to care. When I have to be away, I don't worry about them."

Efforts have been made to nake the home attractive and omfortable for the residents Walls are decorated with both

ecular and religious paintings Several small seating areas have comfortable chairs and couches. The chapel accommodates 68 wheelchairs. The large, elabo-

rately carved altar, which once graced a Detroit church, was donated by Risen Christ Luther an Church in Plymouth. The chapel's stained glass windows were made by Harry Flagg of Redeemer Lutheran Church in

Dearborn donated \$2,300 to "She's a great cheerleader for equip an on-site beauty and bar-

Courtvards allow residents to safety enjoy the outdoors. "My mother enjoys looking out her window at the birds," said Millie Cosner.

The nursing home welcomes visitors and volunteers, accordis at the nursing home often ing to Wachtel. For more inforbecause his mother, Quinn Par- mation, call (734) 425-4814.





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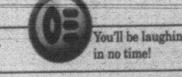
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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold a holiday boutique 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 11 at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road and south of the I-96 Service Drive, Redford. Featured will be Christmas craft items, a white elephant sale, a used book table and a bake sale. Lunch also will be available. For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2660.

Western Townships Utilities Authority **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis** 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 29, 1999 Regular meeting called to order at 4:08 p.m.

Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen

Agenda - adopted as amended. Minutes of special meeting of November 2, 1999 - approved Minutes of study session of November 17, 1999 - approved.

Minutes of special meeting of November 22, 1999 - approved. Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$1,554,261.99 - approved.

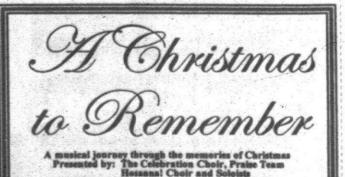
Operations & Maintenance Report for October 1999 - received and filed.

Operations Manager's Report for November 1999 - received and filed.

4th Quarter Revenue/Expenditure Preliminary Final Report (FY 98/99) Annual MDOT Permit - approved

Audit Engagement Letter - approved.

WTUA Business Plan Update received and filed and approval for Foster,
Swift, Collins & Smith to represent both WTUA and Canton Township regarding site plan issues. Closed Session - Discussion regarding attorney/client letter. The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



Sunday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 17, at 8:00 p.m.

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### ■ The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter of the U.S. Single tons will host its next din ner social at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at Ernestos, 41661 Plymouth Road, between I-275 and Lilly Road in Plymouth. Adults ages 45-plus wishing further information regarding this national organization' activities, please write to:

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DINNER SOCIAL

born, MI 48123. **CANDLE LIGHTING** 

There will be a candle memorial and dedication of a Christmas tree at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. The community is welcome to come and remember children who have died. For more information, or to register a child's name, call Barb Kilgore at (734) 455-8679 or e-mail at TKilgore99@aol.com You need not be present to have a child's name included in the memorial. HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW

There will be a "Holiday Doll Show" Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 4 n.m. Admission is \$5, and \$2 for ages 4-12. The show features dealers, collectors and doll artists selling new, used, antique, collectible dolls and doll accessories of all kinds. Call (734) 455-

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL The Promiseland Children'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 Room. Please join everyone for cookies after the hour

CANTON GOODFELLOWS The Canton Goodfellows will be collecting toys and non-perishable food items

# Two Canton residents named YWCA achievers

Two Canton women played a prominent role in the YWCA of Western Wayne County annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon held on Nov 5 at the Fairlane Club, Autumn J. Kucha,

Communications Specialist, Canton Depart ment of Public Safety was one of six honoree inducted into the 1999 group of YWCA Women of Achievement in the category of Young Women. Vera (Dolly) A. Lieberman, Precinct Chairman, Charter Township of Canton nominee. She was nominated for her Volunteer

Nearly 500 men and Attorney General Jennifer Granholm's inspirational message urging



was also honored as a Awardees: Autumn Kucka (left) and Dolly Lieberman during last month's YWCA Women of Achievement luncheon.

women to use their ern Wayne County is a families. wings and fly. Monica Torch Drive Agency

women gathered to hear Gayle, WJBK Fox 2 Co- offering a wide variety anchor was the mistress of decentralized services which provide support The YWCA of West- to women and their

door interviews. In order to find people at home, census takers must work evenings and weekends. This temporary job will last up to two months next spring. Census workers are paid weekly, paid to attend training, and are reimbursed for mileage costs. Pay is in the \$13-\$15-per-hour range. Bonuses are available for exceeding production and quality standards. Call (888) 325-7733 or (734) 632-0320 for more informa-

BNI MEETING ■ The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Ply-

Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800. ■ The Canton chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday Dec. 17, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-

mouth Cultural Center.

525 Farmer, Plymouth.

GENERAL MEETING

dential, township and state general election). Qualified The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold their applicants must be Wayne general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 at 9318 Newburgh Road Pay ranges from \$125-\$145 (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). All vetfor the day, with hours 6 erans on active duty Feb. a.m.-9 p.m. For an applica-28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 regardless of duty station, are eligible. For more information, call Don The Plymouth Communi-Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or at (734) 525-0157. "Spirit Earth," the recent

**MEMORIAL CANDLELIGHTING** Marsee, through Jan. 26 at The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home invites you to a memorial Candlelight-Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, ing Program at 7:30 p.m. are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 14 at Schrader-Howell, 280 S.

Date and Time:

Additional info.

Location:

Main Street, Plymouth. We will light a candle in memory of our loved ones and give you hope and peace for handling the holidays. For more information, call (734) 453-3333.

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 vounger, may attend for a time of fellow ship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, Call (734) 453-

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. 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 welcome. Call Charr Briggs at

■ 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 disounts at restaurants,

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** hotels, cleaners, etc. The book covers all of southeastern Michigan. The

price is \$40. The books are

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

Use additional sheet if necessary

CALENDAR

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

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tics, education, arts and music, local Michigan hap-■ The Plymouth Symphony League is offering the 1999 penings, influential people, movies and TV, sports and Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent environmental concerns. Each discussion period will discount coupons at hunlast for one hour, one time dreds of restaurants and per week. Anyone interestdiscounts for many other ed in discussing any of services and events. The book is available from the these topics may join the "Shooting The Breeze" group. A donation of \$8 for League by calling 453the entire list of discus-3016. Copies are also available at the Plymouth Symsions is requested. For more information and to phony Office, 819 Penniman, in downtown Plyregister, call Dianne Nei hengen at the Senior Center at (734) 397-5444. Entertainment Book is \$40, with all proceeds used to KIWANIS CLUB support the Plymouth Sym-■ The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m.

■ 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, 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) 464-1263 or Dolores at

(734) 464-0369. DINNER/AUCTION ■ The Plymouth Communi 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

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 for p.m. Saturday, March 11, the whole family, not just for young children. Call FORM now for classes for newborns to 7 years old. For more information, call The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups Norma Atwood at (734) or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information 354-9825. Early registrabelow and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, tion is encouraged.

> SUPPORT GROUPS STARTING OVER

Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church | information.

of Christ. Call (734) 662-

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activities, art and readi-

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Jan. 15 and one Monday

evening session begins on

Jan. 17, 2000. New Morn-

Department of Education.

For more information con-

3331. New Morning is at

Shooting the Breeze," a

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Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Call Becky Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

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

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

### VOLUNTEER WORK **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

organization, is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet knit, etc., blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who have died. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534

Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Ply mouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship 4-year-old classes. PCN has and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382. ■ William Beaumont Hos

pital Hospice is looking for

supportive parent particivolunteers to support the pation, Call (734) 455-6250. care of people with termi-First Baptist Church of nal illnesses and their fam-Plymouth-Canton Kinderilies: Call (248) 853:8931. musik still has openings for Head Start needs volun their winter session enrollteers to help in the classment. Call (734) 354-9109. room with large-group Garfield Co-Op still has activities, to assist during openings for children 18 meal times and participat months to 5 years. Garfield in the learning centers Co-Op is located in Livonia, with subjects such as art, at Case Elementary, 34633 computer and library. If Munger, south of Six Mile you have a morning or and west of Farmington afternoon free Monday Road, Call (734) 462-0135. through Thursday, call (734) 416-6196. Senior cit

> Plymouth/Canton area are ■ Volunteer drivers are needed for New Morning School's Swim/Gym program at the Livonia YMCA 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays. Volunteers may also help in the pool if desired. Call (734) 420-3331. New Morn ing School is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft.

zens and retirees in the

**CANCER SOCIETY** ■ American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Call (248) 557-5353, ext. 336. ALZHEIMER'S

■ The Alzheimer's Associa tion is seeking volunteers provide companionship people experiencing memory loss. Call Adam Sterling, (248) 557-8277 for

# **ENGAGEMENTS**

# **Graff-Prim**

George and Judy Graff of Adrian, formerly of Livenia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Jason Lee Prim, the son of Julie Verbanic of Taylor and Alvin Prim of Arlington, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed as an international coordinator at Central Air-Her fiancé is a graduate of

Taylor Kennedy High School. He is employed as an inventory controller at ABX Logistics. An October wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Atwood-Porter

David and Norma Atwood of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Karla Dee, to Eric James Porter, the son of James and Deborah Porter of Wayzata, Minn.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She will graduate from Texas A&M University in December. She is a professional figure skating coach for the Figure Skating Club of Texas at Texas Ice Station in Houston. Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate

of Wayzata High School and attends Texas A&M. He is employed at Golds Gym in

Ron and Amy Muawad of

Grosse Pointe and Tettenhall

Wolverhampton, England,

announce the birth of William

Armbruster Aug. 13 at Words-

ley Hospital in Stourbridge, Eng-

land. He joins a sister, Grace, 2

1/2 years old. Grandparents are

William and Sharon Armbruster

of Plymouth and Said and Donna

Muawad of St. Clair Shores.

Great-grandmother is Gertrude

Shane and Jill Baker of Gar-

Julia Rose Aug. 18 at Oakwood

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Wayne. She has a brother,

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Grandparents are Gary and Con-

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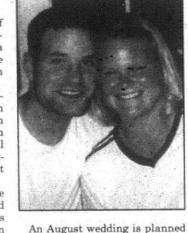
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### Farr-Morelli

Kenneth and Marie Farr of Quito, Ecuador, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Marie, to Andrew Bruno Morelli, the son of Diane Morelli of Canton and Joseph Morelli of Commerce Township

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Valparaiso University with a bachelor of arts degree and a graduate of Michigan State University with a master of arts degree. She is employed as a teacher at Mount Carmel High School in Wyandotte.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in supply chain management. He is employed at Lear Corp. in

### Little-Word

George and Shirley Little of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Ann, to Pfc. David Charles Word, the son of Kenneth and Cather ine Word, also of Westland.

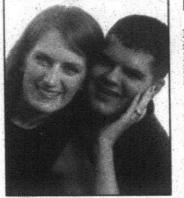
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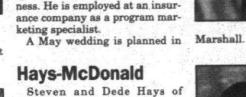
Heritage Park in Canton.





A June wedding is planned at





Northville announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jacklyn Nicole, to Joshua Robert McDonald, the son of

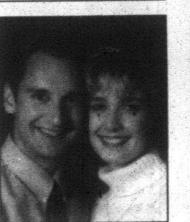
Harold and Teri McDonald of

Garden City. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Noah Webster Academy and attends William Tyndale College. She is employed at Tokyo Boeki N.A.

United Christian School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed at Yazaki North American. A December wedding is

Her fiancé is a graduate of

planned at Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village in Dear- born





# **NEW VOICES**

Rodney and Micki Beckden City announce the birth of with IV of Livonia announce the birth of Zachary Scott Aug. 21 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mary Hartsell of Highland, James and Anne Hartsell of Clemmons, N.C., and Rodney nie Surma of Westland, Eugene and Georgia Beckwith of Howell and Shelby Baker of Wayne, Great-grandmothers are Alice Gary and Debbie Ramsey of Hartsell of Utica and Mabel Bru-South Rockwood and Alan and ining of Kentwood.

Robin Louis of Detroit. Stephen Moss and Lisa CoLuccio Moss of Westland announce the birth of Madison

are Joseph and Joanne CoLuccio of Ishpeming and Veronica and Allen Moss of Westland

of Annelyse Gabrielle Aug. 18. at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Donna Erickson of Minot, Ind., Ken and Corrine Charleston of Merrillville, Ind., and Jim and Polly Spencer of Hammond, Ind.

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Lts. James and Jennifer Spencer of The Salvation Army of Plymouth announce the birth

Patricia Calleja-Tackett announces the birth of Amber Marie Tackett Aug. 21 at the Marie Aug. 18 at Oakwood Hos- Birthing Center of Garden City pital in Dearborn. Grandparents Hospital. She has eight siblings

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- Cassie, 21, Sue, 16, Jeff, 14, Jena and Carl Mullins of White of Dylan John Aug. 27 at St. Zack. 2. and Diane. 1 1/2. Carter of Wayne. Carol Hurst of Garden City

Michael and Rebecca Smith of Westland announce the birth Birthing Center of Garden City Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Great-grandparents are Assunta Hospital. She has a brother, Cody, 16 months. Grandparents Jean Hurst of Garden City. are Gerald and Roxanne Sands of Garden City and Michael and Darlene Smith of Livonia.

Chris Carter and Lisa Joseph Aug. 26 at the Birthing Szyszkowski of Westland Center of Garden City Hospital. announce the birth of Christopher Scott II Aug. 22 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has four siblings -Nicole, 11, Sara, 10, Hannah, 6, and David, 8. Grandparents are of Westland announce the birth announce the birth of Tyra

of Wixom and Joseph Kalep Sr. City. of Westland.

Kevin, 12, Rose, 6, Chyanne, 5, Lake and Maurice and Frostie Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are John and Marlene Murray of Redford and announces the birth of Alexan- Franco and Filomena DiPietro of of Paige Julia Aug. 22 at the der Anton Hurst Aug. 23 at Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

and Alma Ippolito of New Balti-

Joseph Kalep Jr. and Michelle Wood of Westland Raymond and Ruth Herron of Garden City announce the announce the birth of Brandon birth of Shelby Rae Aug. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden He has a sister, Stephani, 6. City Hospital. Grandparents are Grandparents are Debra Stratz Ray and Alice Deleon of Garden

James Harvey Jr. and Lor Antonio and Dawn DiPietro Hollingsworth of Westland

Lynn Aug. 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital Grandparents are Albert and Sondra Hollingsworth and Debra and James Harvey Sr., all of Westland. Dale and Juliana Schopper

of Livonia announce the birth of Center-Wayne. Grandmother is DiPietro of Windsor and John Regan Nicole August 27 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn Grandparents include Gerald and Lillian Schopper, formerly of Livonia, Art Madar of Sterling Heights and Marilyn Madar of Maineville, Ohio. Great-grandparents include Ralph and lvia Turco of Livonia. Talina Klocke of Wayne

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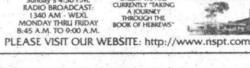
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Presented by the music and drama ministries, the concert includes an original drama by Susan Hicks, Trinity's drama director, and music performed by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Gordon Bleich.

Paul Bailey, a violinist with the Toledo Symphony and concertmaster at Hillsdale College, is scheduled to perform his own composition, written especially for the concert. Tickets are available at the trip to five different locations

door or by calling the church at (734) 459-9550. ■ The Chancel Choir of Clarenceville United Methodist Church is presenting a Christmas cantata, "Journey of Hope, the Birth of the Savior," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the

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Christmas concert, "I Have Seen the Light," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 36125 Glennwood, Wayne. The concert features a mix of traditional, Broadway musical and new music, presented in the

> (734) 721-7410. ■ The Women's Chamber Chorus, under the direction of Gini Robison, is presenting "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Briton at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Red-

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cert, but a free-will offering will ford. The Chamber Maids, be accepted. For more informa- harpist Tiffany Aurora and

pianist Nancy LeGrand also are ■ The First United Methodist A donation is requested for the Church of Wayne's youth and children are presenting "Live

performance. For more information, call (313) 534-7730. ■ The Praisemakers Choir children ages 4-5) and Nursery Department of Memorial Church of Christ are presenting their Christmas program, "A Christ-

mas Pageant," at 6:30 p.m. Sun-

day, Dec. 12, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The Adult Choir is preparing for its cantata, "A Light Still Shines," celebrating the light that shone from Bethlehem that is still shining today, at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., while the Jesus Jam mers (children in grades 1-6) are performing "A Star Is Born" at

6:30 p.m., both on Sunday, Dec Set in Memorial's musical stu dio, the Jammers plan to convince the main "star," Sophia, that the one and only "star" is Jesus. For more information, call

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SINGLE POINT Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have the Rev. Neil Ellison talk speak on the topic of prophecies that led up to Christ's birth and why He needed to come. TIO meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Coffee and cookies will be served and a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-

SPAGHETTI DINNER Newburg United Methodist Church will have its AS( 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-

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rant, Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Call **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** Mary at (734) 722-2612. Congregation Bet Chaverim **COOKIE WALKS** will celebrate Hanukkah, the

Holy Transfiguration Ortho-Festival of Lights, at 7:15 p.m. dox Church, 36075 W. Seven Friday, Dec. 10. The celebration Mile Road, will have an assortwill be held at Cherry Hill ment of 40 different cookies, a Methodist Church at Cherry Hill selection of sweet breads, canand Ridge roads in Canton. For dies, nuts and frozen foods more information, call the CBC (pierogi and stuffed cabbage) on hotline at (734) 480-8880. sale at its cookie walk on Satur-**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST** day, Dec. 11. Doors will open at Bethany Suburban West, a 9 a.m. and stay open until every-Catholic organization which pro-

separated Christians, will have a Faith Lutheran Church, Saturday, Dec. 11. Call Reggie at 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia is reviving its tradition of a cook ie walk Saturday, Dec. 11. Church members are providing the cookie selection for the walk which starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends when the last cookie is sold. The money raised will go to designated charities. For more

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per pound. For more informa-

Call Val at (734) 729-1974 for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restau-

Garden City United Methodist Church will have its cookie walk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the church 6443 Merriman Road at Maple wood, Garden City. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women, cookies will be sold at \$8 for a large tine and \$6 for a small tin. For more information, call the

church at (734) 421-8628. ■ The First United Methodist Church, 3739 Newberry, across from the Wayne Post Office, Wayne, will have a different kind of cookie walk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. There will be homemade specialty cookies, candies (fudge, pralines peanut brittle and more) and specialty dog treats. Prices will

be \$4 for small tins. \$6 for medium tins and \$12 for large tins. Specialty tins at various prices (248) 645-6666 or on-line at will be available, and the candies will be sold by the pound. Special orders for whole or half pumpkin rolls also will be taken. To place an order or for more information, call the church office at (734) 721-4801.

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available at the Joe Louis Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets also will be on sale at the Cobo Arena box office the day of the show only. For more information, call the Olympia Entertainment event hotline at (313) 983-

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, in the west end of Gutherie Hall of the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call Larry at (734) 522-1977 or Sandy at (734) 422-0149 or (734)

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A new face: The Rev. Luther Werth, second vice-president of the Michigan District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and pastor of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, recently administered the rite of installation to the Rev. Steven Eggers, the new associate pastor at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. On hand for the ceremony were (from left) the Revs. Tim Halboth, Werth, John Meyer, Robert Beyer, Eggers, Lawrence Witto, Vic Halboth and Rich Zeilke. Following the Oct. 17 ceremony, the congregation hosted a welcome dinner for the Eggers family in the school gymnasium.

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# Music from page B7

p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, west of suggested donation of \$7.50 at 421-7249. the door. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

The Sunday School and weekday school children of Faith of Jesus's birth as seen through Lutheran Church are explaining the symbolism of Christmas in their Advent pageant, "Christ- Mouse's Tale." mas Is Coming," at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, and 11 a.m. worship services

30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The program includes music, bell ringing, singing and more. For more information, call (734) Inkster Road, Livonia. There's a For more information, call (734)

The children and youth of Newburgh United Methodist Church are acting out the story the eyes of the stable animals, in their Christmas pageant, "The Performance times are the 9

464-8286 for a blood donation

Religion from page B8

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP Garden City Presbyterian Church is offering a contempo rary worship service at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Gar den City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere. It's offered the second and fourth Sundays of the month

JESUS'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, Dec. 13, is the deadline for signing up for a "Happy Birthday, Jesus," party at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, east of Merriman Road, Livonia.

The annual event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 18, and is open to children ages 4 through the sixth grade accompanied by a parent or guardian. There will be games, crafts, a Christmas story and cake. The program is free of charge, but reservations are necessary. Call (734) 422-6038.

**ADVENT SERVICES** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has 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. 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's Advent service will be 7:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the church, 14175 Farmington and a brief message will focus on Dec. 12, at the Plymouth Cultur- 455-2110.

the events in Bethlehem 2000

years ago. There will be a fellowship dinner 5-6 p.m. The cost of the meals will be \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children age 3-12 and free for those age 2 and under. For reserrations, call (734) 522-6830.

Trinity Lutheran Church will have an Advent supper and service Wednesday, Dec. 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 sérvice at 7:30 p.m. which will center around remem bering the hungry and needy of the world. The midweek offering will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. For more infor mation, call (734) 427-2290.

The Church of the Risen Lord is presenting a healing service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, West

36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

■ The children of the Sunday

school are participating in St.

Andrew's Episcopal Church

annual Christmas pageant at 10

a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the

422-0149.

The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward," offered on the third Wednesday of the month at the church. This month's theme is "Do Not Be Afraid for Nothing Is Impossible with God."

For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132. TLC STORYTIME

Timothy Lutheran Church will have a TLC Storytime for children 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. at the church, 8820 Wayne Road Livonia. Kids are invited to bring their parents to hear Christian stories and snacks. The books chosen are for age 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

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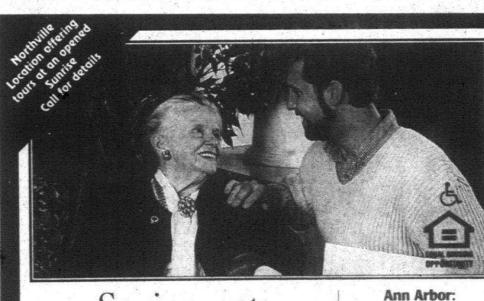
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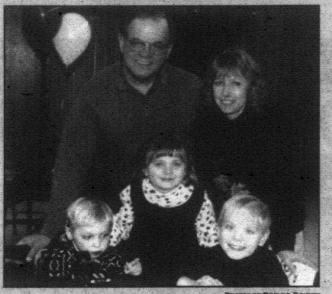
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For adoptees: Andy and Patty Miller-Zelinke (top photo) and their children Dylan, 4, Rachel, 6, and Andrew, 9, joined Jackie Blackwood and daughter Tashia in celebrating at a Christmas party hosted by John and Linda Hinkle of Adoptees Help Adopt International in Westland.



# Merchants host Kindermusik story times

may experience an interactive programs of seasonal story telling, music and movement during Story Times with Miss Karen in December.

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Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music in Canton, will appear at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Baby! Baby! Children's Resale Shop, 153 E. Main St., (248) 347-2229 for registration information.

She also will appear at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main St., Plymouth. Story Times are planned for the first or second Saturday of each month at the store. Call (734) 455-5220 to register.

Schanerberger also be at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4. Story Times are planned for the first Tuesday of each month at Plymouth Coffee Bean Call (734) 454-0178 to reg-

Schanerberger has more than 20 years teaching and conducting experience with students of all ages. Evola offers Kindermusik Village for newborns to age 1, Kindermusik Our Time for children age 1-3 years and Growing With Kindermusik for children age 3-5 as well as group piano and violin classes.

Registration is open for the winter/ spring group classes at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty. To register for classes or for a free brochure, call (734) 4554677, or visit the Evola Web site at www. ismi. net/ kindermusikatevola.

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announces the birth of Alexa Nicole Aug. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has two siblings, Ryu, 6, and Brandon, 4. Grandmother is Judy Haworth of Westland.

Todd and Brenda Buehler of Redford announce the birth of Justin Dennis Aug. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He has a brother, Jesse, 4 1/2. Grandparents are James and Dell Hallam of Dearborn Heights and Mark and Louise Grossman of Melbourne,

Anastase Canelopoulos and Denise Elkins of Canton announce the birth of Emily Sophia Aug. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital.

She has a brother, Scott, 5. Grandparents are John and Emily Canelopoulos of Westland and Janet and Jimmy Elkins of Garden City.

Angelique Leksche and Scott Eatmon of Plymouth announce the birth of Jamey Marie Sept. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings Shelby, Josh and Brandon. Sue Leksche of Plymouth is her grandmother.

Kenneth and Carrie Gartner of Redford announce the birth of Andrea Grace Sept. 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a brother, Nathan Tyler, 9, and sister, Haley Rose, 3. Grandparents are Lois and Dan Gartner of Livonia, Joanne

McClanahan of Dearborn Heights and the late Joseph McClanahan. Great-grandmother is Ella Beck of Dearborn.

Doug and Dianna Worsley of Canton announce the birth of Makenna Rae Sept. 14 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins sister Alexis Taylor, 3. Grandparents are Carol Worsley of Garden City, Dennis and Judy Worsley of Westland, Lou and Cindy Moore of Garden City and Sheryl and Clem Ciluffo of Brighton.

Daniel and Carrie Snyder of Redford announce the birth of William McNeill Sept. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Gil and Becky Snyder of Hiawassee,

Ga., and Ron and Linda Nesmith and Phil Culler, all of Garden

Timothy and Rebecca Jager of Westland announce the birth of Hayley Anne Sept. 16 at Providence Hospital of Southfield. Grandparents include Deborah Rais of Livonia and Richard and Linda Jager of Tawas. Great-grandmother is Sylvia Camilleri of Livonia.

Keith and Christine Yancy of Livonia announce the birth of Adrienne Margaret Sept. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins sister, Meredith, 4. Grandparents are Foster and Helen Yancy of Dearborn and José and Doris Mauricio of Inverness, Fla.

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# OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

## **Gymnasts place high**

A pair of gymnasts from Splitz Gymnastics Academy in Canton both proved superior at last Saturday's USAG Level 5 State Meet in Bay

Alyssa Kelly of Plymouth won the vault in the 10-year-old division with a score of 9.275. Kelly also placed second in the all-around with a 36.175; she was second on the balance beam (9.20), fourth in floor exercise (8.975) and seventh on the uneven parallel bars (8.725).

Christa Smutek of Livonia was unbeatable in the eight-year-old division. Smutek won all four individual events, making her the all-around champion as well with a score of 36.375. Smutek won the beam (9.1), the vault (8.975), the bars (8.95) and

### AAU hoop tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats have a series of tryouts coming up for their various basketball teams when the new year arrives.

• Jan. 3: 11-and-under ('88), 6-7:30 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 12-and-under ('87), 7:30-9 p.m. at Tonda Elementary; 13-andunder ('86), 8-9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle

• Jan. 4: 14-and-under ('85) and 15-andunder ('86), 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 16-and-under ('83), 17-and-under ('82) and 18-and-under ('81), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

• Jan. 5: 11-and-under ('88), 12-and-under ('87), 8-9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 13-and-under ('86), 7-9 p.m. at West Middle School.

• Jan. 7: 16-and-under ( 83), 17-and-under ('82), 18-and-under ('81), 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School: 14-and-under ('85), 15-and-under ('84), 7:30-9 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

For further information, call Bob Blohm at (734) 414-8156 or Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746.

### Winter hockey leagues

A new over-50 hockey league, to be called "The Silver Sticks Hockey League," is now forming. Games will be played Tuesday mornings at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth.

There will be free coffee and donuts after all the games. The season starts Jan. 18 and will last 10 games plus the playoffs.

Cost is \$165 per player. To register, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or e-mail him at john@rspi.net

### **Hoop tryouts**

The Livonia Starzz will have tryouts for their 15-year-old girls team from 1:30-3 p.m. Dec. 18 at St. Edith's gym, located across from Ladywood HS in Livonia. There will be a \$10

For further information, call Nathan Jerome at (734) 484-4439.

### Soccer sign-up

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

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

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

### 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 partici-

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

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

# Salem grad helps Notre Dame reach final

It was a thrill that would be difficult to match: Reaching the NCAA Finals and playing for a national championship.

Mia Sarkesian did it. The former all-state soccer star from Plymouth Salem was an integral part of Notre Dame's surge to Sunday's title match opposite long-time collegiate soccer kingpin North Carolina.

Never mind that the Irish lost, 2-0. Not many teams have beaten the Tar Heels over the years. "It was very exciting," Sarkesian said from South

Bend, Ind., on Tuesday after returning from Santa Clara, Calif. early Monday morning. "I just wish we could have pulled it off."

Just getting that far was quite an accomplishment

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for Notre Dame, ranked third in the nation going into the tournament. Santa Clara was the nation's top-ranked team; North Carolina was second.

The Irish, who finished 22-4, had to play both on the same weekend.

For Sarkesian, who 18 months ago was trying to help Salem get past teams like Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Canton, it was a dream realized.

"We were playing in front of crowds of 14,000," she



Mia Sarkesian

said. "It was just awesome."

While getting there was something special, earning a starting spot made it even more memorable. Sarke-sian did it by utilizing her superb skills, and then putting them to use when most needed

"Technically, she's very strong," said Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum. "She has the ability to find the seams in a defense, and then to find her teammates with her passes.

"And although she didn't score a lot of goals for us, the ones she did score were huge. Mia picked the right times to get her goals."

Foremost on that list was the Stanford game. Sarkesian, whose role was as a defensive center midfielder, scored three goals and assisted on three others for the Irish this season.

Please see SARKESIAN, C5

# A slow start

# Canton, Salem fall in season-openers

As season-openers go, this was was rather ordinary - at least when considering the teams involved.

Wayne Memorial came out on top this time around, edging Plymouth Canton 58-55 Tuesday at Wayne.

"It was a white-knuckler, like we usually have with them," Coach Chuck Henry of the Zebras said. "It was a well-played first game by both teams." Canton coach Dan Young didn't espe-

cially share that view. "We had our chances," he said, "especially down the stretch. We had oppor-

tunities to take the lead and get stops. "Our kids played extremely hard but we just couldn't get it done down the stretch. We had a lot of chances."

The Chiefs held a two-point lead entering the fourth quarter but the Zebras pressed out to a three-to-five point advantage and maintained it to the end.

Wayne got off to a 17-9 start in the first quarter. Canton came on to whittle that down to a point at halftime. An 18-13 fourth quarter settled the issue.

"We're both similar in style," Henry said. "We play tough man-to-man

"We're not a real big team. We pretty much pressured the whole game. We just do what we do, hopefully pretty

Taron Smith led both teams with 19 points for Wayne, guard Gary Johnson scored 13 and guard Shane Nowak 12.

Center Jason Waidmann's 18 points led Canton while Kenny Nether, a transfer from Southfield, contributed

The Zebras hurt themselves in the fourth quarter by missing seven of nine free throws and made only 12-of-21 in the game while the Chiefs sank 21 of the 29 they attempted.

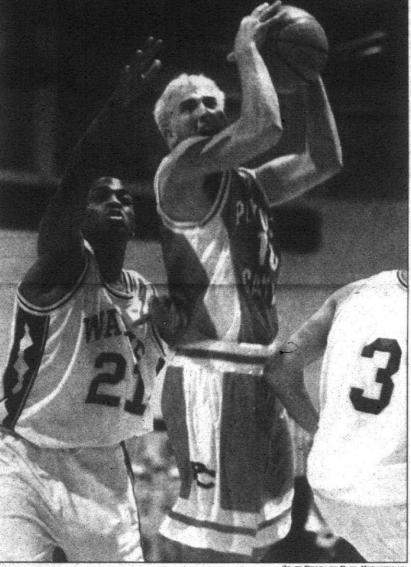
Canton cut Wayne's lead to a pair inside a minute but the Zebras padded it back by making free throws.

"They made a free throw with 12 sec-onds left," Young said, "and we got a good look but it didn't go down and we had to foul

"It just didn't go our way at end."

Monroe 64, Salem 59: A fourth-quarter rally fell short for Plymouth Salem. in its season-opener Tuesday at Mon-

The Rocks trailed 37-26 at the half and were still behind by a dozen in the



STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Threading it: Canton's Mike Major (with ball) slices between Wayne defenders Jermaine Garner (at left) and Earl Brinston on his way to the basket in Tuesday's season-opener.

third quarter. They battled back, however, trimming the Trojans' lead to five (50-45) heading into the final quarter.

With 1:30 left in the game, Salem had knotted the score with Monroe at the free throw line. The shot was missed, but the Trojans rebounded.

Salem fouled again, the free throws were converted, and it was never tied.

"We made a nice comeback," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We had to-

Please see BASKETBALL, C5

# Whalers get victory in OT



Tomas Kurka extended the Plymouth Whalers winning streak another game by scoring a goal 1:03 into

overtime, giving the Whalers a 3-2 triumph over the host Owen Sound Platers in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sun-

day. Kurka's goal, his 14th of the season, came on assists from Justin Williams and Andre Robichaud. It made a winner out of goalie Rob Zepp, who had 19 saves in net to improve his record to 11-7-2. Curtis Sanford took the loss in goal for Owen Sound, despite making 36 stops.

The win improved Plymouth's record to 14-13-3 (32 points); the Whalers are in third place in the OHL's West Division. Owen Sound fell to 8-17-2 (22 points), last in the Midwest Division. The win was the Whalers secondstraight; for the Platers, the defeat was their third in a row.

Owen Sound took the early lead, getting a goal from Joel Ward just 1:09 into the game. Damian Surma knotted it for the Whalers with his first goal of the game at the 15:17 mark of the second period; Williams got the

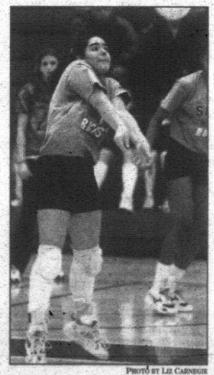
Surma's second goal of the game, and his 13th of the season, put Plymouth up 2-1 with 6:35 left in the third period. Eric Gooldy assisted. The Platers tied it at 2-all when Wes Goldie scored his 21st goal of the season with 2:45 left in regulation.

Last Saturday, Kurka scored twice in an 11-second span of the first period and Surma collected three assists to lead Plymouth to a 4-1 victory over the London Knights in a game played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Knights have lost fourstraight and are 7-14-5 overall (19 points), currently last in the West

Kurka's first goal came at the 1:10 mark of the first period, assisted by Surma and Gooldy.

Please see WHALERS, C5



Key part: Amanda Suder could be a major Salem contributor.

# Rocks agenda begins with a rebuilding job

Last February, Plymouth Salem did something previous Rock volleyball teams had never managed to do advance to the state quarterfinals."

Winning district and regional titles was a major accomplishment. But that was last year, Tom Teeters first as Salem's coach.

The challenge will be different this year. Because the cast from that team, which posted a 48-11-1 record, has for the most part graduated.

Some hig-name players are gone: Angie Sillmon, the 5-foot-10 hitter with superior athletic skills, accepted a volleyball scholarship to Western Michigan; Amanda Pruett, a 6-1 hitter, is playing basketball for Miami Universi-

Please see SALEM VOLLEYBALL, C4



Set up: Angie Germain will be counted on as Canton's setter.

# Newcomers should elevate Chiefs' fortune

SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

Perhaps a corner has been turned. Or at least it's been reached. Plymouth Canton's volleyball team has struggled to remain at the break-even point for several seasons; by the time the state tournament begins, odds are long that the Chiefs will survive the

Cynthia Montgomery, starting her third season as Canton's varsity coach, believes this could be a break-through season. And she feels that way even though she's lost several key members from last year's team.

"I am very, very excited about this year," she said as the Chiefs prepared for their season opener Dec. 15 at Ann Arbor Huron. "This is the best team

Please see CANTON VOLLEYBALL, C4

Michelle Harakas

Top of the class

Grubaugh, Guastella among Observer's best

# 1st in a while: Canton claims tourney title

Has the millenium arrived

A calendar would tell you it's still more than three weeks away, but apparently Plymouth Canton's wrestling team has decided not to wait for the century to change before altering their

The Chiefs have struggled through more than a decade of mediocrity, but this season they are without doubt off to their best start in that span. After opening their campaign with lual-meet wins over Plymouth Salem — their first win over the Rocks in 12 years - and Farmngton last Thursday, the Chiefs tional Saturday, hosted by Ster-

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Stevenson); 2. Kyle Pitts (Canton); 3.

Plymouth Canton; 3, Plymouth Salem; 4.

Farmington; 5. Livonia Stevenson.

Scott Massey (Garden City).



ling Heights Henry Ford II, and

The last time something like this happened, as best as Canton coach John Demsick can tell. was 15 years ago. "It's a bit miraculous really, happening a bit before our time," he said. "Things are starting to fall into place for us. The wrestlers know of nothing that needs to stop them from giving their most and setting limits aside.

"We are really having fun." At Saturday's Invitational,

Brian Clement (Livonia Churchill): 3.

119: 1. Ron Thompson (Salem): 2.

mons (Farmington) and Chris O'Hara

125: 1. Rob Ash (Salem); 2. Vinnie

Zoccoli (Garden City); 3. (tie) Jon Gregg

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Canton outscored host team Something tobe proud of: The Chiefs were ebullient Henry Ford 192-172 to win the after winning the Falcon Invitational last Saturday.

Albrecht (John Glenn); 3. Brian Marsh 2. John MacFarland (Stevenson); 3. (tie)

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(Clarenceville); 2. Kyle Domagalski

(Farmington); 3. Nick Smith (Wayne).

2. Josh Rose (Clarenceville); 3. (tie

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and Dave Chiola (Garden City).

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dell (John Glenn) and Branden Temple-

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145: 1. Jeff Usher (Redford Thurston):

2. Jay Abshire (Redford CE): 3. (tie)

Steve Abar (Churchill) and Dan LeClerc

Mark Ostach (Farmington); 3. Mike Fal-

160: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC);

2. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 3. (tie)

Eric Kelley (Redford Union) and Mike

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Murtland (Farmington).

Wheeler (Redford CC); 3. Steve Dendri-

(Wayne)

ton (Garden City).

Jesse Purden (Westland John Glenn); 3. 135; 1. Josh Henderson (Selem); 2.

(tie) Pat Sayn (Garden City), Jon Sim- Jon Pocock (Canton): 3, (tie) Allen Wad-

title. A distant third was Sterling Heights Stevenson with 136, followed by Anchor Bay with 132, Harper Woods with 96.5, Marine City with 90.5, Utica Eisenhower with 77 and Warren

Seven Chiefs reached the finals, with three winning titles, and Canton boasted 11 of 14 wrestlers in the final four.

Weight division championships went to Kyle Pitt at 103 pounds. Greg Musser at 130 and John Pocock at 140. Doy Demsick (119), Scott McKee (152), Phil Rothwell (215) and Derek McWatt (heavyweight) each fin-

next week, facing Williamston, a

"However, you can't beat a firstplace win. It's a big step up from our fourth-place finish (at last year's Falcon Invite) we were proud of last year."

Canton travels to the Novi Round Robin Tournament, which starts at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Also last Saturday, Canton's first-year wrestlers competed at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Novice Invitational, with four of them placing in the top five. Brad Kreger (112 pounds) earned a second; Rob Schnettler (103) and Ozzie Wagner (215) each got fourths; and Eric Rose (140) fought back after losing his opening match to win four in a row and finish fifth.

# Chiefs split in WLAA

Livonia Churchill bounced back nicely from its first loss of the young hockey season.

Churchill exploded for four third-period goals Tuesday night, with Tom Sherman completing a hat trick, to defeat Western Lakes Activities Association rival Plymouth Canton, 6-

Last Saturday at the Plymouth Ice Arena, Canton scored twice in the third period to defeat Northville 3-1.

The Chargers (3-1 overall) wrestling rankings are compiled by improved to 3-0 in the WLAA panel of four coaches including Bot while the Chiefs (3-3 overall) Moreau (Stevenson), Marty Altounian dropped to 1-2 in league play. (Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union) Jeff Andes scored an unassisted goal at 8:48 of the opening

period to give Churchill a 1-0 lead but Canton tied the score at. 9:16 on a Matt Ringer goal from David Commisky and Eric "The Canton team really

played well in the first period. coach Jeff Hatley of Churchill said. "They did a nice job in their

The deadlock lasted all of two minutes, though, as Sherman started his natural hat trick with a goal, assisted by Jason

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Turri, at 12:09.

Sherman notched his second goal at 8:04 of the third period. assisted by Andes and Sean Smith, then completed his scoring for the evening by knocking in a rebound at 10:10. Turri and Nate Jakubowski drew the assists on Sherman's third goal.

Ryan McDonnell, assisted by Nate and Aaron Jakubowski, made it 5-1 just 20 seconds later and at 14:18, Andes completed the scoring by redirecting an Adam Krug shot.

"Coach Dan Abraham is doing a really good job with their team," Hatley said. "He has them playing good positional

Last Saturday, the Chiefs got a first period goal from Nick Norville (assisted by Commisky) but Northville tied it on a marker from Adam Dilley. The game-winner was scored

to Portland St. Patrick's, the in the third period by Brad eventual state champion. Arsnov made 32 saves in goal They have been named Oberverland Co-Coaches of the

> "I was a little apprehensive sition (about taking the job)," Szakal

Plymouth Salem

Tim Szakal and Patricia Rich

were named co-coaches of the

Redford St. Agatha girls basket-

Rich had one year of previous

coaching experience to Szakal's

But ask Szakal who learned

Szakal only coached boys bas-

ketball previously. He spent the

last four seasons as the high

school boys varsity assistant

coach after coaching the St.

Agatha fifth and sixth grade

Rich's experience included one

season as an assistant varsity

girls basketball coach at the high

school and a season as the sev-

enth and eighth grade girls

When girls varsity coach/ath-

letic director Dave Feldman left

before the school year for similar

positions at Centerline St.

Clement, Szakal and Rich decid-

Their first year with the girls

varsity was a smashing success

as the Aggies rolled to a 22-2

record, winning the Catholic

League C-D Division and Class

Aggies won a regional semifinal

before losing in the regional final

boys for three years.

ed to combine titles.

the most and he'll say he did.

ball program this season.

said. "But I couldn't think of a graduates of St. Agatha, friends bigger mistake if I had turned it since grade school. Each excelled down. I learned a lot from the in sports at St. Agatha, not on D district championships. The girls. We met our goals and the same teams, of course, and

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Semantha McComb. 5-8 Jr. G. N. Ferm.

Tiffany Grubaugh, 5-9 Sr. F, Pty. Salem

Janine Guastella, 5-8 Jr. F. Ply. Canton

Kelly Grenan, 5-6 Sr. G. Red. Thurston.

Michelle Harakas, 6-0 Jr. F. Ladywood

Tera Morrill, 5-10 Sr. F., Liv. Franklin

Melissa Harakas, 5-8 Jr. G, Ladywood

Carrie Branklewicz, 5-7 Jr F, F.H. Mercy

Joei Clyburn, 6-1 So. C, Bishop Borgess

Kelly Jaskot, 5-6 So. G, Ply. Salem

Stephanie Crews, 5-8 So. G. John Gler

Anne Morrell, 5-6 Jr. F. Ply. Canton

Bree Pastalaniec, 5-10 Sr. F. Salem

Susie Roble, 5-7 Sr. G. F.H. Merc

Sonia Lougia 5.2 Sr G St Apatha

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Amanda Lentz 5.7 ly G Ply Cardon

Erica Cotton, 5-8 So. G. Red. Thurston

CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR

Tim Szakel, St. Agatha

Patricia Rich, St. Agatha

Dawn Allen, 5-8 Jr. F. Ply, Salem

THIRD TEAM

FOURTH TEAM

SECOND TEAM

Szakal and Rich said the leadership of seniors Sonia Lousia, Kerry Shivers and Krystol Den-Bishop Borgess, eased the tran-

Rich and Szakal are 1993 grade at St. Agatha.

enjoy seeing the game from the

HONORABLE MENTION

Ladywood: Liz Obrecht, Kristen Barnes.

nson: Lindsay Gusick, Katie King

Salem: Lindsay Klemmer, Katie Kelly, Mon

Chrenko, Amy Henry, Margie Henry; Ply-

nthe Crews, LaToya Chandler, Lacey

Catarino: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

Storio Groupe Darbel 7 shn: Nordana

Karolyn Knutson, Emily Jackson, Gayle

Ternes, Avana Richmond, Maggle Condeni

North Fermington: Staci Russell, Christina

mouth Christian Academy: Laura Clark

Charchill: Stacey Selleck, Deanna DeRoo;

Franklin: Liz Cochran, Kerstin Marshalt;

Cheryl Fox; Plymouth Canton: Ashley

Williams, Christina Kiessel; Plymouth

coach's seat.

Rich also was a star thrower on the Central Michigan Univernis, a transfer from Redford sity track team. She earned a teacher's degree and is in her second year teaching seventh

Colombo, Jehan Hindo; Farmington: Julie Kimmel, Danielle Lewis; Mercy: Liz Cash; Redford Thurston: Julie Stoll, Army Webster Bishop Borgese: Stacy Cobbs, Amber Taylor; Garden City: Taryn McCloud, Jill Merrifor others." man; Redford Union; Debbie Hitt, Karen

looked to her to hit the key shot.

"The big difference as coach is suddenly you're in the role of making decisions, the role of guidance," Rich said, "All the kids were excellent, especially

Tera Morrill

Livonia Franklin

the seniors." Szakal, an excellent student of the game, is someone Rich turns to for help in X's and O's. Szakal has always looked up to John Fenbert, the varsity boys coach at St. Agatha, and Jim Murphy,

**FIRST TEAM** 

his former boys varsity coach.

Tiffany Grubaugh, 5-9 Sr. Forward, Plymouth Salem: Sure, Grubaugh could Her scoring ability - she can hit the - but she was needed to do so much nore for the Rocks. Her success was a good off-guard. evident in their record: 22-2 and unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Asso-

"She is such a great passer," said her coach, Fred Thomann. "The double- the all-Western Lakes Activities Associ- plateau and finishing the season with teams she saw made for easy baskets ation squad. Guastella was a major rea-Was that her best ability? Not accord-

ing to Thomann "She loved to be in pressure situations," he said. "I think her teammates

Co-coach of the year Co-coach of the year **Farmington Mercy** 

"She'll be a cornerstone player in

Janine Guastella, 5-8 Jr. Forward, Ply-

the conference and reached the WLAA

"She was our most athletic player."

great in the open court, she has a good

Tournament final.

(WSU's) program," said Thomann.

"And she's starting to go to her left a many different ways she can beat you. Grubaugh averaged 16.7 points, 5.5 bit more, too. rebounds and 3.5 assists a game. She was first team All-WLAA, and has signed rebounds and 4.5 steals a game for the Chiefs, who finished at 14-7. Blohm Grubaugh's ball-handling and passing expects her to be even better in her

Kelly Taylor Farmington Harrison

Livonia Ladywood

could make her a point guard in college. "She's going to get better in the halfthree, can drive to the basket and has a court game and she'll improve her jump shot " he predicted "She's a deterstrong pull-up jumper -- could make her

mined kid." Samantha McComb. 5-8 Jr. Guard, N. Farmington: McComb became the alltime leading scorer at North Farmington mouth Canton: A first-team choice on this year, surpassing the 1,000-point

son the Chiefs finished third overall in go McComb averaged 25.9 points per game this year, making 165 of 199 free throws (83 percent), 47 of 144 three said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "She's point attempts (33 percent) and 132 of

1.299. And she still has another year to

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She did it all for the Raiders (13-9). who were district tournament runners-up for the third year in a row. She also averaged 10.5 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 4.2 over Riverview Gabriel Richard. steals and 2.2 blocks.

McComb, who never fouled out of a inside," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski game, was the second-leading scorer in said. "This year she stepped up and stop in softball and a good student with also handles the ball for us. a 3.9 GPA.

"She has incredible court wisdom, offensively and defensively," coach also works very hard." Linda Perkins said, "She's a great leader and great teammate. She has the ability to do everything, but she helps everybody else to be better.

floor, because she sees the floor so average. well. Her intelligence shows up on the decisions you need to make in a fastpaced game like basketball.

Kelly Grenan, 5-6 Sr. Guard, Redford Thurston: Grenan was a threat to score any time she passed half-court, pouring in more than 40 three-point baskets while averaging 22 points per game. She scored in double figures in every

game as a senior for the Eagles, including 16 against eventual Class A quarterfinalist Belleville in the Mega Conferthe eighth-grade," Franklin coach Gary and 2.3 steals. ence championship game. She scored Country Day in a 52-20 district championship loss

She had a career-high 34 points. including six three-point baskets, against Taylor Truman. Grenan, who Ladywood: Probably the Blazers' most ward scored 12.3 points and grabbed allayed her freshman year at Livonia versatile player, Harakas averaged 11 7.8 rebounds per game in her second Ladywood, also averaged five rebounds, points, three rebounds, five steals and year as a starter. two steals and two assists per game. "In all my years of coaching, she is

probably the purest outside shooter that percent from the free throw line and 39 nents lery of her presence. I've ever had," Thurston coach Mike percent from the floor. Schuette said. "She's worked extremely hard on perfecting her game. Michelle Harakas, 6-0 Jr. Forward, point-guard spot at the end of the sea- throw line. Liv. Ladywood: Michelle paced the Blaz- son," Gorski said. "She was by-far our

game. She also averaged seven court. She had all kinds of deflections rebounds, two steals and two assists and steals. per game

Harakas, an All-Catholic League pick, shot 70 percent from the free throw line and 37 percent from the floor

Carrie Brankiewicz, 5-7 Sr. Forward figures in scoring and rebounds. She Farmington Hills Mercy: Brankiewicz notched a career-high 30 points in a made the All-Catholic first team after averaging 13.6 points and 9.5 rebounds. first-round Catholic League playoff win She was a tenacious and relentless "Michelle was our main go-to player

. "She's the type of player every coac would like to have 15 of," coach Kristin Oakland County. She's an all-area short- developed a nice outside jump shot. She Wright said. "She gives 150 percent every single practice and game. "She was double-teamed a lot. She's

"The great thing about Carrie is she a smart player and a good passer. She can play every position on the floor. She SECOND TEAM She can guard the 6-2 girl or the 5-2 Tera Morrill, 5-10 Sr. Forward, Liv. point guard."

Franklin: The four-year varsity player scored 1,029 career points, including "She's just a natural leader on the 353 this season for a 16.8 per game

rebounder, averaging 11.7 per game.

"Tera was a very dependable playe

with natural basketball instincts for

somebody who has only played since

Warner said, "This year she took over a

need points, but she would also dis-

Melissa Harakas, 5-8 Jr. Guard, Liv.

"Melissa played three different posi-

tribute the ball."

four assists per game.

rison: Taylor earned All-WLAA honors Morrill, a second-team All-Observer floor, because she's making the quick pick last year and All-WLAA Western while averaging 12 points, five rebounds, 3.2 steals and 1.6 assists. Division selection, had a season-high 29 points against North Farmington. She led the Hawks (14-8) in scoring fo This season she made 74 percent of the second year in a row and was sec her foul shots and made 51 percent ond in rebounding.

Taylor shot 33 percent (74-of-227 from the floor overall, 31 percent (29-of 94) from three-point range and 49 per

Brankiewicz, who is also an all-area

Kelly Taylor, 5-7 Jr. Guard, Farm, Har-

the No. 1 student in her class.

cent (51-of-105) at the foul line. In her varsity career, Taylor has averaged 10 points, nearly four rebounds "Kelly is one of the toughest player

12 of the Eagles' 20 points against leadership role and became more I've ever coached at Harrison," coach eventual Class B state champion Detroit aggressive on the boards over last year. Pete Mantyla said. 'She rebounds "She was our go-to player when we defends, competes hard and is very ve satile offensively. Joel Clyburn, 6-foot So. Forward, Red-

ford Bishop Borgess: The athletic fo

It was her shot blocking, however The All-Catholic League pick shot 68 that had even the tallest of her oppo-

Clyburn averaged 4.7 blocks pe game while shooting 48 percent from tions for us before we put her at the the field and 72 percent from the free

ers in scoring, averaging 12 points per best defender. She was all over the we've had," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "She really developed as a score this year, as our top go-to kid. She's \*Towards the end of the season she going to be one of the great ones in our shot the ball really well and was a very program, right up there with (former allstaters) Aiysha Smith, Maxann Reese aggressive player. She was our do-everyand Adriane Bryant when she's done."

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How good are they? Montgomery noted that most played on a junior varsity team that was among the top four teams in the Western Lakes Activities

"I'm going to have an almost new first team this year," she noted. "I had to cut two seniors." Three key losses to graduation from the 1998-99 team that fin-

can bring the ball up or play the post. I ished 5-6 in WLAA matches were Liz Elsner, Jennifer Sciberras and Carrie Kovachevich. Three senior starters from last volleyball player, has a 4.0 GPA and is season return: outside hitters

Anna Keil and Lisa Baker, and setter Angie Germain. Two other seniors, setter Kim Theeke and outside hitter Krysta Tinsley, are also back. Those five should provide invaluable experience - particu- the sophomore. larly Germain, who started at

setter last season. "I'm very glad to have her back for one more year," said Montgomery, noting it was Germain's third year on

And Tinsley has been impressive in pre-season workouts.

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foot-10, she's "probably my "She's my most improved playtallest girl," Montgomery said. A er," the Chiefs' coach said. "She'll back problem has plagued her get plenty of playing time." throughout workouts thus far, While supplying a much-needed foundation, the seniors are but once she's ready, she'll play not the true reason for Montat middle hitter.

So where is their strength? gomery's optimism. It's the new-"Hitting, definitely," Montgomery replied. "We've had "We still don't have much strong, tight hits (in practice). I height," she noted, "but these girls are much leaner, they're in don't want to sound overly confident, but yeah, we're better shape, and they're very athletic. (than last year)." "I'm not saying they have more

Here's a problem, however heart (than last season's team). Canton may be improved, but but they are much better athletithe rest of the WLAA is hardly Four juniors and a sophomore struggling. Livonia Churchill Livonia Stevenson, Livonia comprise the main body of new varsity players who figure to Franklin and Plymouth Salem contribute significantly. Meghan are all coming off superb sea-Meier, Ashley Williams, Christi- sons.

Some of these are "teams we've na Kiessel and Mary Kryska are beaten before," Montgomery the juniors; Courtney Jarman is said. "We want to be back up at Meier, Williams, Kiessel and that level again. Kryska are listed as outside hit-She just might have the team

to do it. But Montgomery is ters, but Montgomery said her lineup is anything but set. It quick to caution: "Actions speak louder than words. Getting to that level will be

difficult; saying there will be

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roles out.

in empty-handed

considerable playing time.

outside hitter, started for the

Rocks and showed considerable

ability. Jill Dombrowski, a 5-11

where on the front line," Teeters

Michelle Ginther, a 5-8 senior

outside hitter, also received plen-

said — and she'll do all of it.

cally.

all-conference setter for Henry Ford Community College; Aleshka Marquez was a solid defensive player, and Erica Stein was a valuable all-around player.

All started last season. All nust be replaced. "They were well-skilled, great athletes," said Teeters, who has coached teams from Livonia junior, "can set and play any-Clarenceville and Livonia Lady-"She's probably the best shot blocke wood to state championships and Schoolcraft College to an NJCAA championship. "(The replacements) have their work cut out

for them." There's no other way to describe it: Salem must rebuild. Reaching the status attained by

and will log even more this year. Sarah Jensen, a 5-7 junior, figures to contribute considerably. So, too, will Liz Gizicki, a 5-6 three games in the district final defensive specialist, and senior last season) will be even better. middle hitter Denise Phillips. ing off a superb season posted by Salem's basketball team: Kelly to be better."

may take most of the pre-holiday

segment of the schedule to sort

Jarman is another story. At 5-

Lou Liebau (5-10). "Kelly and Mary Lou are going to improve quickly," predicted to replace and, consequently, has Teeters. "Their athletic ability its work cut out.

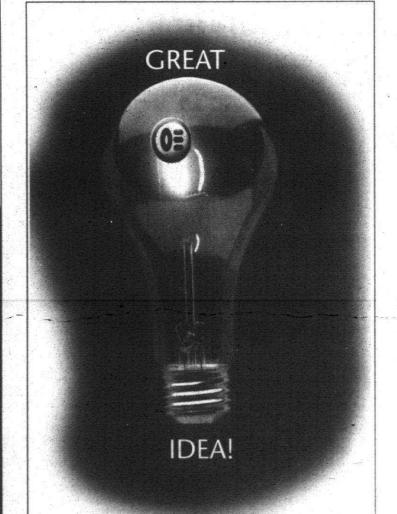
But can this team improve ple task, but the Rocks won't go enough to match what last year's They will be led by four squad did? "I think so," said Teeters, "if we can succeed at seniors and two juniors who saw being more consistent. We might Amanda Suder, a 5-7 senior

Those that Salem will be aimng at are defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion Walled Lake Central and the three Livonia schools -Franklin, Stevenson and Churchill

"Franklin has everyone back." ty of playing time last season noted Teeters. "They're going to be very strong. Stevenson is going to be really good, and Churchill (which took Salem to

What last season's team had A pair of sophomores has bol- was superior hitting and blockstered Teeters' optimism for the ing skills. "We have to run a upcoming season. Both are com- guicker attack." Teeters said. "I think our outside hitting is going Jaskot (5-7), who received all-

Matching last year's record in conference honors, and Mary the WLAA - Salem tied for second - will be something to shoot for for this team, which has a lot



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Ryan Nimmerguth led the

Rocks with 21 points; he also

had nine rebounds. No one else,

however, reached double figures

n scoring. Matt McCaffrey and

Nick Tochman each scored nine,

and James McCaffrey had five

Monroe was paced by Matt

Wozniak with 18 points; Josh

Griffen added 14 and John Web-

Fairlane 62, Agape 57: Every-

thing went Canton Agape Chris-

tian's way in its season-opener

at Dearborn Fairlane Christian

Poor accuracy cost the Wolver

ines a shot at victory, according

to coach Keith Anleitner. "I

thought we outplayed them, we

had a lot less turnovers - we

just couldn't hit," he said. "We

shot very poorly (23 percent)."

Tuesday — except shooting.

wasn't meant to be."

points and 10 rebounds

ster scored 13.

make up a big deficit. We had ter, A 20-14 fourth period could-

some breakdowns defensively, a n't save Agape. few offensively, but for the most "We had a bad third quarter part the kids played well. and then came back," said "The key was not to fold, not to Anleitner. "But we had too much give up, and they didn't. It just

ground to make up." Paul Anleitner led the Wolyerines with 23 points. Julian Wettlin added 13. For Fairlane, Aaron Begley scored 26 points

and Matt Anderson added 12. The difference came at the free throw line. Agape was 14-of-16: Fairlane made 24-of-37 - 12-of-19 in the fourth quarter.

John Glenn 54, A.A. Huron 50: Westland John Glenn held host Ann Arbor Huron to 17 second half points Tuesday to record a 54-50 victory.

Controlling the backboards was a big item for Westland John Glen Center Yaku Moton scored 20

points and grabbed 19 rebounds while forward Ben Harris had 15

points and 21 rebounds. Guard Eric Jones scored 11 points, eight in the second half, and had four assists. Junior

Brent Vogle scored eight points. Agape trailed 27-26 at the Joey Sims led the River Rats half, then fell behind by 11 going with 15 points but was pointless into the final quarter after Fairin the fourth quarter. Andrew Martin scored 11. lane posted a 21-11 third quar-

scoring a short-handed goal

role to earn the win.

sadors Saturday.

the third-consecutive goal for

Compuware. Tom Fortunate had

16 saves in the net in a relief

For Texas, the loss was just its

second in its last 21 games. A

Jason Guerriero goal in overtime

gave the Tornado a 4-3 win over

Compuware last Friday; he

added a goal and two assists in

their 6-2 victory over the Ambas-

and two assists in the three-

points), first in the North Ameri-

can Hockey Leauge's West Divi-

sion. Compuware is 15-7-1 over-

all (31 points) and in third in the

NAHL's East Division, but the

Ambassadors are just two

Kewadin Casino Indians (33

at 7 p.m. both Friday and Satur-

ehind the division-leading Soo

Compuware plays at the Soo

game series for Compuware.

Mike Smith had three goals

Texas is 19-4 overall (38

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His second came at the 1:21 mark, assisted by Surma and

Kevin Holdridge. Randy Fitzgerald's sixth goal of the season, assisted by Nate Kiser and Willams, 4:16 into the second period pushed the Whaler lead to 3-0. Krys Barch put the Knights on the board 1:15 later with a power-play goal, trimming the Whaler advantage to 3-

Gooldy restored Plymouth's three-goal cushion with 4:20 remaining in the second period. assisted by Surma and Shaun

Zepp had 32 saves for Plymouth; Gene Chiarello made 25 saves for London.

Ambassadors split

The Compuware Ambassadors at least managed to cool off the previously red-hot Texas Tornado and salvage one win in a three-game trip, beating the Tornado 3-2 Sunday

Steve Swistak got the game- day. winner for the Ambassadors.

Sarkesian

the NCAA Tournament against

the Cardinal, regulation was fad-

ing with no score having been

The goal proved to be the only

score of the match, giving Notre

cently. She made huge strides.

"Impacting in big games -

that's what you want a player to

games as a freshman with five

starts, began this season sharing

time in the midfield with fresh-

men Ashley Dryer and Nancy

Mikacenic. As the season wore

on. Sarkesian's talents got her

more and more playing time, she

finished with 12 starts this sea-

a direct kick.

the net."

vailed ---

In their third-round match of hope your player will have the ability to find the seams and break down defenses," said Waldrum. "She did. She broke teams down with her passing."

posted as Notre Dame set up for Although Sarkesian played a major role in the success of the "I was just standing at about Irish this season, she wouldn't the 18 (yard-marker), and the mind if it was altered. "Actually, ball was cleared out to me," she I'd love to be more offensive," she recalled. "I gave it a one-touch and hit it with my left foot into said. "I'd probably like to be

more of a key player. Which means being even more Dame a 1-0 win and a berth in surprising wish since Sarkesian the quarterfinals opposite finished her prep career at Nebraska. Sarkesian came Salem with 72 goals and 36 assists. In that time she was a through in that match as well, assisting on the game-tying goal state dream team member twice and was all-state three times. that resulted in overtime - in Her offensive abilities have

which the Irish ultimately presurfaced during the NCAA Tour-"There in the stretch run she nament, something her coach came up big for us," said Walhas taken notice of. Still, Sarkesian knows there's more for her drum. "She progressed magnifi-

"I want to improve in all aspects," she said. "But what I really want to do is play quicker. Sarkesian, who appeared in 20 Like our ceach is always telling us, take a touch and if the pass is there, make it. Don't hold the ball too long."

Sarkesian's role is bound to change next season. The Irish lose six seniors; that means she'll be expected to do more. It's something Sarkesian is looking forward to.

"In the role she's playing, you

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# Despite losses, CC can shoot

Redford Catholic Central's top player last year, all-state guard Nick Moore, is now at Poledo. Multi-sport athletes Dave Lusky, Dan Jess, Chuck Cash and Anthony Tomey

But CC coach Rick Coratti returns out side shooting in 6-foot-4 guard Rob Sparks and 6-5 forward Matt Loridas. Sparks won't be able to play until at least January due to back surgery. Loridas could be one of the more versatile players in the area, able to rebound and play in the transition.

Sparks averaged double figures in points last year and Coratti believes he'll have a breakout season once he returns to the line-

"He played really well over the summer and was shooting well, turning into a pretty good leader," Coratti said. "The nice hing about him is he is a pretty good size guard, can handle and rebound.

The Shamrocks have some size and athleticism across the frontline with 6-5 varsity returnee Jeff Moore joining Loridas and

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"Between Steve and Jeff they give us good inside defense and rebounding,

Coratti said.

Coratti called Loridas a "very good athete, one that can go inside and outside." Junior guards Mark Willoughby and Ryan Celesky, both 6-2, and 6-foot junior guard Anthony Coratti also are potential starters. The three joined Larkin on a good

The Shamrocks are also counting on quality minutes from 6-3 sophomore Tom

junior varsity team last year.

The Shamrocks finished 15-8 a year ago osing to Southfield in the Class A district. The Shamrocks' depth also includes 6-2 senior forward Rod Hunt and 6-0 senior

guard Steve Ivy. "I think we're going to surprise some peo-

defensively. We're going to be young. We're going to start three juniors and Jakaki is going to play a lot, too.It's always exciting when you're young, so we'll see what hap

(CP)C5

"I know we have a pretty tough preses son but that we'll be tougher defensive What we lose with Nick offensively we'll have to do a little more by comi

"It's always a problem when you replace a player who's started three years that was of his caliber. But we're going to have more depth, so that's how we're going to replace

"We hope we can put up a few threes. That's always been our thing.'

The Catholic (League, Central Division) is "always pretty balanced and tough," Coratti said. "We play (Orchard Lakes) St. Mary's before Christmas, and they're supposed to be one of the top teams in the state and a traditional rival. They're always

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# CC knocks off Churchill

When No. 1 plays No. 3, the gher rated team should win. Redford Catholic Central, the top-rated high school hockey team in the state, defeated No. 3 Livonia Churchill, 5-2, Saturday night at Redford Ice Arena.

"I would say this year's CC eam is better than their state ionship team of a year go," Coach Jeff Hatley of the

The turning point came roughly midway through the second period, with the Sham-tocks holding a 3-2 lead but the Chargers pressing hard in front of the Catholic Central net.

The red light went on when the puck either clanged off the goal post or went in the net. Nobody could say for sure and that was the crux of the argu-

"There was a big discussion latley said, "but nobody saw the play clearly. It was disalowed after a long discussion."

Even afterward, opinion was split on whether the play was a goal or not. CC less settled the argument

when Brian Williams scored with 10 seconds left in the second period; Brandon Kalenicki and Ryan Yost assisted. Dave Moss scored 36 seconds

into the third period assisted by Joe Hillebrand and Joe Moreau to assure CC of its fourth win in as many tries. The Shamrocks held a 32-19 edge in shots on goal. CC was whistled for two penalties and

archill lost its first game n't keep CC off the scoreboard y or late in each period. The Shamrocks scored 2:09 into the game, Kaleniecki getting the goal from Rick Buttery

and Williams. They took a 2-0

lead at 6:58 on a goal by Jim Spiewak, assisted by Moreau Sean Smith drew Churchill

within a goal at 9:09. Ryan McDonnell and Aaron Jakubowski assisted CC expanded its lead to 3-1 just 27 seconds into the second period, Moss putting the puck in the net and Hillebrand

Ike Andes got the Chargers back within one off a feed by Aaron Jakubowski and Smith goal, the Shamrocks' score with 10 seconds to go in the period and early third-period marker

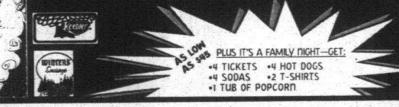
"Churchill played as tough as you can play, they're in excel-lent condition and they had a game plan," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "It was a very good game and they really took it to us. They're well coached. I was really impressed with all

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# Win 1, lose 2

# Madonna's record slips to 2-9

A win was added to Madonna University's men's basketball record. Unfortunately, so were

The Fighting Crusaders did manage to eke out an 80-77 victory Saturday over Indiana University-Southeast in the consolation final of the Mount Vernon Nazarene Tournament, played in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

That came a day after Berea College handed Madonna a 104-81 setback in the tournament

On Monday, the Crusaders traveled north to Northwood University, where the Timberwolves rolled to a 92-71 triumph. The 1-2 record - all on the road - in a four-day span left Madonna with a 2-9 record.

In the win over IU-Southeast, the Crusaders rallied behind a superb shooting performance turned in by Aaron Cox. The 6foot freshman hit 10-of-11 floor shots en route to scoring 24 points; he also grabbed seven

Mark Mitchell chipped in with 14 points and eight assists, Mike Massey had 13 points, and Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) contributed 10 points and a team-high eight boards.

Sean Smith scored 23 for IU-Southeast. Kyle Simpson added 17 points, 16 rebounds and five assists B.D. Ledbetter netted 11 points, and John Coomer finished with 10 points and six

of-79 from the floor (35.4 per-

In the tournament opener against Berea, Madonna fell behind 52-35 at the half and never caught up, despite a solid performance by Putnam: 21 points and five rebounds.

Massey scored 12 points and dished out four assists, and Cox totaled nine (on 4-of-6 shooting). Greg Laws topped Berea with 28 points. Scott Moore had 20, Kelly Day scored 18 and Charles Marshall netted 11.

Free-throw shooting was the difference in this game: Berea made 24-of-32 from the line (75 percent); Madonna was 5-of-6 (83.3 percent). At Northwood Monday, another slow start doomed the Crusaders - they trailed 50-33 at

halftime. Again, Cox came through with a solid shooting performance, hitting 8-of-12 floor shots and scoring 20 points. Putnam finished with 15 and Massey scored 11. Eleven players scored for Northwood, four of them reach-

ing double figures: Jeremy Hamlet with 15, Damon Lucas with 14, Sam Jones with 13 (and eight assists) and Anthony Chandler with 10 (and 10 Plymouth Canton grad Ron

floor shots (49.2 percent), includ- ball team (he was second team ing 9-of-19 three-pointers (47.4 all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate percent); IU-Southeast was 28- Athletic Conference as a wide receiver), totaled eight points and seven rebounds in just 18.

The Timberwolves outreoounded Madonna, 44-29.

Madonna women slip

Strong defense carried Madonna to a big lead in the first half, but the Lady Crusaders couldn't maintain it and lost to Urbana University 69-65 Monday at The loss dropped the Cru-

saders to 5-4. Urbana is 5-3. Madonna built a 39-28 lead at the half, thanks to solid shooting (15-of-33, 45.5 percent) and a defense that limited Urbana to 8-of-32 shooting (25 percent). But that all turned around in the

second half, with the Crusaders being outscored 41-26. Urbana didn't improve its shooting that much - for the game, it made just 22-of-64 (34.4 percent) to Madonna's 27-of-65 (41.5 percent)

But turnovers doomed the Crusaders: They had 28 to

Urbana's 17. Lori Enfield paced Madonna with 19 points and 12 rebounds Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) added 12 points and 11 boards, and Carissa Gizicki totaled seven points, eight assists, six rebounds and four Hunter, who just finished his

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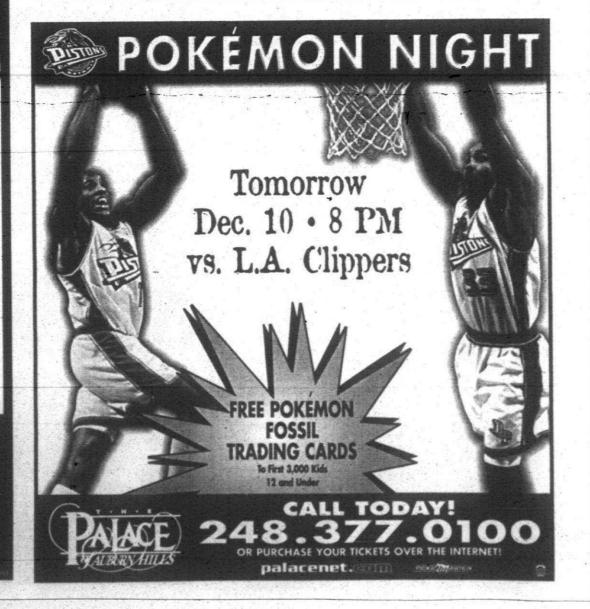
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Friday, Dec. 10 Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Dearborn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Fordson, 7 p.n fohn Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m Lapeer East at Harrison, 7 p.m. Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m. Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Annapolis, 7 p.m.

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LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seve field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

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Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit in Lake Orion. Call (248) 814-Archers in West Bloomfield, Call

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**ACTIVITIES** HOLIDAY POTLUCK

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### **WATERLOO WANDERING**

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ing clays shoot on Sunday, Dec.

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Metropark during this program, **FOUR SEASONS** which begins at noon Sunday, The Four Seasons Fishing Club Dec. 19. Call (810) 294-7789 for meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first rections and more information Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. SHOOTING Visitors are invited and refresh ments will be served. Call Jim **SPORTS** 

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boaters and non-boaters). Call CLUBS (248) 656-0556 for more informa

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The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activiies, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

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Call (248) 814-9193 for more

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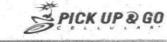


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# Entertainment

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# THE WEEKEND

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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a Holiday Festival, "The Colors of Christmas" 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit featuring Peabo Bryson, Dionne Warwick, James Ingram and Deniece Williams. Tickets \$26-\$55; call (313) 576-5111.

### SATURDAY



Organist Tony O'Brien performs "The Magical Music of Christmas," with Maria Nazarenko, soprano, and Dwight Sheetz, baritone 8 p.m. at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River in Detroit. Tickets \$8, available night of performance at the box office.





Sean Grier is the Giant and Adam Brown is Jack in the Stagecrafters' Youth Theatre production of the musical "Jack and the Giant," 2 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$5 for ages 17 and under, \$7 for adults. All seats reserved; call (248) 541-6430.



Hot Tix: Stephen R. Bun-trock and Erin Dilly star in "Martin Guerre" playing at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit through Sunday, Dec. 19. Tickets available at the box office, or call TicketMaster (248) 645-6666.



Pergola: This ceiling of lights brightens the way for visitors walking through a forest of colorful trees.



Thrilling for young and old alike



paired up for "Wild Lights." (Below) This mother and baby penguin are two of the 70 animal sculptures on display at the Detroit Zoo.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

aybe it's the more than 70 animal sculptures, many of them in pairs. Maybe it's because love heightens the senses. Whatever the reason, the Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" is becoming a popular destination for couples in love.

Ron Rotole and Cheryl Lobocki recently took time out from planning their June wedding to walk arm in arm along the half mile trail leading through the forest of 400,000 lights. The dazzling display continues through Sunday, Jan. 2. "There's lots of places you can sit down and enjoy the atmosphere," said Lobocki, who grew up

in Farmington. "It was nice," added Rotole, a Plymouth resi-

dent. "It's really bright." But beware - a life-sized polar bear raising his arms overhead could frighten some passersby. But he's the exception. The rest of the lions, elephants and kangaroos warm the heart with their playfulness. Paired up swans and mothers and their offspring, including the tiger and her cub that visitors to the display, speak of love

Lobocki especially liked the monkeys swinging through the trees, the red leaping deer, fish jumping out of the water, and the sequentially lighting butterflies. She knows good art when she sees it. Lobocki, who graduated with a fine arts degree from the University of Michigan, is creative director for the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association in Bingham

"I like that they were animated because you

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### **Light Shows**

Wild Lights, through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m. 8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; and 5:30-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday (closed Friday-Saturday, Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1), at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Admission \$4, \$3 children ages 2-12, and \$3 Detroit 5835.

■ Wayne County LightFest, through Thursday, Dec. 30, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday (closed Saturday, Dec. 25), along four-and-one-half miles of Edward Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights, \$5 minimum donation per car helps keep the 39 giant displays lighted. (734) 261-1990.

■ Domino's Farms St. Nicholas Light Display, through Friday, Dec. 31, 6-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday (\$5 donation per car), and 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday Sunday (\$7 per car), 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, off Earhart Road north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Proceeds benefit more than 60 Miltro Detroit chill dren charities. Visitors are encourage to brin; a donation of canned food for Ann Arbor Food Gatherers ar Gleaners Food Bank, (734) 930-4430.

# HOLIDAY SHOWS

# Rockin' around the Christmas tree

BY KEELY WYGONIK

Santa Claus will be making special appearances this weekend to celebrate the holidays with good little girls and boys, as well as the Henry Ford Community Full Circle Dance Company, Birmingham Village Players, and Junior Actors of

**Full Circle Dance Company** 

Everyone's favorite holiday story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," will be brought to life by the Henry Ford Community College Full Circle Dance Company 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 in the Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Tickets are \$5 at the door; call Diane Mancinelli (313) 845-6314 for more information

Santa Claus will visit during the shows composed of eight dances. Featured pieces include the Stocking Dance," set to Claude Bolling's "Fugace" and presented in black light, "Jazzy Santa," in which four elves worry about Santa falling off his

sleigh, and a toe-tapping "Rockin' Around the

Christmas Tree," number.

The dances, music and costumes were designed with children and families in mind. Approximately 3,000 children and adults attend this show annu-

Mancinelli of Livonia, HFCC dance instructor, is directing the production which features Redford residents Springer Underwood and Brittany

**Birmingham Village Players** 

Join the Village Players in celebrating "A Taffeta Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, (on the east side of Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Maple). Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5, children ages 3-12. To make a reservation for the Dec. 10 or 12 performance, call (248) 644-2075. "A Taffeta Christmas" will also be presented during the First Night Celebration in Birmingham on Friday, Dec. 31 at the Village Players theater. New Year's Eve performances are 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Please see SHOWS, E2



Holiday event: Henry Ford Community College's Full Circle Dance Company, (standing left to right) Ann Marie Pizzimenti, Springer Underwood and Brittany Valente (both of Redford), Anna McMaster and Lori Moran, (seated, left to right) Natalie Gorman, William Spicher as Santa and Janeen Drugacz, bring the classic story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," to life, Dec. 10-11.

# Shows from page E1

"A Taffeta Christmas" is a E 'A Taffeta Christmas' story about an all-girl singing group trying to make it big," explained show producer Diane Plaid,' a musical about D'Agostino, who is presidentelect of the Village Players. "It's a 1950s musical revue for the

There will be plenty of "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," as the girls present their show, live from the Moose Hall in down- ing how to kiss a boy and beauty town Muncie, Indiana, It's being broadcast live by the Dumont TV

Join the Birmingham Village Players in imagining the scene at this 1950s hometown hoedown at the Moose Hall.

"I think this may be the Michigan premiere," said Dan Castle of Birmingham, who is directing the show (written by Rick Lewis) with Bill Havcook.

"A Taffeta Christmas" is a spin-off of "Forever Plaid," a musical about an all-guy singing group in the 1950s. "There will e lots of singing," said Castle, and it will be snowing on stage." In addition to singing, the girls pause for commercials, and

is a spin-off of 'Forever an all-guy singing group in the 1950s.

share all kinds of helpful information with the audience includ-"The girls interact with the

audience and there are a lot of Christmas songs," said Castle. "They do a commercial for one of their sponsors, Galaxy Beauty Both D'Agostino and Castle

agreed "A Taffeta Christmas" is a show the whole family will enjoy. "The kids won't be totally bored," said Castle. "Two of the women in the show, including my wife, are mothers of young children, and they won't let the kids

get bored."

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Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Sunday performance. The cast includes Patty Ward as Kay, Carollee Cas-

tle as Cheryl, Peggy Ann Lee as Bloomfield; Nick Boni and Bri-Donna, and Laura Diane Dooley as Peggy.

Susan Borin is the choreographer, John Dickinson musical lirector. You'll find yourself hum ming along as the girls sing "It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas," "Silver Bells," and some tunes from the 1950s such as "Sugar in the Mornin" and

Ridgedale Players

The Junior Actors of Ridgedale Players are presenting "Pinocchio's Holiday Wish," adapted by and directed by Lynn Cummings of Troy, and Meals with Santa 10 a.m. and p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the playhouse 205 W. Long Lake load (between Crooks Road and Livernois) in Troy.

Tickets are \$7 per person and include a meal, the play, and a visit with and gift from Santa. Pictures with Santa are available for an additional \$2. Reservations are a must, call (248) 988-7049

The cast includes Troy residents Andrew Kalinowski as the story-teller, Ashley Yount as Pinocchio, Brian Cummings as Gepetto, Karly Gilbey, Melissa Gilbey, Haley Niederquell and Rachel Cooper; James Gieger and Stephanie Barcewicz of West

tanny Moncrieff of Oxford, and Christopher Veal of Clarkston.

Avon Players

The Avon Players Youth Theatre will present "Wind of A Thousand Tales" by John Glore, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10; Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the playhouse, 1/4 mile east of Rochester Road on the corner of Tienken and Washington roads in Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$7, call (248) 608-9077.

The musical show features three folk tales from faraway places - Mexico, Japan and Middle Europe.

Cast members include Ashley Rozanski of Troy, Julia Rudolf and Cheri Whitney and Kim Walkenhorst of Rochester Hills, and Katie Kingman of

Folk tales: Youth Theatre members (left to right, kneeling) are Ashley Rozanski, Julia Rudolf, Dan Staniszewski, Cheri Whitney, Katie Kingman

and Kim Walkenhorst.



# Wild Lights from page E2

could see them move," said Thursday evening. The club is Lobocki. "That's how they make preparing for the Plymouth and giraffe on the 45-minute animation.

the sleekly swimming otters in Jan. 12-17. Santa is also on hand the Edward R. Mardigian River to hear children's wishes. Louie Otter building. Their acrobatic the Lightening Bug and Sparky antics as they waddled the the Fire Dog accompany him 6-7 and old alike laughing. Halfway down the trail in the Holden more. Museum of Living Reptiles and Amphibians, a python, gecko, the bird house was open," said skinks and dragons were popu- Lobocki. lar with the littlest visitors. Ice carving, storytelling, and the sounds of choirs and bands wonderland entertain visitors every evening

at stops along the way. its fleeting sculpture every are expected to thrill to the expe-

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nternational Ice Sculpture Com-The hit of the evening were petition Wednesday-Monday, activities led Lobocki to long for

"I wish the penguinarium or

Walking through a winter

A ceiling of white lights brightens the way for visitors walking The Henry Ford Community through the forest of colorful

rience of seeing a train, moose walk. Toward the end of the trail. the sound and sight of a flock of geese flying overhead made the evening complete. Whether giddy from the lights

or being in love, Lobocki's spirits wrong way up a slide left young p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. All these were high. Although there was hot cocoa in the warming tent, she and Rotole weren't cold. They were too excited by the sights and sounds. "It's not fair the animals can't

get out to see the lights," said

Forever after

Shirley Myers' spirits were soaring as well. She and hus- ing all the butterflies flying College Ice Carving Club creates trees. More than 80,000 people band Ron took in the lights on their way to the wedding of

Kathleen O'Hara and James Conely in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. The couple were married in the butterfly/hummingbird garden. At any one time, there were three- to fourhundred rainbow-hued butterflies floating through the air in

the 3,800-square-foot garden. "The lights were so pretty that by the time you reached the butterfly garden, it put you in a festive mood for the evening," said Myers, a Livonia resident. "Everyone was commenting on the beauty of the site. We went from Christmas lights outside to a pretty meadow inside. It was exciting - the ceremony and seearound the bride and groom.'



# 'Romeo and Juliet' is met with mixed sentiments

and kissing:

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The show

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ends through

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tion of "Romeo

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Kavita

Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre presents Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet, firected by Lavinia Moyer, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Tickets are \$8-10. The Bonstelle Theatre is at 3424 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. For tickets or additional information, call (313) 577-2960.

# BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Bonstelle Theatre, Wayne State's undergraduate theatre company, presents

Shakespeare's tragic romance "Romeo and Juliet" for one more weekend. Lavinia Mover, one of Detroit's most celebrated theater artists, returns to Detroit to direct the show.

The show opens in Verona, a city teeming with tension due to an ongoing feud between the Montagues and Capulets. The city's ruler angrily issues edicts to keep the peace, but both sides remain primed for battle. Into this conflict, Romeo, a Montague, and Juliet, a Capulet, meet and fall in love. Their secret marriage, the surrounding violence passions and tempers conspire to break hearts and destroy lives until the feud between the families is resolved.

be colonial India in the 1920s. and well-choreographed fights, English dress is mixed with East es, as both the nobility and ser- lost. Many of the smaller scenes lished the anguish and emotion-

Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Perfor-

box office, or call (248) 645-6666.

"Martin Guerre." the new musi-

cal from the creators of "Les Mis-

érables" and "Miss Saigon," is artistically magnificent. Its pre-

Broadway run at the Fisher The-

like "Hello Dolly" and "Fiddler on

the Roof." It's not even an Ameri-

can premiere; the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis was the show's

first stop in the states after a suc-

However, the Fisher's traditional

proscenium stage, unlike the

Guthrie's thrust stage, more close-

ly resembles that of a Broadway

theatre. Following the Guthrie run

the show had to be totally re-

blocked. Other changes will be

made based on its three-week stay

here. The Fisher is thus entitled to

tin Guerre" will surely take its

place alongside "Les Miz" and

Saigon" as an amazing achieve-

ment in theatre. With a major-

league cast, music and lyrics you

will remember on the way home

and long after, and a love story that has survived for almost a half-millennium, "Martin" is a

The show is based on the true

story of Martin (Hugh Panaro), a

14-year-old boy in the 16th century French village of Artigat who does

not consummate his marriage to Bertrande (Southfield native Erin

Dilly). Accused by jealous rival Guillaume (Jose Llana) and the

suspicious Catholic villagers of incurring the wrath of God on

their crops, Martin flees to become

Seven years later, when Martin

is stabbed in battle, he asks best

friend Arnaud (Stephen Buntrock),

as a final wish, to tell Bertrande

that he's sorry. Arriving in Artigat,

Arnaud is mistaken for Martin

He's also hailed as a hero because

life-giving rains arrive at the same

Three months after that Arnaud

and Bertrande have fallen in love

and conceived a child. That would

be just lovely if it was the end of

Act 2. It's not. Martin didn't die on

that battlefield. He comes back a

man in all respects and wants

what's his. What does the law have

to say about it? When, if ever, did

Bertrande know whom she was

sleeping with? And to what

lengths will Guillaume go to elimi-

Producer Cameron Mackintosh,

composers Alain Boublil and

Claude-Michel Schönberg and colyricist Stephen Clark sought not

nate both men once and for all?

a soldier in the Religious Wars.

mega-musical for the ages.

share of tryout bragging rights. And brag they should, as "Mar-

cessful tour in England.

atre is historically significant. It's not a Fisher world premiere

By JON KATZ

vants wore clothing from both overcame the difficulties of cultures, which lent itself to con- speech clarity, and the actors fusion. When Shakespeare's were ability to clearly convey the plays are set in another time words of the immortal bard. period, the political/historical Dean Cechvala, a graduate of reason is usually highlighted Clintondale High.School, played

ditional Elizabethan setting for the play. The opening scene in the Lavinia Moyer has chosen to crowded marketplace was laudset the play in what appears to able for its excellent swordplay but the old English dialogue was intense passion without being Indian garb. However, there was not enunciated clearly enough, no true delineation of the class- and too much of the dialogue was expressions and embraces estab-

"Martin Guerre" continues to equal "Les Miz" and "Miss # 'Martin' is a much

"Martin" is a much more intimate

Napier that will not disappoint

special effects fans. We'll just call

for your enjoyment.

"The Wall" and leave the details

Panaro. Buntrock and our own

Erin Dilly had better like New

York; they'll be there for a long

through Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Saigon" as an epic production.

mances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Satur- story and is told on an appropri-

day, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday ately smaller scale. There is no

and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets barricade, no helicopter. There is,

\$15 to \$60.50, available at the however, a 12-ton set piece by John

'Martin Guerre' on fire at the Fisher Theatre

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through the costumes and set- Romeo with a lithe, dreamy ting. However, Moyer offers few approach, and he danced as well clues why the costumes and the as he handled a sword. He was and killings, and the haste of sets reflected the colonial East well-matched with Kavita Indian culture instead of the tra- Matani's Juliet. Matani, a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, used youthful exuberance and impatient joy to establish her character. The two wove a seductive chemistry between them, developing a quiet and frantically physically. Their

more intimate story

time following the show's sched-

uled April 2000 opening. They are

nary performers. Jose Llama

earned his huge ovation as Guil-

ume, and Michael Arnold as vil

lage fool Benoit was a particular

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centrated energy. The male ensemble was ready to rumble with their angry swordplay and fast paced, angry exchanges. Their choreography from a high energy ballet of leaps, thrusts and parries. They were equally stunning in tuxedo evening wear at the Capulet's ball. An opening tango captured the intrigue of the masque ball, and heightened the sexual tension during Romeo and Juliet's first encounter.

The roles of Romeo and Juliet's parents were not as well executed or developed. The actors were oddly and inconsistently costumed in clashing colors, and Lord and Lady Montague were little more than chess pieces on the stage. Lord and Lady Capulet had more opportunity to display emotion in their scenes, but were restrained in almost all

The costumes are a garish blend of colors, with reds and pinks fighting with olive greens. East Indian clothing was overlapped with English garb. The sic is an odd mix of East Indian, techno pop and classical. Sometimes it's right on. Other times it's irritating. The selec-

tial breakout songs in the score.

"How Many Tears." Bertrande's

solo, will be an audition standard

for a generation, much like "I

Dreamed a Dream" from "Les

Miz." "Live With Somebody You

Love" and "Without You as a

Friend" are the men's duets. You

can expect to hear them all as pop

It will likely be two years before

Martin Guerre" comes back on a

road tour. See it now. You'll trea-

recordings when word gets out.

al intensity of the star-crossed time periods. More continuity able pieces that served as altars needs to be observed to blend a tables and tombs. Even the wall pleasing audio tapestry.

either side of the set, and move-

was scalable, as demonstrated by The multi-level set was clever- the agility of the male cast. ly designed, with staircases on



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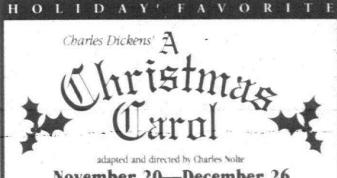
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'NIGHT IN MOROCCO' Featuring Hassan Hakmoun with guests Marcus Belgrave and Wendell Harrison, 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 10, in the Anderson Theate at Henry Ford Museum, 10900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$30, \$15. (313) 842-7010/(313) 664-200/(248) 645-6666.

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DICK SIEGEL Saturday, Dec. 11, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587.

> POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-

DANCE

FISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE Holiday Dance Spectacular, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps, Lake Orion. \$12, \$10 seniors/stu-

dents. (248) 693-5436. LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebel Road, Livonia, \$13, \$10 seniors/students, \$8 ages 5-9 (734) 427-9103

Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road Dearborn, (313) 581-3181\* STARDUST BALLROOM

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF

Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield \$8. (248) 356-5678.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Steve McGrew through Saturday Dec. 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 Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT

PAISANO'S Leo Dufour Thursday-Sunday, Dec 9-12, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 **MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE** 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Laughs are at the Mub, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

"Phantom Menace to Society Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-

> MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM

The museum re-opened its doors Oct. 19, and the celebration con tinues with more than 250 inter active exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 . Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439.

Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum

Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m

Saturday-Sunday, Free admission

\$1.50 seniors and children ages

12-18; free for children ages 11

and younger Thursdays Sundays

http://www.detroithistorical.org

Please see next page

(313) 833-1805 or

Wednesdays; \$3 for adults.

hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM** "Frontiers to Factories Detroiters at Work 1701-1901. formerly known as "Furs to LORI AMEY Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune style land acquisition interactive three new video screen interac tives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the 642-1135 (folk/pop/rock) World" to the Motor City, auto ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL mobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward

Arbor, \$15, (734) 996-8555 BARENAKED LADIES With Tal Bachman, 7:30 p.m. THE GADGITS

With My Superhero, 6 p.m.

\$6. (313) 961-MELT

**ED GOOCH QUARTET** 

J. GEIL'S BAND

Friday, Dec. 10, The Shelter, 431

E. Congress, Detroit. All ages.

With Colonel Sun perform for

Owner Roy Goffett's Birthday

Bash, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec

11, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street

Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec

10-11, Bird of Paradise, 207 S.

Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$5

cover. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

With The Romantics, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 31, The Palace of

Auburn Hills, Tickets \$99.50,

www. ticketmaster.com .

HARRINGTON BROTHERS

\$79.50, \$59.50, \$19.99 includes

parking cost, (248) 645-6666 or

7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 21, Fox

Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Free, A

and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, 16, Fox

Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Free, Al

and Hounds, 1560 Woodward

ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders

Books and Music, 3924 Baldwir

ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk-rock)

Saturday, Dec. 18, Blind Pig. 208

S. First Street, Ann Arbor, \$5.

(734) 996-8555; With Face, 8

22920 Woodward Avenue

ICP BIG BALLER CHRISTMAS

Ferndale, \$20, 21 and over.

p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag

With The Psychopathic Rydas, 8

With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday,

Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Clutch

ages. Tickets \$15 advance.

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7th

Pontiac. All ages. \$10. (313)

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec

17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S.

Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. \$5

cover. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

18-19. The Palace of Auburn

\$65, \$32.50 and \$25, (248)

8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March

Hills. Tickets on sale Dec. 11 fo

With Bobby "Blue" Bland, 7 p.m

and 10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12,

Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal

Oak. Tickets on sale \$55. (248)

645-6666 or www. ticketmas-

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Fifth

Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi

With Small Craft Sighting, 9:30

p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, Blind

Pig. 208 S. First Street. Ann

With Jim and Randy Bizer and

Alan Finkbeiner 8 p.m. Saturday

Dec. 11, Trinity House Theatre

\$10 for members. (734) 464-

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Borders

Road, Auburn Hills, Free, Ail

Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin

ages. (248) 335-5013 (acoustic

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Motor

Detroit, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck

18 and older. Ticket price to be

announced. (313) 369-0080

With Killswitch and Agent 009

10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18,

38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia, \$12.

Arbor, \$3. (734) 996-8555

4011 (world music)

Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735

House, 7 N. Saginaw Street

BETTY JOPLIN AND FRIENDS

Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, Al

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, The

Detroit. All ages. Sold Out.

Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and

\$25.50. (248) 645-6666

Shelter, 431 E. Congress

Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All

With The Still, 9:30 p.m.

HOPE ORCHESTRA

HOWLING DIABLOS

(248) 544-3030

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JARS OF CLAY

961-MELT

THE JUDDS

645-6666

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LIQUID SOUL

BB KING

(248) 645-6666

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Qdays a week

Saturday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Tickets \$50 and \$35 reserved. (248) 645-6666 THE BEACH BOYS

GHETTOBILLIES 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills, \$25, \$15 for general admission. (248) 645-BEDFORD DRIVE

With Broca's Area and Segway. 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 313.jac. upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067 (punk) **BLANKS 77** With the Criminals, Ducky Boys

and LES Stitches, 8 p.m. Sunday Dec. 12. The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666 (punk rock) **BLUE HAWAIIANS** 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17

18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644 4800 (blues) **BROTHERS GROOVE** 

7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunx, The Outsiders, 7:30

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5 advance/\$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT **EDDY CAMPBELL** 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Fifth

Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735 4011 (blues) CHAIN REACTION 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Token Lounge, Westland, (rock) CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND

Avenue Balfroom, 25750 Novi

8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-

DEATHGIRL.COM With Sweatysuedelips, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, The Shelter 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313) 961-MELT

DEEP SPACE 6 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16. Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450 DISCIPLINE 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Lilis 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS With The Velvet Beat, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Blind Pig. 208 S First Street, Ann Arbor, \$5. (734) 996-8555 **EKOOSTIC HOOKAH** 

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, \$12 advance, (248) 544-3030 **ELECTRIC BOOGALOO** With Clovis Minor and Giant,

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Blind Arbor, \$5. (734) 996-8555 WDRQ ELECTRIC KRINGLE JINGLE Starring Sugar Ray, Blessid Union of Souls, Enrique Iglesias, Lou Bega, Jessica Simpson, LFO.

Shaggy, Amber, Len, Mandy Moore, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Tickets \$99.31-\$29.31. Gall (248) 645 -ESHAM AND NATAS

With Workhorse Movement Friday, Dec. 17, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron at Mill Street, Pontiac Tickets \$12. (248) 645-6666. FACE With Nailing Betty and 500 Feet

of Pipe, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, \$6 (248) 544-3030 FAN MAIL TOUR With TLC. Christina Aguilera, Destiny's Child, 7 p.m. Sunday,

Jan. 16. The Palace of Auburn Hills, Tickets \$39.50 and \$29.50 on sale. (248) 645-6666 With I Hate Mars, Red Dye 9 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street

Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555 FREESTYLERS SOUND SYSTEM 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress Detroit, \$6, 18 and over, (313) 961-MELT

Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford, Westland, Free. 21 and over (734) 721-8609 (blues) FUNKINTELLIGENCE Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann MAZINGA

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> With Sublimation and 12 Angry Steps, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec 30, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street Ann Arbor, \$4, (734) 996-8555 MARY MCGUIRE 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, Borders

Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin

Road, Auburn Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk rock) MEATLOAF 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$58.50, \$49.50. (248) 645-6666

JOHN MELLENCAMP "Rural Electrification Tour 1999 With Shannon Curfman, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45, \$35. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT NOLL MISSION Friday, Dec. 10, Muldoons, 3982 W. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-2707; Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Paul's Place, 325 Walton Blvd., Pontiac. (248) 334-0311

**EDDIE MONEY** 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$15 reserved. \$9.47 general admission. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticket master.com MUZZLE

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Magic

Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$5. (248) 544-3030 JO NAB With A Coupla Fat Guys, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road,

STEVE NARDELLA 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10 11. Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

Novi. No cover. (248) 735-4011

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ROCK FEST With Blind Share, Branded, GBS and Tequila Mockingbird will bat tle it out, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec 11, Oakland Center Gold Room Dakland University Campus, Rochester, Free, All ages, (248) 370-4925

THE O-JAYS & THE WHISPERS With Gerald Levert, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$75, \$62.50. (248) 645-ORIGINAL HITS

7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 20, Fo and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Free, Al ages, (248) 644-4800 PILFERS

With The Exceptions and Wristrocket, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec 19, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7. All ages. 313) 961-MELT

PODUNK 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress. Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$6. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

THE PORTERS With Driftweed, 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 313.jac upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street \$5, 18 and over (313) 962-7067 (r&b/punk)

THE PRIME MINISTERS Friday, Dec. 17, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Defroit. 18 and over. (313) 567-RACHEL AND KAPP

7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) JAKE REICHART 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18.

Borders Books and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (holi-REGULAR BOYS

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 10-11, Bogey's Bar and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441 SATIN DOLLS

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. 248) 652-0558 (vocal quartet) JO SERRAPERE With her Red Hot Tailpiece

Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale, \$6 (248) TAJA SEVILLE 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 15, St Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (313)

Section, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10.

With 4%. The Beowolf Scantror Test, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street.

performs Thursday-Sunday; After-Thursday, Dec. 23, Bogey's Bar

and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake. (248) 669 KRISTYN SMYTH 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22,

1441

(rockin' blues)

STARLITE DESPERATION

Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Planet" WPLT on level two Novi Road, Novi. (248) 735-4011 on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. SMOOTH JAZZ CHRISTMAS Featuring Dave Koz, David Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Benoit, Brenda Russell, Peter Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 White, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, p.m. 21 and older; Alternative State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$25, \$20, (248) 645-6666 in Clutch Cargo's, 18 and older

With Fletcher Pratt, 10 p.m. FLYING FISH TAVERN Saturday, Dec. 11, 313.jac upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street. \$5. 18 and over. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, (313) 962-7067 (Brit pop) STEREOLAB With Jim O'Rourke. 8 p.m. 647-7747 (acoustic folk) Thursday, Dec. 9, Clutch Cargo,

65 E. Huron, Pontiac, Tickets \$12 advance, \$13 day of show. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666. SUICIDE MACHINES With Bottomedout and The Outsiders, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday THE GROOVE ROOM

Dec. 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$9. All ages. (248) 645-6666: With PT's Revenge and Cold as Life, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress Women admitted free; "Love Detroit. \$9. All ages. (313) 961-SUN MESSENGERS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Plymouth, (734) 455-8450

TELEGRAPH With Moods for Moderns and Capture the Flag. 7 p.m. Sunday JD'S KEY CLUB Dec. 26, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$5, All ages. (313) 961-MELT RANDY VOLIN & SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Ford Road

Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free, 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues) JACK WHITE AND THE BRICKS With Come Ons, 10 p.m. Friday Dec. 17, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush Street. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

(garage rock) WORKHORSE MOVEMENT With Forge and Fringe, Thursday, Dec. 16, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-

YOUNG COUNTRY CHRISTMAS WITH STEVE WARINER 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16,

State Theatre, Detroit, Tickets \$27, 50, \$22,50, (248) 645-6666 20 MILES

Featuring Judah Bauer of Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, and JBX and Bob Log, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27; The Shelter. 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18 Bogev's Bar and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake.

CLUBS

ALVIN'S

The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featur ing funk and disco. 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older (313) 832 2355 or www. alvins

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, Free 21 and older. (734) 213 1393 or www. arborbrewing.com BIRD OF PARADISE

The Bird of Paradise Orchestra performs Mondays, cover \$5: Ron Brooks Trio performs Wednesdays and Thursdays, with guitarist Dan Faehnle on Dec. 8e. cover \$5; Paul Klinger's Easy Street Swingtet plays Dixieland 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Friday, cove

\$2; Paul Finkbeiner's Jazz Jam can be seen 9 p.m. Sundays, free, all at the club, 207 S Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (jazz) **BLIND PIG** 

lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sundays at the club. 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www. intuit-solar.com or

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL Acoustic night with Packistani Tambourine Mondays; Karaoke with DJ Eric Tuesdays, Bridge

work party with Joint Venture 6-9 p.m. Fridays, all at the club. 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477 CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET

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"Flashback" night with "The (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (248) 333-2362 or www.

See Larry Arbour live 7 p.m. Thursdays, at the tavern, 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) **GOLD DOLLAR** 

Hip-hop and dance hall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 833 6873 or www. golddollar.com

Goth and industrial with D.J. Paul Wednesdays. Free admission with Goth attire: Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D. Thursdays. Factory" afternative mix of 80s and 90s with D.J. Matt Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile), Royal Oak Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www. thegrooveroom.com

Working Wednesdays with free food buffet, \$1 off drinks, featur ing Matt Safranak, Jimmy Sullivan, Marc Doiron and WIZ doors at 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Ladies Night featuring Rod Norman, Jimmy Sullivan, Gary Mumford and WIZ, doors at p.m. Thursdays; Matt Safranak WIZ, Rod Norman, Gary Mumford, Marc Doiron and Jimmi Sullivan perform, \$5 cover and doors at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, all at the club. 1 North Saginaw, Pontlac. (248)

338-7337. (dueling pianos) LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB Dance night for teens ages 15 19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER "Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older Free: "Work Release." Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimenta ry food from the Maiestic Cafe. 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bow \$6. 18 and older: "Rock in Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bow Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with D. Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free: 21 and older

(313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE

industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free, 21 and older; "Family" with DJ's Derek Plaslaiko, Echo and Deep, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays, 18 and older "Maximum Overload" on Fridays 10 p.m. \$6, 18 and older: "Big Saturdays, \$6, 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or

-\*Back Room Mondays. service

www. motordetroit.com ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays, \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older: X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays. Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays n The Shelter, \$6, 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit 313) 961-MELT or www

STATE THEATRE Ignition" dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961 5451 or www. statetheater.com

**XHEDOS CAFE** Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m.

Free. (248) 399-3946

ed historic tours of the estate festively decorated for the holi days. Special events include Tea, Four and Treasure, Thursday Friday, Dec. 9-10, and Monday

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IMAX movies include "Tropical

Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-

Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science

of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays

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Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3

for adults, \$2 for children ages 3

15 and adults ages 60 and older,

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Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10

seniors/students, \$4.50 ages 2

Visit the newest exhibition, "Folk

"Racing on the Wind: Sailing on

the Great Lakes," also a tempo-

rary exhibit on the construction

and launch of the S.S. Edmund

Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive

on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular

admission \$2, \$1 seniors/chil-

dren ages 12-18 during the hours

of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday

"The Spirit of Christmas" contin

ues through Dec. 31, enjoy guid-

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Sunday, (313) 852-4051.

Mile. Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50

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Art of Caring," continues through

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free for children ages 2 and

tional \$4, (313) 577-8400.

**DETROIT ZOO** 

Dec. 20; Holiday Luncheon Concerts Dec. 9-10; Santa's Workshop Fridays, Dec. 10 and 17: Candles and Carols Dinner Sunday, Dec. 12: and Candlelight Tours Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 593-5590 or www.umd.umich.edu/fairlane.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE Rising Star Singers perform 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12; "The Magic of Flight" IMAX film continues through Friday, Dec. 31 or the hour 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday (\$7.50, \$6.50) seniors and children ages 5-12, \$6 members and children under age 4). (313) 271-1570, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd Dearborn, Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, mem-

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Clearly, Woody faces a dilemma. You can guess which way he goes. This is a Disney movie. But even after that, there are

From its beginning, "Toy Story 2" dares to compare itself to the

This film presents so much

action that at times, a grown-up

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beloved owner, Andy, Woody "will right after it leaves the airline when Woody and a cowgirl escape from an airliner as it speeds down a runway, it's as thrilling as anything moviegoers have seen in any galaxy.

might feel a need for a break. Yet, these scenes are so studded You can only catch your breath and look forward to "Toy Story control of our heroes in a toy

"Toy Story 2," a Walt Disney store - that they remain a Pictures presentation of a Pixar Animation Studios film, is directed by John Lasseter and produced by Helene Plotkin and Karen Robert Jackson. The excitement of "Star Wars." Of screenplay by Andrew Stanton, more escapes, rescues and bat- course, watching animated char- Rita Hsiao, Doug Chamberlin



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Atlantic ship. His talent culminates in a

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Irving. Stars Tobey Maguire.

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A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s which focuses on issues of religion, race ed by Barry Levinson, Stars Adrien Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Manteg

Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25 Classic story of a young man's extraordinary journey: leaving home, finding "MANSFIELD PARK" love and finding his place in the world. Based on the book by Jane Austin, the Based on the best-selling novel by John

story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure he place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances



Doug Hutchison, David Morse and Tom Hanks star in "The Green Mile," the story of a prison guard and his relationship with one death rou

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heard her conwere a musician. After talking, she handed him a CD.

was involved in a severe car acci- seling and outreach programs. One year later, Jack received the project, and contributed his explaining that her music was Inside Out." The compilation

an e-mail from the boy's father own tune "Turn Your Mind instrumental in his recovery. "He itself doesn't deal with the issue (the title track of Jill Jack's first body of material donated by a CD) for his recuperation," she truly talented collection of said. "It got him out of bed and artists. From legends such as through the depression.' That story made her cry

As someone who tries to "show 1999 - Stungun, the disc offers the light at the end of the tun- something for everyone. nel" through her music, Jill Jack "I picked what I consider to be

There's one candidates for a CD compilation story that still aimed at helping troubled youth. gives singer- So when Scott Campbell, musisongwriter Jill cian and owner of Nebula Records, contacted the band to She recalls the contribute a song for "Counter day she met a Clockwise" - a CD of music young man in an meant to elevate awareness of Ann Arbor deli. teenage suicide in the metro He had over- area - the answer was yes.

"Music is a universal thing." versation and said Jack, a Ferndale resident. "I asked if she love the thought that my music can help."

Sales of the disc benefit Com-A couple days later, the teen mon Ground Sanctuary's counselected is always a great honor." Another honorable mention is Campbell was instrumental in used the song 'Watch Over Me' of suicide. It instead offers a at the Center for Creative Studreally motivated him. It got him Iggy Pop, New Order, to local ject," said Rehfus. "I've been stars such as MC5 and Detroit Music Award's Best New Band of mine at one point or another."

and her bandmates were prime the top local people," said Camp-

If you or someone you know is in need of help, call the 24 our crisis line at (248) 456-0909 or (800) 237-1127. bell. A member of that elite efforts on this one in particular. group, Jack added that, "being "Scott should be proud of putting

The Articles. Rehfus was approached for the project by a former classmate from his days ies, Donna Hazen. Hazen con-Sanctuary comes in. Emily Nortributed the artwork. "It sounded certainly like a worthwhile proaware of Common Ground (Sanctuary) since at least high school. They've helped some friends of

The Articles have appeared on numerous compilations, but based in Oakland County, Rehfus commended Campbell's though its services are not limit

this together. Anybody on the CD should be proud of it. Not to be Mike Rehfus, saxophonist for cynical, but not much good comes out of the music industry. ... This is using (that) power for the forces of good." That's where Common Ground

> ton, community education pro-Norton noted the importance gram coordinator at CGS, has of music: "When someone is feelbeen involved with the project ing really isolated, they can hear since its start. She sees it as a a song and think 'This person way to reach out to the commudoesn't even know me, but he nity, as well as to educate on the understands my life experience," issue of suicide. Common Ground Sanctuary is

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something (youth) will relate to,"

ed to that area. "We get calls to all people. "Music can change from all over the country," said the world," he said. "It can make

Norton, a Southfield resident. people stop and think about something. It's a powerful tool." The money raised by CD sales is distributed to CGS programs The Reyal Oak-based Diables contributed "Nobody In Detroit" including a victim-advocacy proto the disc. He hopes "everyone gram, shelters like The Sanctuary, A Step Forward and Gradubuys one so (CGS) can get a big ate Apartment Living, and street-outreach programs for

Rehfus had his own take on the issue: "Music and misery are Variety: The Children's Charikindred spirits. For a lot of kids, ty, which is based in Southfield, music is the only form of escape contributed money. "I think it's that can have positive ends."

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"Counterclockwise" can be said Jennie Cascio, executive bought for \$10 at any Harmony House, Desirable Disc or Repeat director. "It's difficult to get the message to kids. Through the the Beat location. Several Border CD, they have all the informa- Books and Music locations and tion on the jacket; they're able to independent record stores also talk to kids in their own environ- carry it. The CD may be bought online at www. scottcampbell.net. ment and atmosphere, so they Look out for live benefits and CD know these services are availrelease parties in the new year.

> Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@ oe. homecomm.net To send a fax, dial (734) 591-7279.

## Sounding off: Holiday CDs bring good cheer "TIM BURTON HAS TAKEN AN AMERICAN CLASSI

begun compiling CD reviews. Local musicians can send materials to Stephanie A. Casola.



Joy: A Holiday Collection

Atlantic Records

No voice is more angelic than that of Jewel. With a name befitting a

sparkling ornament for a Christmas tree, who better than the popular songstress to breathe new life into old holiday favorites? As her star fall allower and a book of poet.

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA cessful albums and a book of poetry behind her, Jewel has now ven- A Rosie Christmas tured into the mass market that is holiday music.

With "Joy: A Holiday Collection. Jewel places her trademark, that bright, shiny tone, in tune with

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In an effort to bring new music The album starts off like the a 'As hard as that to our readers, the Observer and cork popping from a bottle of woman tries, she just Recentric Newspapers have champagne with the celebratory can't sing.' "Joy To The World," complete with choir. She slushes on to classics like "Silent Night" and "O Little 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia Town of Bethlehem" with grace, 36251. Call (734) 953-2130 for gently easing the listener into the holiday spirit Though "Ave Maria" may not be her strongest cover track, her version of "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer" puts a welcome and delightful be-bop spin on

> the children's tune. But Jewel doesn't limit herself to Christmas themes, no sir. Her medley of "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "Life Uncommon" and From A Distance" brings an uplifting surprise to the collection, linking it to the theme - joy. Taking it one step further, she ncludes the Christmas version of her hit song, "Hands." "Joy: A Holiday Collection" can

appreciated by Jewel fans and families alike. The liner notes include lyrics, though in most cases these are the songs we have been singing since childhood and

Rosie O'Donnell & Friends

Columbia Records Even before "A Rosie Christmas" hit the stores, a \$1 million advance payment went to children's charities. And criticizing anything Rosie among the Christmas classics.

Christmas joy, do you? Jingle Bell Swing

O'Donnell does to benefit children through her "For All the Kids ndation" ranks right up there with the Grinch stealing all the gifts in Whoville.

But gosh, as hard as that woman tries, she just can't sing. Luckily, on "A Rosie Christmas," the ubiquitous talk show host has some of the top names in the pop music industry to accompany her including Billy Joel, Sir Elton John, Lauren Hill, Gloria Estefan and Celine Dion.

In her duets with Cher on "Christmas" and Rosemary Clooney on "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" O'Donnell becomes the takes on the vocal characteristics of those around her. On "Winter Wonderland," Donny Osmond and she get frisky with plenty of warm

fuzzy doo-wops. A soulful rendering of "O Holy Night" by Billy Porter is sans to Art Carney's version of "Twas Rosie - a Christmas gift to us all since those high notes are best left to the professionals.

"A Rosie Christmas" is a chirpyenough album, great for backtree but hardly destined to rank

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That's OK, Rosie, we love you anyway. And hey, you don't see Jerry Springer spreading around any

Various Artists

Sonv Music

If your idea of the holidays involves sipping shaken martinis next to a blazing fire with your 50 closest friends as a fazzy quartet induces a dancing frenzy, look no further for a celebratory soundtrack this season.

Grab a copy of "Jingle Bell

Including all of the necessary - hits for the holidays, the CD stirs jazz, big-band and swing into a mix fit for festive wrapping Indulge in Tony Bennett's smooth rendition of "Winter Wonderland." musical equivalent of tofu - she This is the romance of the holiday

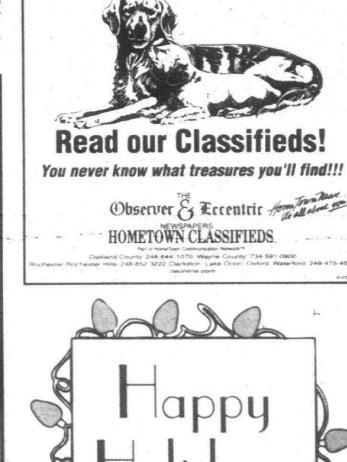
Removed from the crowded shopping malls and icy conditions to come, sit back and take in Miles Davis bopping to "Blue Xmas (To Whom It May Concern)." Or listen The Night Before Christmas," a long unavailable reading circa

"Jingle Bell Swing" sets the tone for joyful holidays and a happy

- By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

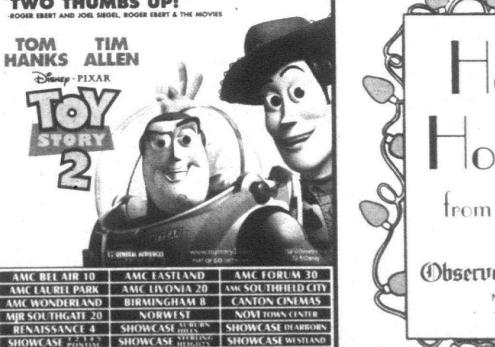


Sleepy Hollow









BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Classy yet unpretentious and relaxed. That's Lily's, a new entry into Royal Oak's everexpanding restaurant scene. Its niche is seafood, but a whole lot more including an on-premise microbrewery and house-made rootbeer and cream soda.

Brothers Bob and Scott Morton are operating investor partners joined by brothers Bill and Tom and father Jack as investor partners. Native Michiganians, the Mortons operated restaurants in the Jacksonville, Fla., area for 20 years. Now, as residents of Royal Oak, Bob and Scott have had their eye on its restaurant potential for a couple of years.

Diners are greeted by a wellweathered, friendly-looking wooden butler purchased from a Royal Oak policeman. From a newspaper ad, a 1920s antique bar was pulled out of a garage in St. Clair Shores. Given a modern facelift, it is a perfect backdrop for the surrounding blondstained oak high-top bar tables and upholstered family-size booths and tables for four, highlighted by hunter green walls and ceilings with gray-green

Picking up the copper of the brewing tanks are copper leaves on well-spaced dividers with grape bunch motifs. Upper Peninsula artist Rich Bronstein created a recycled metal ceiling mobile of a whimsical interpretation of "trash fish," including grouper, shrimp, barracuda and a giant gold fish. An old, restored ad for malt syrup from the Prohibition era graces one wall, creating another interesting piece of eye candy.

Stop looking around and get to the essence of Lily's! The same menu is offered during lunch and dinner hours. The house specialty is lightly-spiced Creole

Lily's Seafood Restaurant

Where: 410 S. Washington (between Fourth & Fifth Streets), Royal Oak, (248) 591-5459

Open: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and until 11:30 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Grilled, sautéed and steamed fresh seafood, along with sandwiches and a late night menu after 11 p.m. daily. Cost: Entrees and seafood platters \$14-\$23. Six-item kids menu \$3.25-\$4.

Reservations: Call after 5 p.m. to have your name placed on a preferred seating list for desired time that day.

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Details: Full service bar, madeon-premise microbrews and handcrafted sodas.

Llly's Uncorked Executive Chef Howard

Sanders knows his food and wines. He pairs: ■ Champagne Piper Heidsieck

Brut with Baked Brie appetizer 1997 Bonterra Viognier and Grilled Salmon Filet

1996 Fife Merlot and Twin Tournedos

On tap at Lllv's Managing partner and professional brewer Bob Morton

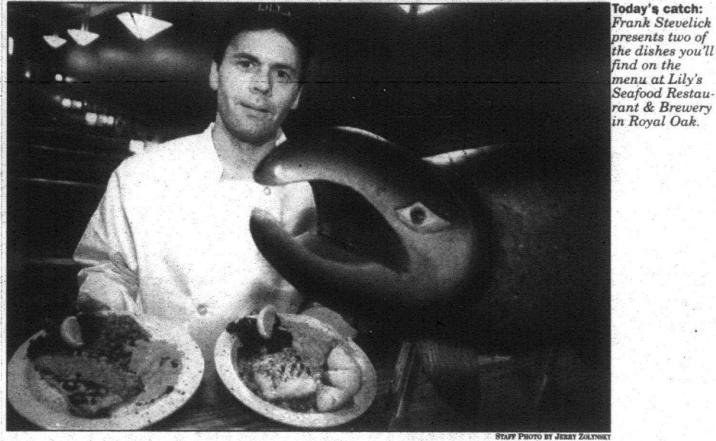
pairs his: ■ Whitefish Bay Wheat Beer with Peppercorn Crusted Tuna Reggie's French River Red

Ale and Lily's Creole Soup Strange Stout and Dark Chocolate Mousse Pie

Soup with chicken, crawfish, Andouille sausage, chunky vegetables and tomatoes. The most popular salad is Fusion, dressed and garnished with Huntsman cheese, cayenne-candied pecans

and sundried Michigan cherries. Two sandwiches are unique.

# Lily's brings more than creative seafood to Royal Oak



Baja Blackened Catfish Wrap and Carolina Pulled Pork.

For starters, Prince Edward Island Steamed Mussels are untraditional, sprinkled with Huntsman cheese. Southwestern Shrimp in Three Pepper Cream Sauce has succulent sautéed tiger shrimp in a Marsala cream with anaheim. serrano and jalapeno pepper essence. Pork and Scallop Satay with Spicy Coconut Peanut Dipping Sauce is a tasty oriental infusion.

While Lily's is obviously not an Italian restaurant, Pan Fried Spinach and Snow Crab Ravioli is the number one entree. But if you go to Lily's, go for seafood such as Old Country Seafood Boil, more approachable than a classic French bouillabaisse or the seafood boatload Crustaceans Platter.

Behind all this succulent, savory food is Waterford resident, Executive Chef Howard Sanders who came to Lily's from his position as chef de cuisine at Tom's Oyster Bar on Royal Oak's Main Street. A transplanted Californian, he earned a culinary degree from the American Culinary Federation there.

Chef Howard has worked in restaurants since he was 14 and his 23 years experience is illustrated in the creative menu offerings.

Five desserts, including Royal Root Beer Float awash in housemade rootbeer, round out the dining experience - almost. I like the terry cloth napkins; they do the job!

Brewer Paul Kropp was trained on premise by pro brewers Bob and Scott Morton with experience in brewing in this country, Japan and South Ameri-

Two specialty December beers, Brown Ale and Golden Pilsner are complemented by Lily's Light Ale, Whitefish Bay Wheat (German style), Reggie's French River Red Ale (very hoppy and mildly bitter) and Strange Stout, brewed in a porter style. If you

like chocolate, see On tap at Lilv's (in the box) for

Bob Morton's unusual food selection with Strange Stout.

Today's catch:

the dishes you'll

rant & Brewery

A huge private family investment has netted a creative dining experience.

The Mortons are well-aware that if they don't deliver, there are lots of dining choices in Royal Oak.

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food and wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

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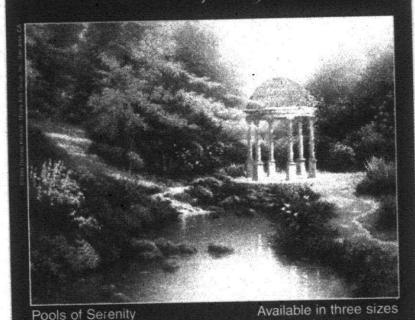




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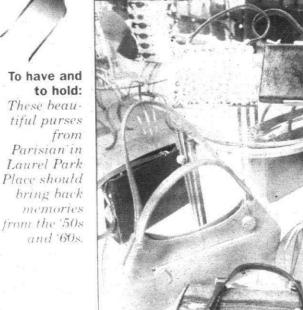
RENEE SKOGLUND

Cover photo: Features West Bloomfield resident Barbara Savanyu as Mrs. Claus in a St. John ensemble, including evening jacket (\$995), camisole (\$295), skirt (\$270) and earrings (\$130) from the Laurel Park Jacobson's. The setting is the Hill House parlor at Greenmead in Livonia. The parlor has been decorated for the holidays by the Sauk Trail chapter of the Questers.



Out on a limb: The Plymouth Nursery, located on Ann Arbor. Road west of Gotfredson, is stocking up on retro ornaments this year. They range in price from \$1.49 for the replicas of the tin signs, to \$40 for the Polanaise glass ornaments, including Betty Boop, the Cracker Jack box, classic bicycle and telephone. The bubble lights come in strands of seven for \$21.99.

# COMFORT AND JOY



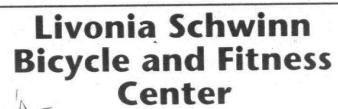
Feet jammies: Pam Milner of the intimate apparel department at Sears in Livonia Mall models some of the pajamas with feet now available in women's sizes. The

ones she's

wearing are 100 percent

cotton flannel and go for \$25





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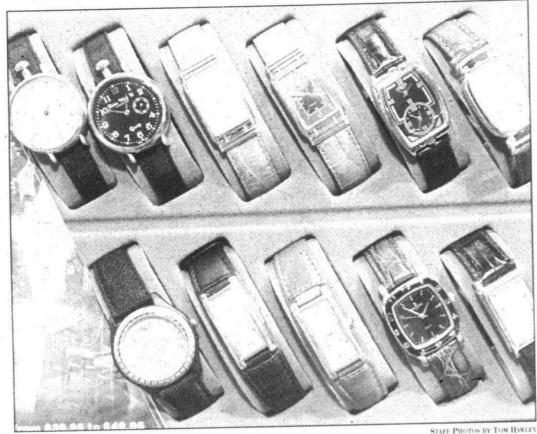


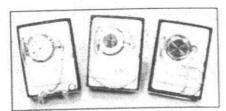
# BACK IN TIME



**Time** machine: These watches by Dakota are specifically marketed as retro timepieces. They were pho tographed at Watch Works, a kiosk store in Wonder-

land Mall.





Watch me: Buy a pocket watch and have it engraved at Things Remembered, a modest shop in 12 Oaks Mall on Novi Road just north of I-96. At left is a silver plated quartz watch with chain for \$50. In the center is a pocket watch with skeleton details. quartz movement and a Walde mar chain for \$70. On the right is a "Blue Sunray" watch for \$50. Have a name engraved on the watch for \$5. Have a message engraved for \$3 per word (\$5 minimum).



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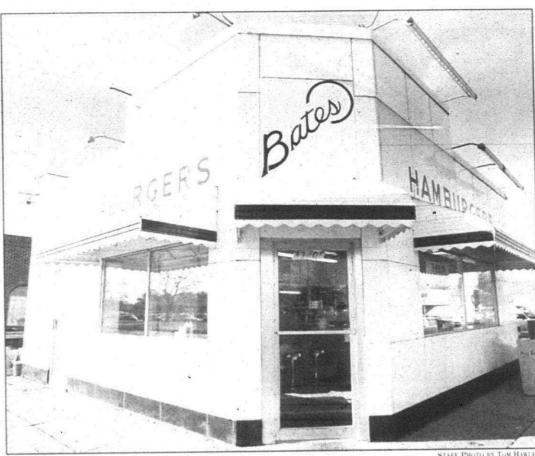
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### BURGER HEAVEN



1958. Bates Hamburgers in Livonia hasn't changed much in 41 years. Noth: ing tastes better than a burger and coffee at 1 a.m. at Bates.



# Relax and take a shopping break in Burger Heaven

ake a lunch break from your nostalgic holiday shopping by cruising to a past that's never gone away. three area restaurants with that retro art-deco look

The Central City Diner is located on Canton Center Road north of Ford Road in Canton Township Owner Randy Blaylock has captured the look and feel of the classic American Diner except he doesn't allow smoking

The Soda Jerk is located in a stru mall on the northwest corner of Shel don and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township Owner Nancy McKeon's aim was to recall the classic Americ soda fountain and grall. She has an authentic 1950s takebax and waits

Bates Hamburgers is located on northwest corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads in Livonia University other two examples. Bates wasn't built to re-emplify something old it is some

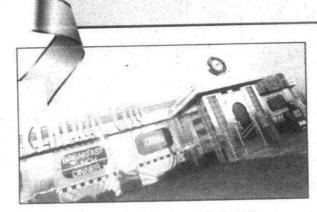
The overgrown hamburger stand ooked modern when it was founded in 1958 by Noble Bates. He never

Please see HEAVEN, PAGE 6





# BURGER HEAVEN



Where's Fonzie? The Central City Diner, located on Canton Center Road in Canton Township, was deliberately designed - inside and out - to resemble a classic American diner of the 1950s. All that's missing is the cast of Happy Days.

# Heaven from page 5

changed a thing, and neither did his son, John Bates, who owns the restaurant now and one just like it in Farmington Hills.

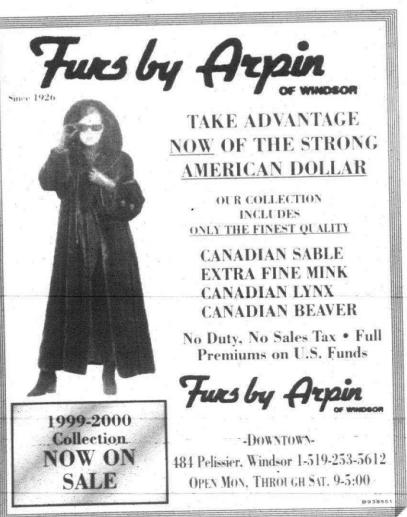
From the stainless steel counter to the stools around the window and even the menu, Bates is pretty much the same place it was in 1958. (Still no public restrooms.) Only the times have changed.

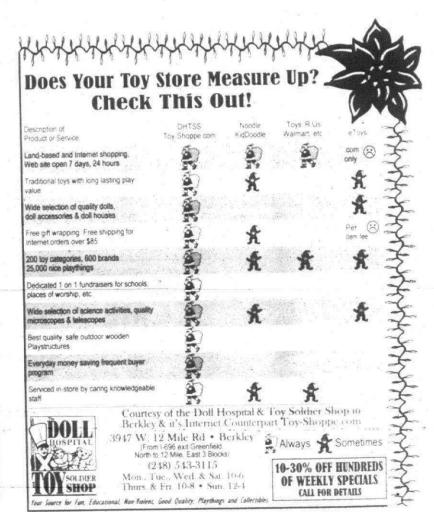
Central City and Bates are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. The Soda Jerk is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday.

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Two scoops please: Nancy McKeon (at right) has capitalized on the retro movement by creating the Soda Jerk, an old-fashion soda fountain in a strip mall on the northwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Her menu is heavy on ice cream but also includes burgers and fries.





### REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS



It's the real thing: If the most algie bent of the person you're shopping for leans in the direction of Coca Cola, you'll almost certainly find what you're looking for at Coca Cola Collectibles in Garden City, Owner Jeanne Rae stocks hundreds of Coke items, including the tray shown here and the actual beverage in the background.



Let's eat: These lunch boxes aren't as big as the ones you carried as a kid, but they look just like them. You could buy an original at auction for hundreds of dollars, or you could get one of these replicas for \$10.95 at a Hallmark store. Also available are Snow White, Lone Ranger, Barbie, Star Trek, Super Friends and Scooby Doo.





### LOVELY LIGHTING





Soft glow: Forgot to buy kerosene? No problem. Nowa days you can buy oil lamps that burn liquid parafin, which is cleaner burning and produces less smoke than kerosene. Prices range from \$15 to \$50 at the Scent Station in Livonia Mall.



Lamp light: Reproductions of old lamps that cost a fraction of what the originals sell for. From left, a Tiffany-style Dragonfly lamp (\$379) and "The End of the Trail (\$79.99), which features a profile of artist Frederick Remington's famous tired Indian. Available at the Town Peddler Craft & Antique Mall on Plymouth Road between Levan and Stark in Livonia



Heavely scents: Years ago. people punched holes in tin cans to create designs that would look nice when lit from within by a candle. Luminaries are coming back now in various styles and colors. Prices range from \$10 to \$30 at the Scent Station.

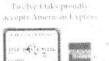


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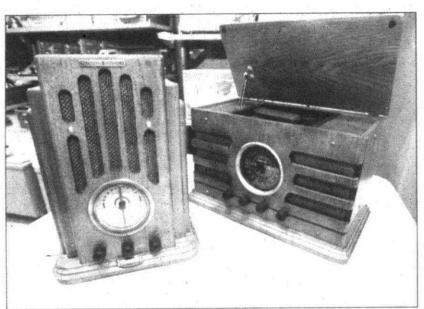
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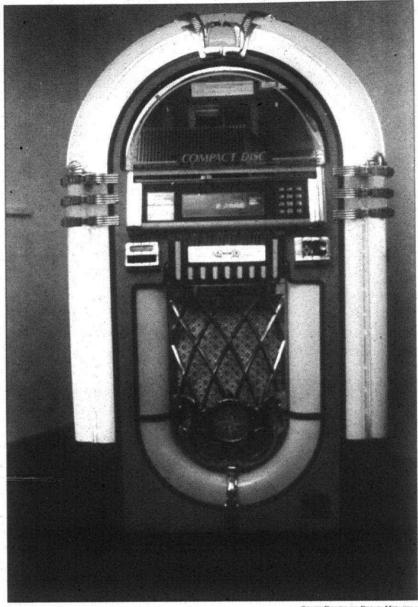
# ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE



STAFF PROTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Yesteryear is here: These radios are made to resemble (from left) the 1939 Empire and 1936 Bluebird, but inside they're modern AM/FM cassette players. The Discovery Channel Store in 12 Oaks Mall sells the Empire for \$99 and the Bluebird for \$199.

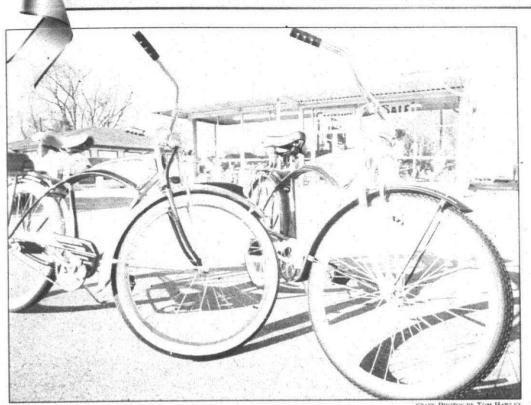




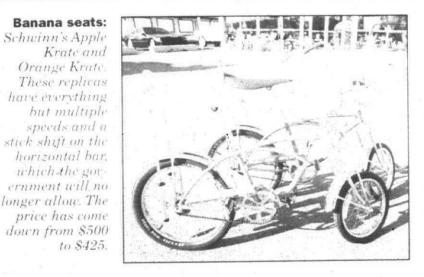
Got any quarters? What do you get for the person who already has a pool table, bar and big-screen TV in his finished basement! How about a real jukebox from Cleveland Coin Machine Exchange of Livonia? This NSM jukebox combines the classic look of the 1940s with modern compact disc technology. Check out the 100 CD capacity, 250-watt amplification and more than 100 programmable functions. How much? Only \$6,199.



### PEDALING BACKWARDS

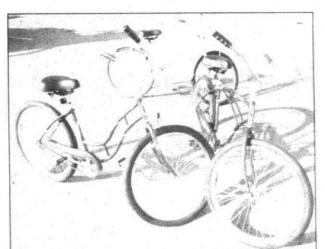


Let it roll: Schwinn has responded to the retro bicycle movement with several models, including (at left) the 1949 Black Phantom replica for \$2,000. The Cruiser Deluxe on the right is priced at \$450. All bikes on this page were photographed at Livonia Schwinn on Seven Mile east of Middlebelt (next to Leon's Restaurant).





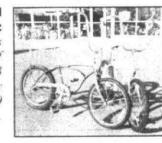




Cruising along: These 1955 Schwinn Cruisers are just plain comfortable and practical. The two without fenders are \$200. The other is a bit more

pushing: Schwinn' replicas of the 1963 Sting-Ray for \$329 each

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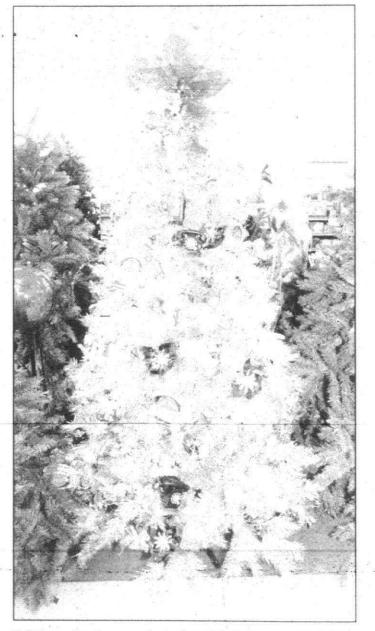


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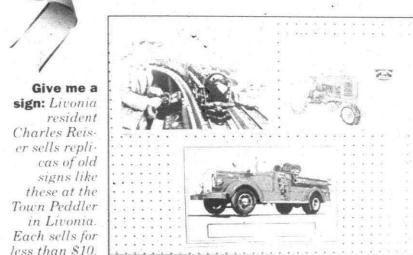


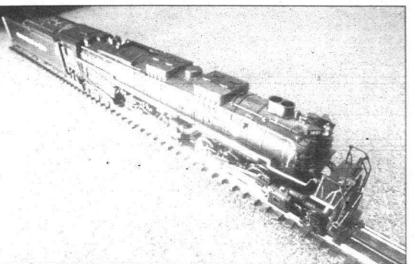
**Boughs of jewels:** ornaments range from \$1.49 for the replicas of the tin signs, to \$40 for the Polanaise glass ornaments.



**Tall beauty:** A seven-foot silver Christmas tree – \$159.

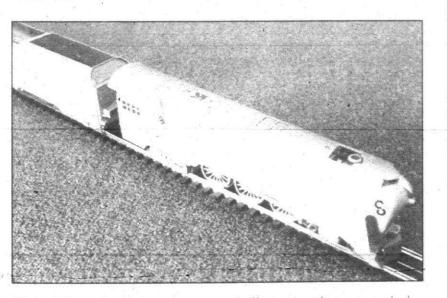
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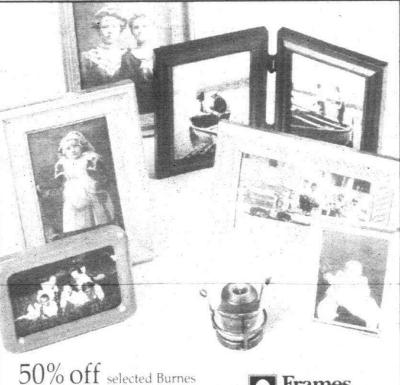
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Choo! choo! Pretend you're running the Cannonball Express to Petticoat Junction with this Lionel Allegheny. The real one can be seen at the Henry Ford Museum. The small one shown here is available for sale at Ken and Sandy Andreoni's Merri-Seven hobby shop on the northwest corner of Merriman and Seven Mile in Livonia.



Riding the rails: Before there were bullet trains there were sleek babies like this streamline Hudson. The Lionel model shown here can be found at Ken and Sandy Andreone's Merri-Seven hobby shop.





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GREAT GUY GIFTS

# Gifts of Christmas past are in again

BY CHANDRA ORR COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

f you're like the rest of us, you're at your wits' end searching for a gift for the guy who seems to have everything. You know the one: You buy the same conservative blue tie for him every year.

Relax. This year you don't have to spend weeks searching for that perfect present only to end up with another gift certificate. On the cusp of the millennium, retro is in and novelty items reflecting the past make affordable, but memorable, gifts.

Got a music-lover on your list but don't know what new albums he wants? Get him vintage albums, in the form of drink coasters. Toscano, a mail-order company specializing in items inspired by times past, offers a set of drink coasters made from record labels of pre-World War II 78 RPMs. The coasters are cut from actual records and backed with felt. A box of four is \$29.95, but rest assured they won't be banished to the cupboard once the holidays are over.

Or, give the gift of real music: a replica 1920s AM-FM radio, also from Toscano. At under \$50 each, these affordable and functional radios will be a useful and unique addition to any man's office or study. You can find Toscano on the Internet at www.designtoscano.com, or call for a catalog: (800) 525-0733.

Locally, you'll find replicas of 1930s radios at the Discovery Channel Store in 12 Oaks Mall

A replica vintage phone is another great blast from the past that mixes retrostyle with modern functionality. The Metro Phone from Pottery Barn is a new twist on an old favorite. The chunky black and chrome telephone looks like the

AUSTIN POWERS MARTINI SHAKERS rotary phones of the '40s, but features touch-tone keys and redial. A hidden drawer in the base of the

phone holds notepaper. The Metro Phone is \$69. To order call (800) 922-5507, or surf over to www.potterybarn.com.

If vintage electronics are the gift you want to give, and price is no concern, check out Harry Poster's Web site (www.harryposter.com) This handyman transplants new color television parts into cabinets from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, Some TVs look like they were pulled out of the Jetsons' living room, like the portable, metal General Electric "Hotpoint" from the mid-'50s, while others, like an RCA wood table-top set from 1948, look almost antique. Poster will

refurbish TVs on a special-order basis, but he also has a wide selection of sets that are ready to ship. The TVs range in price from \$150 to \$700, but most feature luxuries of modern sets, like channel surf-

For the swank, styling guy on your giftgiving list, think pink. In the wave of cool cartoon character collectibles and the resurgence of styles from the '60s, the Pink Panther is making a big comeback. One of the original swing kids, the coolest of the cool cats, the Pink Panther is popping up on apparel like boxer shorts and neckties (available at Target) to bendable figures and yo-yos (available at Toys R Us) For more information and gift ideas, check out the Pink Panther's Web site: www.pinkpanther.com.

Inspired by swinger Austin Powers and his bachelor pad, but with the class and sophistication of James Bond, martini shakers are seeing a new peak in popularity. Reasonably priced stainless silver shakers are available from Crate&Barrel. These capsule-shaped bar classics cost \$23.95, or \$14.95 for a smaller version. Call (800) 323-5461 to order, or shop online at www.crateandbarrel.com.

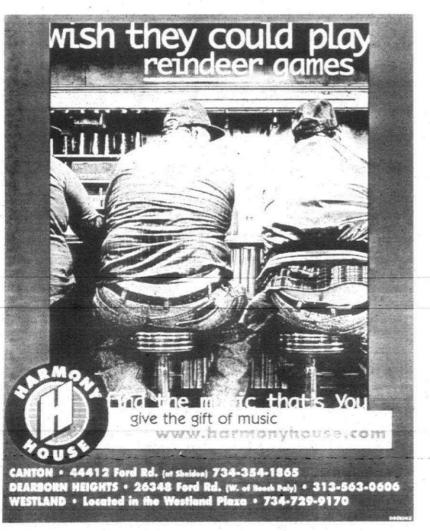
A campier version of the cocktail shaker, one shaped like a penguin, is available from Pottery Barn for \$29 (800-922-5507).

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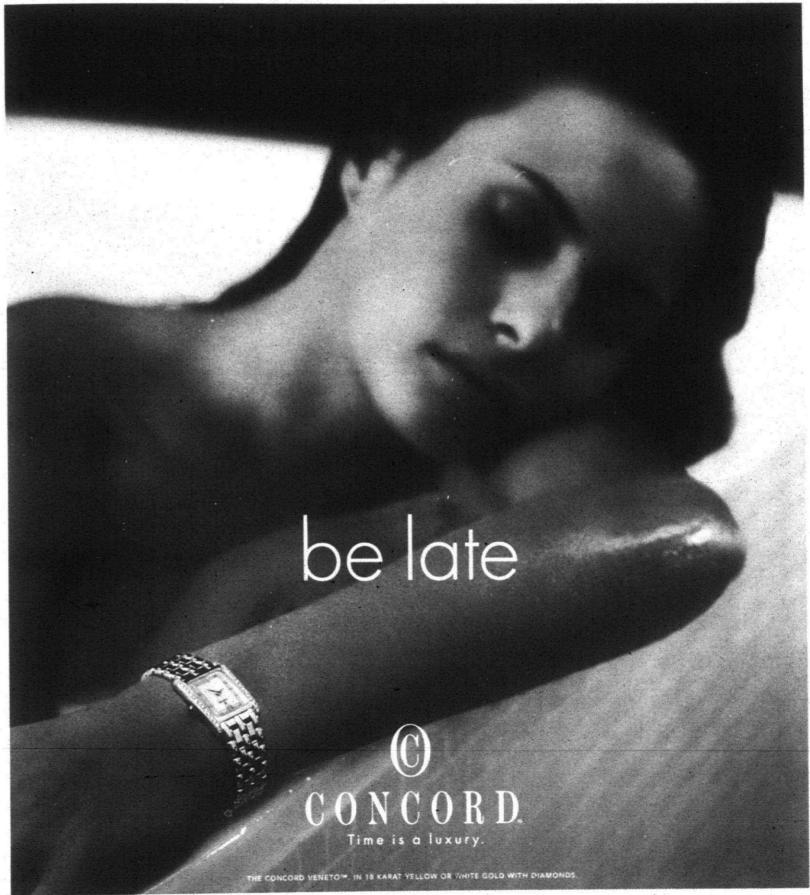
Let the traveler in your life take the whole cocktail lounge on the road with a travel bar, also from Pottery Barn. With a leather case, all the necessary tools like a corkscrew and bar towel, and room for three bottles, this gift definitely says 007. The travel bar is \$129.

Know someone stuck on the '80s? Perhaps nothing is more a token of that decade than Swatch, the company that took watches from apparel to fine art. Instead of trying to hunt down a pricey Swatch circa 1980, give one that is sure to become a sought-out collectible, the It's Here Swatch commemorating the new millennium. Featuring miniature monthly calendars for the year 2000 printed in black on a clear watchband, this Swatch is the perfect mix of '80s cool and the Y2k celebration. Find Swatch on the internet at www.swatch.com, or at major department stores.

Still stumped on what to give that hard-to-shop-for guy? The key is finding something that merges reflections of the past with the modern - something sure to inspire conversation. If you can't find anything, create something. For about \$30, Kinkos will turn your old photographs into a 12-month calendar for 2000. What better way to bring the past and future together?







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