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## AutoNation turns in its keys

■ A national car dealership chain Monday closed 23 used car lots nationwide, including a Canton location open for less than three years

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Christmas will be a little less merry for Mike Heikkila this year.

The certified mechanic was one of 56 AutoNation employees laid off Monday as the giant car retailer closed the doors of its Canton showroom abruptly and permanently.

"I had a feeling something was inevitable," the Garden City resident said. "But two weeks before Christmas is still a traumatic shot."

AutoNation opened at the corner of Ford and Lotz roads in May of 1997. The 76,000-square-foot facility was one of 23 used car stores shut down nationally. Six others will be converted to new car dealerships.

In a lengthy press release, AutoNation said the closures will result in the elimination of approximately 1,800 positions. The company said it will take a pre-tax charge to earnings of between \$430 and \$490 million, which it will record in the fourth quarter.

Oscar Suris, AutoNation corporate communications manager, said it was important to take that hit before the fiscal year closed on Dec. 31. He said that was the reason AutoNation made the closures Monday.

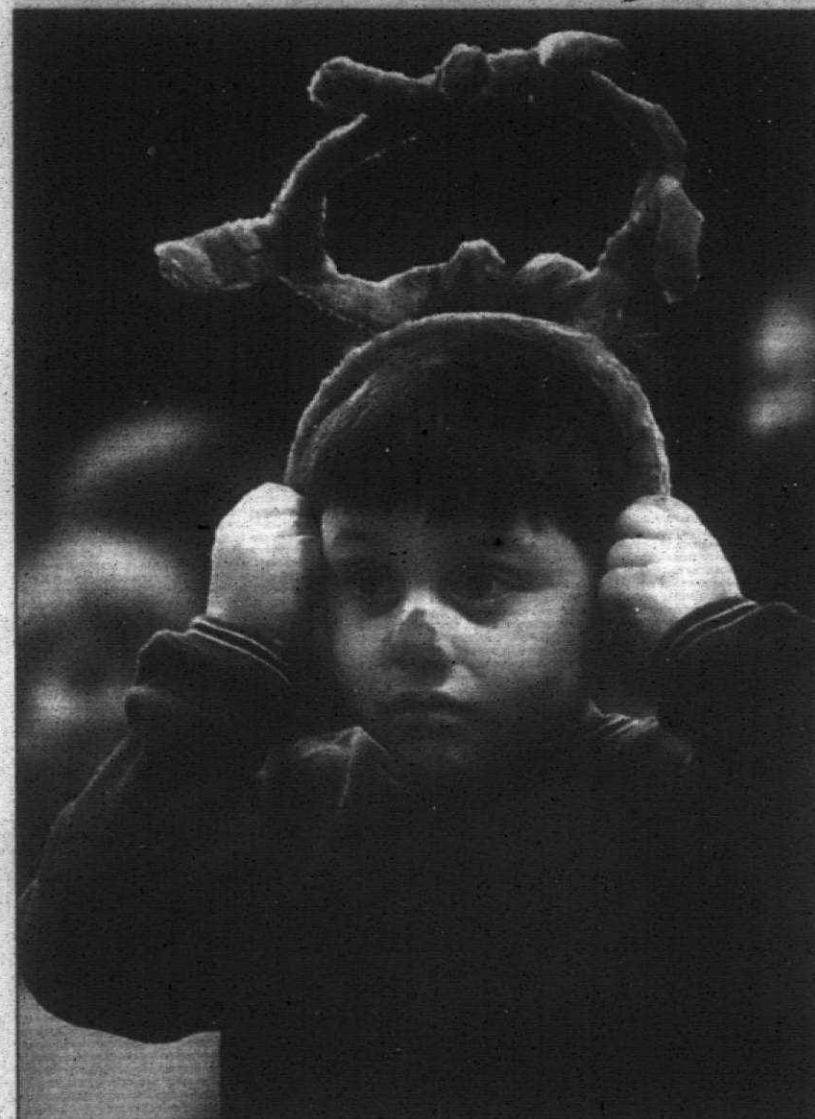
"It was a difficult move to make," Suris said. "It was not one we wanted to make on the eve of the holidays."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack wasn't surprised at the closing.

"But I still feel sorry for the people that lost their

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Playing reindeer games at Bentley



Oh, those antlers! Kevin Frader adjusts his reindeer antlers after taking a bow and having them slide off Thursday during a performance of "How the Penguins Saved Christmas" at Bentley Elementary School in Canton. For more photos from the annual show, please turn to Page A8 in today's Observer.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

## Grant puts full-time cops at high schools

## Trustees give initial rendering high marks

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The Canton Police Department has been awarded a \$125,000 federal grant to fund two full-time police officers at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for the next three years.

Since 1997, the police department has assigned a part-time youth liaison officer to the school campus. In fact, the work of Officer Mike Speckle is credited with significantly reducing graffiti and gang problems at the high schools.

However, Public Safety Director John Santomauro is hoping the creation of full-time school resource officers will provide an enhanced level of policing on the campus, which he notes will be particularly important when the third high school is constructed.

"These officers will become involved with the young people and staff, and I see a lot of good things coming from that," said Santomauro. "We're looking

for them to become role models for the kids at the park. They'll also be able to handle calls from the high school instead of sending an additional patrol car to the campus."

While the grant is for three years, Santomauro said the commitment will go beyond that time frame if the program is successful.

Officer Scott Hilden, 33, began his duties Monday. He'll be joined by Officer Robert Smedley some time next year.

Hilden has more than seven years with the department. As a patrol officer he also was responsible for training new officers, training officers on defensive tactics and emergency vehicle operations, and was part of the department's mountain bike unit.

"The biggest challenge for me will be to become accepted by students," said Hilden. "I think as long as I can do that, I'll make a lot of friends and fit

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday night got its first look at schematic drawings for the as-yet unnamed third high school at P-CEP. And, for the most part, the plans are getting good reviews.

"I like it. I think it answers a lot of our questions," said Trustee Darwin Watts. "I like its close proximity to the existing high schools. And the design is laid out to exude small school size, which is what we wanted."

"I think it's a pretty solid design," added board member Steve Guile. "It accomplishes everything we're looking for, and I'll be interested in seeing the final schematic. It meets what we want in terms of walking distance and facilities."

The first drawings place the so-called "east" site several hundred feet closer to the existing high schools than what was presented earlier to the board. The

**NEW HIGH SCHOOL**

board has been insistent that students be able to reach their classes in the new building in the current 10-minute passing time.

"We moved the building to assure students could walk within the same travel time you have now," said Doug LaFerle, vice-president of French Associates, the district's architectural firm. "If students are walking it now, they will also in the future."

In moving the building closer, two baseball diamonds had to be eliminated and will be replaced with new varsity baseball and softball diamonds north of the existing baseball complex.

The cost to replace the two diamonds and deal with soil issues is listed by project engineers at \$370,000. That doesn't sit well with Trustee Mark Slavens.

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## Canton woman puts Christmas on display for her grandchildren

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At one end of the mountainous frozen tundra four children ski through a tunnel. At another an old man slips from the roof of a bakery as a horse-drawn sleigh passes by.

In between, hundreds of miniature figures, homes and scenes celebrate Christmas. The enormous and ornate decoration is the hard work of Canton resident Jean Pace.

"It's a real challenge to get all of the lights hooked up," the 81-year-old said of her display, which covers most of the back wall of her condominium. "I usually put it up right after Halloween and keep it up until the middle of January. It's so much work it's nice to have it up for awhile."

According to son-in-law Bob Vaughan, Pace's 31 grand and great-grandchildren enjoy the display the most.

"She takes a lot of delight in her



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Magic mountain:** Jean Pace sits proudly in front of her massive Christmas village display in the living room of her condominium in Canton Monday.

Please see DISPLAY, A4

## Man charged in gas station hold-up

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A 41-year-old Highland Park man is being charged with armed robbery after holding up a Canton gas station late Sunday.

Michael Umber was arraigned Tuesday at 35th District Court in Plymouth in connection with the incident. A preliminary examination will be held at the court later this month.

No shots were fired in the robbery and police reported no injuries.

According to Canton Police reports, a man entered a Clark Gas Station at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road at 11:26 p.m. Sunday.

He drew a .22-caliber semiautomatic pistol and aimed it at a clerk's head saying, "give me all the money," reports indicated. The clerk complied and the man fled in a red car east-bound on Michigan.

Minutes later Canton Police spotted the man pulled off on the shoulder of Van Born Road and standing outside the car. Officer Matt Jenkinson pulled

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## Display from page A1

grandkids looking at it," he said. "Pace's love of Christmas began as a child."

"Christmas was a big thing in our house," she said. "My dad was a big Christmas man."

Pace, who has lived in the township for the better part of three decades, carried on the tradition with her own family. She accomplished that, in part, by making her own ceramic Christmas sets.

In the early 1980s, Pace created a Nativity set that her church displayed for more than five years. The set, which looks professionally crafted, is now part of her own display.

"I liked to fool around with it," said Pace, who no longer makes the sets. "But it got to be a bigger hobby than I thought it would."

The Canton resident began making Christmas scenes and displays about 20 years ago. It started as a gift idea for her children and grew into her own elaborate display.

It took Pace about three days to construct this year's decoration.

"I start from the back and move forward," she said of the display, which nearly touches the ceiling. "There are more than 30 elevations."

She creates the elevations with cardboard boxes. The boxes are stacked and taped to produce a mountain-like structure.



**New piece:** A close-up view of some of the village's pieces, including the new addition of Frank Sinatra (center).

A fire resistant cotton material goes over the boxes to give the appearance of snow. Dozens of pieces then go on top to make a display that could melt any Scrooge's heart.

Ice skaters move around a frozen pond. A winter carnival features a Ferris wheel and carousel. Frank Sinatra is even on hand to sing about Christmas.

"We just added him this year," said Pace.

She has several collections in the display. "It's a Wonderful Life," the classic Jimmy Stewart movie, is represented and a Main Street is featured.

In all, Pace's display has more than 50 buildings and hundreds of figures. Many of the buildings focus on Victorian-era style.

"I like the old-fashioned things," said Pace. "That's why I keep my Christmas tree old-fashioned. Nothing modern."

## District drivers are on Santa patrol



**Special ride:** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bus drivers Maureen Vitoratos, Tammy Sakriska, Sharon McMillin, Cindy Travis, Angela Johnson and Carol George sit on one of the district's school buses among several Christmas presents that were collected and stored at George's home until they could be moved to Oakland County Airport for distribution to Child and Family Services of Michigan. More than 800 gifts were donated by students, faculty and staff for the annual event organized by the transportation workers in the district. Approximately 100 children of the organization's list of 3,000 will benefit from the gifts.

## Police: Internet sting leads to assault charge

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Authorities are crediting the father of a 14-year-old Livonia boy for helping them arrest a Westland man who is charged with assaulting the Livonia man's son.

Jeffery Clay Lacey, 26, is charged with two counts of rape and one count of using the Internet to solicit sex from a minor.

He was arraigned in 34th District Court in Romulus Dec. 5. The judge set cash bail at \$150,000.

Wayne County Sheriff and

Livonia police arrested Lacey Saturday as part of a sting set up by the victim's dad.

The father posed as his son in an online chat room and set up a meeting at their Livonia home, which allowed authorities to make an arrest.

While the Wayne County Sheriff Internet Crimes Task Force has made 10 arrests, this is the first involving an actual child victim, authorities said.

Task force undercover officers have posed as children online to arrest those soliciting sex from minors.

**Physical Therapy UPDATE**  
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**OUT OF THE "FREEZE"**

Acute painful shoulder is a condition that arises as a result of inflammation at the point where the tendon of the biceps muscle passes over the head of the humerus (upper arm bone). If the painful shoulder is not extended through its range of motion, ligaments and other tissues about the joint will stiffen and the shoulder will "freeze." This problem is notoriously difficult to treat. Now, a new study suggests that a series of simple exercises, combined with a daily half-hour of aerobic exercise, can help "thaw" frozen shoulder. The exercises, developed at the University of Washington, involve stretching the shoulder muscles in different directions while standing.

It is important to diagnose the cause of shoulder pain before embarking upon physical therapy.

sitting and lying down. The regimen was found to be significantly effective.

One of the first issues that physical therapists must confront is patients' reluctance to work painful muscle groups. While the desire to achieve full range of motion may be great, offer encouragement can be the key to achieving maximum recovery. If you have experienced illness, injury, or surgery, ask your physician for a referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY. To learn more about our wide range of services, call 455-8370. We are located at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20, in Plymouth.

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## Slamming complaints decline after state crack down

The number of slamming complaints received by the Michigan Public Service Commission has declined significantly, from a high of more than 500 in March to 150 or fewer during the last three months.

"Michigan has become a very unfriendly state for telephone slammers to do business, with the commission assessing fines totaling more than \$1.6 million against several telephone service providers accused of slamming

customers," commission Chairman John Strand said.

"The commission initiated 13 'show cause' actions against companies accused of slamming customers and has ordered customer restitution for as much as \$10,000. We have approved a number of settlement agreements between customers who have allegedly been slammed and the telephone service provider accused of the slamming."

Slamming is a practice in

which telephone customers are switched to other telephone service providers without the customers' permission. On July 16, 1998, Gov. John Engler signed into law Public Acts 259 and 260, which strictly forbid slamming and authorized the commission to establish procedures to ensure that telephone service is not switched without proper customer verification.

The acts give the commission authority to assess severe penalties to protect customers who

have suffered damages as a result of slamming. On Sept. 23, 1998, the commission established anti-slamming procedures. The procedures require:

- strict standards to verify requests to change telephone service providers;
- local telephone carriers to offer carrier freeze protection programs to all customers who want the protection;
- telephone service-provider

registration with the commission; prompt customer notification of any changes in the customer's service provider.

The commission continues to encourage customers who have documented proof that they have been slammed to pursue lawful remedies with the commission. "While we have clearly turned the corner, there are still far too many instances of slamming in Michigan," Strand said.

MPSC staff continue to work

closely with customers seeking restitution for having their telephone service switched without authorization. Consumers may contact the MPSC at 1-800-292-9555 or e-mail their complaint to [http://cis.state.mi.us/mpsc/execute/consumer/](mailto:http://cis.state.mi.us/mpsc/execute/consumer/)

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## Keely Wygonik named assistant managing editor

Keely Wygonik has been promoted to the position of assistant managing editor for features for the Observer Newspapers.

Wygonik will supervise operations for the common Observer feature sections - At Home, Taste, Arts & Leisure, Entertainment, Health and Business and Wayne Community Life. She will also be a member of the Observer's editorial management team.

Wygonik has been the Taste, Arts & Leisure and Entertainment editor for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since

1991. The Arts & Leisure section took second place for all lifestyle sections in the 1997 Suburban Newspaper Association awards.

"Keely is an outstanding community journalist," said Hugh Gallagher, Observer managing editor. "She is extremely hard-working and dedicated to serving the needs of readers. She has been a friendly and helpful voice to many Observer readers who have called with questions about recipes in Taste or to find information about where to eat or be entertained for the weekend. She

has developed our feature sections to serve the particular needs of our readers. I know she'll continue to make them the best they can be."

Wygonik said she's looking forward to the challenge. "I have a great team, and together we'll work hard to deliver the kinds of stories you'll want to read," she said. "Our goal is to become a resource that you can rely on for information about home decorating and improvement, food, business, health, community life, dining

out, entertainment, and the arts. We'll serve you interesting tidbits about local restaurants, take you behind the scenes of local entertainment venues such as Joe's Comedy Club in Livonia, and paint colorful portraits of the vibrant role arts play in our communities. I welcome your input and suggestions, and hope to hear from you soon."

Wygonik joined the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in 1989 as a copy editor. She was named the Observer & Eccentric's Journalist of the Year in 1994.

Prior to joining the O&E, she was the administrative editor of The Citizen in Hamtramck.

Wygonik is a 1982 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently pursuing a master of business administration degree from Walsh College of Business.

Wygonik and her husband, David, live in Dearborn.

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Keely Wygonik

## PSC warns to be ready for Y2K

When Jan. 1, 2000, rolls around, we all want to know lights and heat will be working in our home or business and that the telephone will generate calls.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) believes that regulated utility companies are taking the Year 2000 (Y2K) problem seriously and addressing it competently.

Throughout the year, the MPSC has been working with regulated utilities on Y2K issues. Further, the MPSC believes Y2K will not bring any significant interruptions in electric, natural gas, or telephone services due to computer failures.

However, if you are concerned about your utility companies' ability to provide you with reliable service in the Year 2000, the MPSC recommends you contact the companies directly to find out more about what actions they have taken to protect customers against significant interruptions in service.

Even if there are no disruptions on Jan. 1, 2000, it is a good practice to always be prepared for power outages of any sort - ice, snow storm, or a vehicle hitting a power pole. You can be prepared for power outages by:

- Setting aside and designating for emergency use:
  - Battery-powered radio
  - Extra batteries
  - Blankets
  - First-aid kit
  - Bottled water
  - Battery-operated lantern
  - Candles and matches
  - Non-perishable packaged or canned food and a manual can opener

- Keeping a list of emergency numbers near the telephone.
- Protecting electrical equipment such as a TV, VCR, microwave oven, or home computer with a voltage surge suppressor. A suppressor can eliminate the surge before it enters the equipment, thus protecting it from damage. A variety of devices are available for different forms of protection. Unplug unprotected equipment before a storm to avoid lightning damage.

When power is lost:

- Check the fuse box to see if a fuse is blown or tripped. Check with the neighbors to see if their power is out.

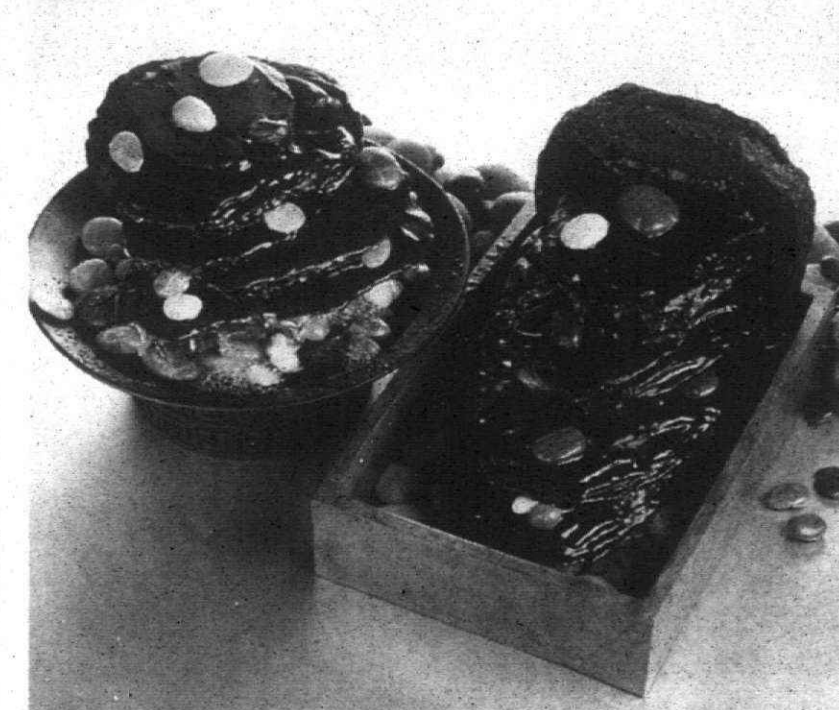
- Call your local utility company and let its personnel know that you have lost power. Also, advise if there is emergency medical equipment in the home.
- Turn off and unplug most lights and appliances to prevent electrical overload when power is restored.

- Keep the refrigerator door closed as much as possible. Move milk, cheese, meats, etc. into the freezer compartment of the refrigerator. If the freezer is only partially full, group packages together so they form an igloo to keep each other cold. Purchase dry ice and place in freezer - it will help keep food frozen for an extended period of time. Cover the top of the refrigerator with a blanket.
- Make sure you have access to a telephone that does not require electricity to operate.

Be aware that the telephone system is not designed so that everyone in the United States can place a call at the same time. If, for example, everyone tries to make a telephone call at 12:05 a.m. on January 1, 2000, it is possible there will be jammed lines and the calls will not go through.

For more tips, contact the MPSC at (800) 292-9555 or http://cis.state.mi.us/mpsc to get a copy of the brochure "Surviving Electric Power Outages."

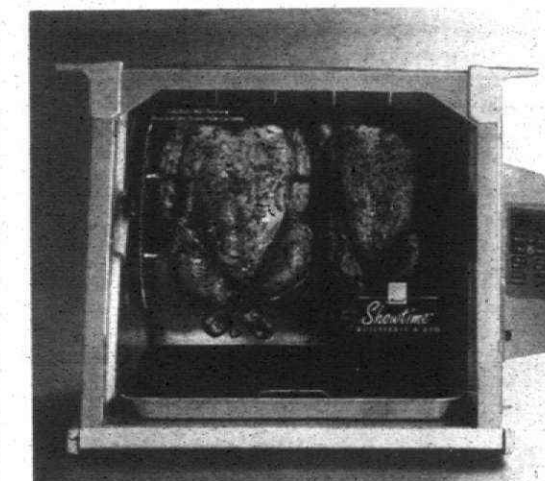
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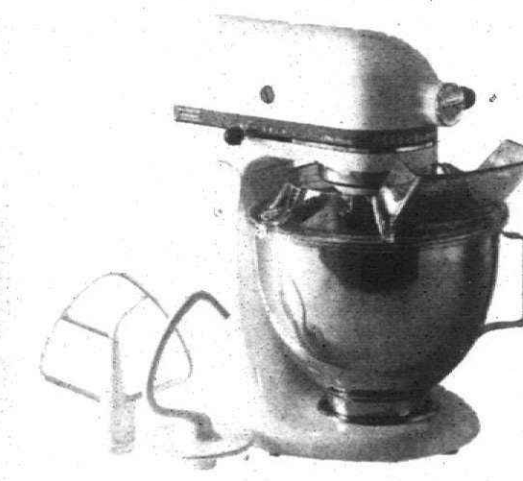
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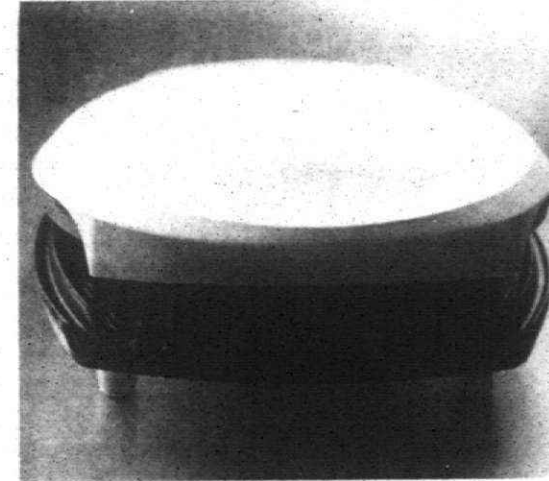
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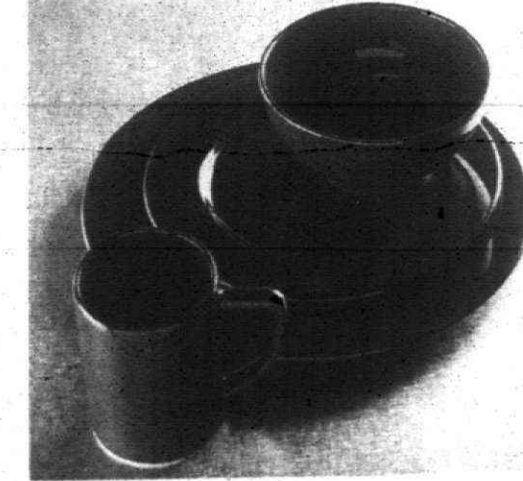
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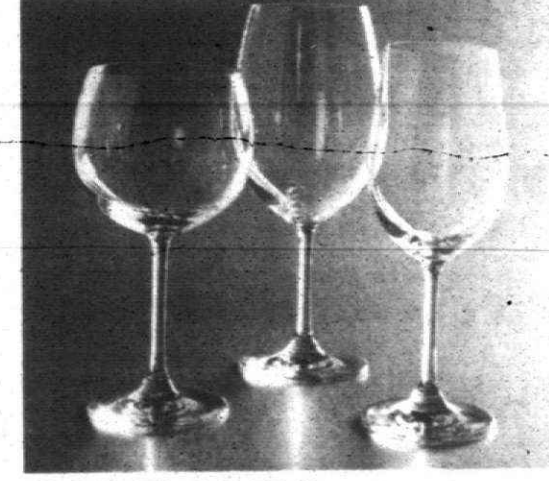
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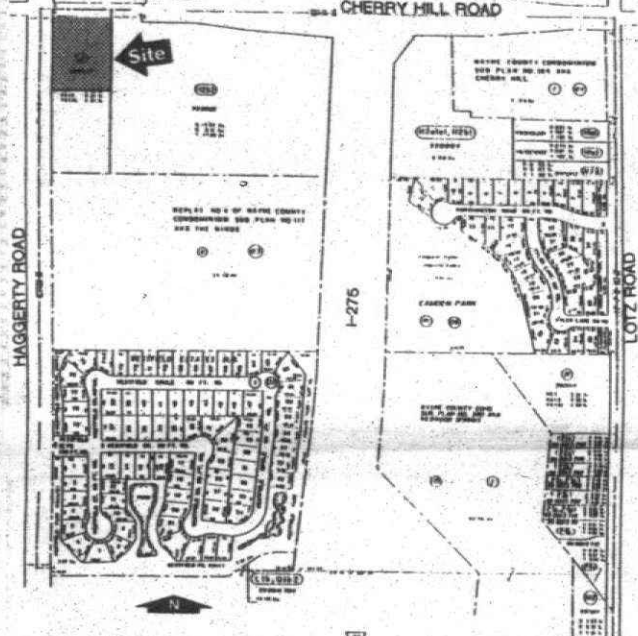
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 10, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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The driver didn't stop initially, reports said. He finally pulled over on the side of Van Born just west of Haggerty. Officers arrested him without further incident.

Police recovered what they believe was the robber's gun on the northeast corner of Van Born and Haggerty roads. A cash drawer from the Clark station was also recovered nearby.

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**Legislature makes a deal on residency**

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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City governments will no longer be able to require their employees to live in town, under a settlement reached last week by Michigan lawmakers.

But municipalities can limit the distance workers reside from their city of employment to no more than 20 miles.

State lawmakers accepted the 20-mile-radius compromise Wednesday, Dec. 8, in a 66-44 vote in the House and a 26-9 vote in the Senate.

The bill was presented to the governor Friday, Dec. 10. Gov. John Engler has said he will sign the bill.

But debate over the issue may not be over. Democrats who oppose the bill have promised to launch a petition drive to overturn it. Rep. Mike Hanley (D-Saginaw) and Sen. Virgil Smith (D-Detroit) said they'll work with groups like the Michigan Municipal League to reverse the new law.

Smith, who argued the state ban on residency rules will cause further deterioration of the city of Detroit as employees there seek to leave town, said the bill would result in a \$20 million loss for that community in the coming census count.

Noting that 90 communities throughout the state have some type of residency rule for employees, Smith promised to put the issue on the ballot next fall.

"This is about civil liberties in the state of Michigan," Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton), primary sponsor of the bill, said. "This is about the rights of individuals to live where they want to live. It's about putting the interests of people ahead of the interests of government, as our founding fathers said they should be."

Senate Bill 198 initially was written to ban residency rules altogether, but when the House watered the bill down to make residency requirements a subject of collective bargaining, the legislation was thrown into conference committee.

The version produced by the committee would block cities from having rules about residency other than requiring that employees live within a 20-mile radius of the city limits. A special residency rule would apply to married couples when both spouses work in cities which have residency rules. The couple would be required to live within 20 miles of only one of those two towns.

In the House, representatives voted 66-44 for the conference report.

Here's how local legislators voted: Reps. Bob Brown (D-Deerborn Heights), Eileen DeHart (D-Westland), Gerald Law (R-Plymouth), Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), Andrew Raczowski (R-Farmington Hills) and Laura Toy (R-Livonia) voted yes.

Rep. Tom Kelly (D-Wayne) voted no.

Sens. Loren Bennett (R-Canton), and Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) voted yes.

Sen. George Z. Hart (D-Deerborn) did not vote.

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**Chief cautious on local alternative plan**

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Westland Police Chief Emery Price thinks a Wayne County ordinance on alternative, community-based programs for local ordinance violators is a good idea.

But Price believes the ordinance should have more specifics about the fees for alternative programs, namely tethering, before the document is proposed to the Wayne County Commission.

"I appreciate that they want our input on the ordinance, but I can see we will have problems with it," Price told members of the Conference of Western Wayne Friday. The CWW is a consortium of the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Price believes the local district courts and police agencies should have more of a say in the program that will be used on violators who are sentenced to Wayne County jail and could be determined eligible for a community-based program by the Department of Community Justice, according to the ordinance.

"Once they are placed in the Wayne County jail, communities won't have a say in this," Price said of the proposal. The ordinance doesn't mention tethering at all, nor the costs associated with tethering and who should pay, Price said.

James Curran, deputy director of the Wayne County Department of Community Justice, informed Marsha Bianconi, CWW's executive director, of the proposed community-based program fee ordinance expected to be introduced to the Wayne County Commission early next year.

Curran highlighted the following items from the ordinance:

- The county may collect fees from communities for ordinance violators who are in programs that are alternatives to incarceration.
- The cost shall be determined by the lesser of the fees for incarceration or the alternative program's actual costs.
- The county's chief financial officer shall annually certify to the county commission the cost of each program.
- The court may collect a fee from the ordinance violator for participation in the program.
- The Department of Community Justice is working to identify programs that can assist ordinance violators, particularly chronic violators, in breaking their cycle of criminal behavior," Curran stated in a letter to the CWW.
- The services we are attempting to identify are both residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment, education, life skill and employment services. To date we have positive feedback from the Salvation Army and we are waiting to hear from others."

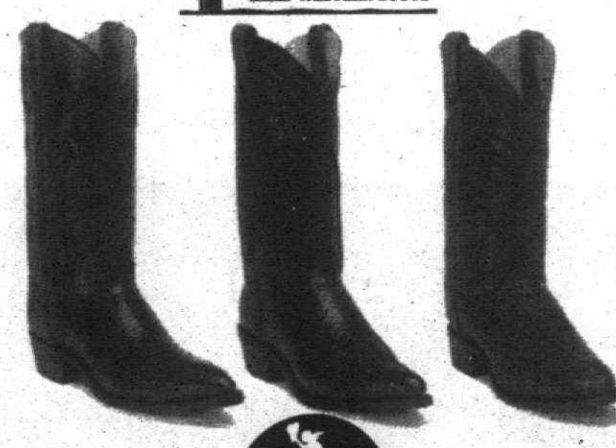
CWW officials encouraged Price to meet with other police chiefs and return with a recommendation at the next CWW meeting in January.

In 1997, a CWW Jail Millage Committee was created to address the CWW's concerns that Wayne County lacked space to house ordinance violators. Price was on the committee with Bianconi.

"All parties were in agreement that current Wayne County facilities are inadequate to meet future needs for jail space," Bianconi said. Two years ago, the CWW asked for an ordinance governing alternative programs before CWW officials backed the millage renewal. The CWW actually had opposed the millage until they had discussed concerns over jail usage with county officials.

County officials assured the CWW at that time an ordinance would be introduced later.

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# Rivers' coffee klatch draws a wide range of questions

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Topics were as varied as the doughnut selection Tuesday morning at Tim Horton's on Ford Road in Canton during U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, coffee hour with constituents. They ranged from health care to Yassar Arafat.

A question about the escalating costs of prescription drugs and pharmacies selling customer information to pharmaceuticals trailed into a discussion about privacy rights. Rivers said the recently passed Financial Services Modernization Act, S. 900, was a boon to the financial industry, specifically mortgage and insurance companies. However, it may be a threat to consumers' privacy.

"Between these companies, information can flow." (Rivers voted against the bill. See related story.)

Chris Ravert, 17, who attended the coffee with a small contingent of students from Faithway Baptist School in Ypsilanti, asked how safe it was to do holiday shopping on the Internet.

Ask them about their privacy policy, Rivers warned. "You take

■ 'The political arena is where every decision is made.'

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers  
D-Ann Arbor

a risk just as you do when you make a telephone purchase."

Joyce Harrington of Plymouth, a senior citizen, offered some practical advice when faced with disclosing your Social Security number for an e-mail purchase: "Just fill in 111 11 1111."

Rivers gave the students a quick lesson on campaign contributions and the high costs of financing a congressional campaign in the United States: "One million dollars on each side."

An advocate for campaign finance reform, Rivers favors moving to publicly-financed campaigns with even playing fields for all candidates. "It's silly to argue that money doesn't make a difference," she said. Rivers has a no-gifts policy in her office.

Talk gradually turned toward getting citizens involved in the political process. "The political arena is where every decision is

made," said Rivers. If the public doesn't pay attention to mailings and television spots, and parents often resent teachers talking politics in school, how do you educate people, asked Rivers.

"As far as people being involved in government, that may have happened in Seattle. That may have been our Boston Tea Party," said Art Sutton, a senior citizen from Belleville, referring to the upheaval at the recent World Trade Organization meeting.

Many of those demonstrators were anarchists, replied Rivers.

Women need to get more involved in politics, said Rivers. They represent 52 percent of the population but make up just 15 percent of elected officials.

Joyce Harrington of Plymouth, the former president of the

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Taking questions: Lynn Rivers speaks with citizens over coffee and doughnuts at Tim Horton's in Canton on Tuesday morning.

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**Winter transportation:** A family in a country-style sleigh poses at the corner of Norris and Biddle in Wayne, Mich. Note the sleigh bells hanging from the sleigh's shaft. Picture is dated March 4, 1901.



## Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?



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**Good as new:** The Wayne Historical Museum loaned this Prouty & Glass Portland cutter to First Congregational Church of Wayne for a Christmas display.

### THE PORTLAND CUTTER

This was the most popular sleigh design ever made, even more popular than the Albany sleigh, which tended to cramp the occupants. The Portland cutter was developed by Charles P. Kimball of Portland, Maine. It was roomy enough to let your feet stretch out, and its big "bay" could easily accommodate the fur robes that people piled all around themselves.

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Most Portland cutters could have been purchased for under \$20 at the time of its construction. In 1908, Sears and Roebuck advertised models for \$16.75.

Source: "Horse-Drawn Vehicles at the Shelburne Museum"



**Sleighful:** Thirteen men managed to climb aboard this Prouty & Glass Portland sleigh.

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**D**ashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh...

In the mid-1880s, Fayette Prouty, who owned a wood-working shop in Detroit, began making trips to Wayne in search of a factory site. He found five acres of land near Elizabeth Street and the railroad along Michigan Avenue. In 1888, he opened the Prouty & Glass Carriage Co. with his son, W. C. Prouty, and his son-in-law John S. Glass.

The company soon was producing 125 cutters and a 100 carriages a month, with some models available through the Sears and Roebuck catalog. Eventually, it became one of the largest manufacturers of sleighs and cutters in the country.

"Salesman traveled all over the United States with that catalog," said Virginia Presson, manager of Wayne Historical Museum, which houses a Prouty & Glass cutter. Orders were sent back, and the sleighs were shipped by rail.

At its peak at the turn of the century, Prouty & Glass manufactured 60 different types of sleighs — single- and double-seaters, spring and springless, and open and protected. However, the automobile dealt a death blow to the carriage trade, and

the company began to flounder. It ceased operations in 1915.

The facilities went through a succession of new identities, including a military training academy for boys during World War I, saw mill, belt factory, and steering wheel factory. It was almost totally destroyed by fire in 1929.

"I remember when it burned," said Presson. "I was nine years old and in third grade. We stood in the (school's) south windows and watched the smoke."

### Memories

A hundred years ago, long before counties plowed snowy roads, farmers switched from wheels to runners come winter. It was much easier to haul heavy loads on sleds than on wagons. After three seasons of work in the field, farmers looked forward to visiting neighbors during winter.

It was a time for heavy lap robes, foot warmers and sleigh bells.

Jay Richards, 73, of Plymouth Township doesn't know if the snappy, two-seater cutter he and his brother and two sisters rode in was made by Prouty & Glass. All he remembers is that it was a cold, 2-1/2 mile ride down Haggerty from his family's 21-acre farm on Joy Road to the one-room Hough School on Warren Road in Canton Township.

"If you had too high a snow, it might tip," he said. He recalled at least one spill. "It sort of scared the heck out of us."

Richards sold the sleigh several years ago to a Detroit florist, who used it as part of a display. He kept only the set of sleigh bells, which he said were somewhere in his attic. And Stardust, the Kentucky thoroughbred who pulled the Richards clan (and who purportedly once belonged to the famed Detroit boxer Joe Louis), died peacefully of old age.

"It was just wonderful. In the sleigh you could hear the bells ring. You were just at peace with everyone," said Betty Stevens of Ypsilanti in a January 1998 Westland Observer article on the community's WinterFest.

Stevens grew up on a farm located on the grounds of John Glenn High School in Westland. She would ride in the family's bobsled covered with blankets made at the Monroe Woolen Mills from wool sheared from her father's sheep. Her family also owned a snappy two-seater cutter, which she donated to the Westland Historical Museum several years ago. "My father had that sleigh for always," she said. Pat Bunyea comes from a farming family. She and her husband farmed at two locations in Plymouth Township before

moving to a 152-acre farm in Ann Arbor a few years ago. Her family didn't have a sleigh, but her grandmother, Anna Kaiser, had one on her farm in Flat Rock.

Back in the '40s, when Bunyea and her siblings visited Grandma Kaiser in the winter, they would hitch up their Uncle Charlie's horse to the sleigh for a ride around the farm and down Telegraph Road. Thanks

to Grandma Kaiser's blanket, the children stayed warm.

"She used to call it her buffalo robe, but it wasn't really buffalo. It was terribly picky but very warm," said Bunyea.

Today, few barns harbor any more sleighs, and few people have experienced the joy of riding through a wintry countryside in a one-horse open sleigh. But for those who have, the echo of sleigh bells rings on.



**Sleigh-makers:** The 50-plus employees of Prouty & Glass Carriage Co. take a break from work to have their picture taken for posterity. All the men save one are wearing hats. Picture may have been taken shortly after the turn of the century.

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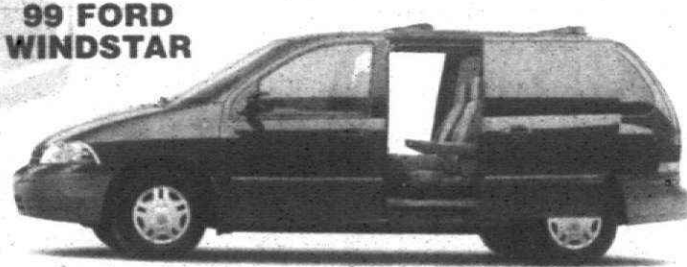


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## Rivers opposes banking bill, says it may threaten privacy

Although the Financial Services Modernization Act helps financial services and insurance firms become more globally competitive by breaking down barriers between them, it may threaten personal privacy, says U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, in her monthly newsletter, "Capital Corner."

"Domestically, however, the bill means that these affiliated institutions can share information about their customers. Ostensibly, this will allow companies to improve customer service, but the possibility that it will also allow them to deny service or discriminate is simply too great. For this reason, I voted against the bill."

The following are key aspects of Act. S. 900:

- The bill requires financial institutions to "clearly and conspicuously" tell consumers their practices and policies regarding the disclosure of non-public personal information to affiliates and non-affiliated third parties.
- Consumers may "opt out" of sharing their personal information with non-affiliated third parties. The provision prohibits banks from releasing information only if the consumer has specifically instructed the institution not to share information.
- Customers cannot opt out of sharing their information with third parties contracted to perform services on behalf of the financial institution. Once customers decide not to opt out of sharing their personal information, however, they cannot

change their minds, only switch financial institutions.

- Non-affiliated third parties given access to customers' personal information may not pass this information on to any other non-affiliated third parties.
- Unless the firm is contracted by the financial institution, financial institutions may not disclose customers' account numbers or similar access numbers to non-affiliated third parties for use in telemarketing, direct mail marketing, or e-mail marketing.
- Under Act. S. 900, it is the consumers responsibility to protect personal information from misuse, warns Rivers. "I encourage you to look at the fine print when dealing with insurance companies and financial institutions."

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school district's Plymouth-Canton Paraprofessional Association, agreed. She said many women in her union didn't vote or let their husbands vote for them. "I'd tell them, 'Well, honey, when you get in that booth, you're hubby is not pulling that lever. You are.' Such wussie people."

Several of the attendees thanked Rivers for starting her community coffee hours and said

getting to know your representative in Congress was the best way to understand politics. "You've got a firm supporter," said Jim Ball of Belleville. "I can spot a phony from here to the gas station."

Rivers inquired about a law allowing people to carry concealed weapons. "It won't stop everything, but it will cut down on crime," he said. Rivers explained that such law refers to

the threat of deadly harm. You can't shoot someone for stealing your car unless your life was threatened. "It's a lesson people would learn after the fact," she said.

Rivers predicted Congress will deal with proposed bills on crime and taxes during the upcoming election year. "Bills not intended to pass into law but which inflame the electorate."

## County parks ready for winter

What's the best cure for cabin fever and wintertime blues? Head for the friendly hills of Wayne County Parks for lots of fresh air and exercise.

Wax those skis and strap on those boots. Cross-country skiing on groomed trails is available this season from dawn until dusk in a variety of locations, including: Elizabeth Park in Trenton; Hines-Park Nankin Mills area in Westland; Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Road, just east of I-275 at Newburgh Lake; and Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve in Sumpter Township.

Fancy yourself a would-be Michelle Kwan? The park systems has several ice rink locations to accommodate skating enthusiasts throughout the county. Rinks are open at Newburgh Lake at Newburgh Pointe in Livonia (designated areas), Elizabeth Park in Trenton, Wilcox Lake in Plymouth (designated areas), Hines Park-Perrin area, and Hines Park Nankin Mills area in Westland.

All rinks will be open during the day, weather permitting. In addition, the rinks at Elizabeth Park and Hines Park Nankin

Mills are lighted and will be open for night skating until 9 p.m.

If you get your thrills from sledding, Wayne County Parks has installed two ramps at the Hines Park-Cass Benton area just for you. There's also enhanced parking to provide a safe experience for children of all ages. The Hines Park-Cass Benton sledding hill is located off of Hines Drive between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Northville.

For information on skiing, skating and sledding conditions, call (734) 261-1990.

## Grants available for county schools

In November, the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, announced a new initiative: Operation Achievement, that makes available \$2 million in funding for educators in Wayne County's 34 public school districts. Educators interested in applying for grants of \$50,000 to \$500,000 must apply before Jan. 5, 2000.

The goal of Operation Achievement is simple: to dramatically increase achievement for ALL students in Wayne

County," said Mike Flanagan, county superintendent. "Every one at Wayne RESA shares responsibility with the local school districts for the education of the nearly half-million children in the county. We need to work together to identify new ways to reach more students, teachers and administrators and truly impact learning."

Applications for Operation Achievement are available online at [www.resa.net](http://www.resa.net) or by calling (734) 334-1311. All projects submitted for consideration

should demonstrate what impact the project will have on student achievement, maximize use of technology, demonstrate capacity building, link to the Michigan Curriculum Framework and must be completed by August 18, 2000. Preference will be given to applications that reach the largest potential audience, e.g. all middle school science teachers in Wayne County or all students interested in advanced placement courses.

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## Senate passes bills to make 'dangerous animals' illegal

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The sale and possession of dangerous animals, including wolf-dog crosses and other "large carnivores" such as bears or undomesticated cats, would be illegal under a set of bills approved by the Michigan Senate.

But critics were concerned some family dogs might be confused for wolf-dogs.

Members voted 33-2 on Senate Bill 782, sponsored by Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland), and 29-5 on Senate Bill 205, sponsored by Sen. Leon Stille (R-Spring Lake), outlawing the dangerous animals Thursday, Dec. 2.

Both bills would allow those who already own such exotic animals to keep their pets, but they

would be subject to a set of new rules. Current owners would be required to post their property to warn passersby that a dangerous animal is housed there, would not be allowed to leash their animals unattended in the yard, and would have to get an annual permit from local animal control officers.

Both bills allow for destruction of those animals if they harm a human.

Sen. David Jaye (R-Macomb) argued that both bills would erode personal liberties, but he was especially concerned about the ban on wolf-dogs.

"You're going to condemn a lot of innocent people to lose their pets, their loyal family dog, and people with modest incomes will not have enough money to contest the claims by others that

their dog is not a wolf-dog," he said.

"There is no scientific way to visually, medically, or any way through DNA testing to identify what is a wolf dog... I wonder how many of you would think that the Siberian husky is or isn't a wolf dog?"

Sen. John Cherry (D-Clino) noted that there are characteristics which can be used to identify wolf-dogs.

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 R-Macomb

Cherry offered an amendment to the bill to identify wolf dogs that have all of four traits mentioned in the law. Previously, the bill defined an animal as a wolf-dog if it possessed any one of the four traits.

"Every wolf-dog is a danger," he said, explaining why their sale should be outlawed.

Both bills now move to the House for approval.

All local senators voted for the measures.

"A wolf tracks in a straight line," he said. "Hardly any dogs do that. Is the tail curled or straight? Dogs' tails are curled."

## Judge denies motion to stop deer hunting

BY TRAN LONGMOORE  
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Deer culls at Huron-Clinton Metroparks went on as planned recently Dec. 3, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard denied a motion which would have stopped upcoming controlled deer hunts at Hudson Mills and Stony Creek, and a plan to use sharpshooters at Kensington.

Firearms hunts will take place at Stony Creek Dec. 17-19. A controlled archery hunt took place Dec. 10-11 at Hudson Mills. At Kensington, park rangers are currently training to kill deer at night. The Kensington cull should take place sometime in January.

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"Everything is going to happen as planned, and as permitted by state law," said Steven Roach, lawyer for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Judge Howard ruled that the metroparks' plans were in compliance with state laws and that the overpopulation of deer threatened vegetation, other wildlife and drivers on nearby roads.

"Judge Howard's ruling was absolutely correct," Roach said.

Nearly 600 deer in the three parks will be trimmed bringing the population down to desired levels.

The lawsuit, which sought to delay the deer hunts until further studies were done, was filed in Federal Court last Wednesday by the Milford-based Metroparks Deer Preservation Council and California-based Animal Protection Institute. U.S. District Court Judge Avern Cohn referred the case to Oakland County Circuit Court.

Judy Brock, president of the Metroparks Deer Preservation Council, was disappointed by Judge Howard's ruling.

"But during the suit, we've won several small victories," Brock said.

Judge Howard has ordered the parks to submit reports detailing the number of deer killed. Since Stony Creek Park abuts homes, park officials will now be required to notify residents when hunting is taking place. Judge Howard also ordered that all meat from the deer culling will be donated to soup kitchens and shelters.

The court will also maintain jurisdiction with regard to the implementation of the ruling.

According to Roach, this means that either party can come back to the court should there be further dispute.

Brock is also pleased because a member of her council has been invited to sit on the Wildlife Advisory Committee for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

"So we've made some difference, and we'll continue to do so," Brock said.

Her council still disputes metroparks' deer counts which show a need for a trim in population. She also said there are more humane ways to trim populations, such as immuno-contraception or sterilization.

But Dave Moilanen, spokesman for the parks, said deer counts are about as accurate as possible.

"I invite them to rent a helicopter and count themselves," said Moilanen.

Hunting remains the most efficient way to trim the population, he said.

"We've explored the other options and they just aren't plausible," Moilanen said. "Spotting, catching and sterilizing one deer can take 90 minutes. We don't have the time, money or people to attempt something for 400

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Gift: Roger Caldwell, president of UAW Local 845, accepts a certificate for a donation of \$5,000 to the Sheldon Plant Community Service Committee. Attending were (left to right) Carol Clements of Wayne County Parks, Denise Johnson, president of Friends of Nankin Mills, Caldwell, and Kathy Myers, vice president of Friends of Nankin Mills.

## Workers at Sheldon Road Assembly donate \$5,000 to Nankin Mills fund

Workers at Ford Motor Co.'s Sheldon Road Assembly Plant donated \$5,000 to the Friends of Nankin Mills to help fund displays at the new center which

opens next fall.

The contribution of the UAW workers at the Sheldon Road plant through their Sheldon Plant Community Service Committee is the largest single contribution made to the Friends of Nankin Mills in its 10 year history. The donation was recognized by the group and by Wayne County Parks at their annual holiday tree lighting on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Rodger Caldwell, president of Local 845, accepted a certificate in recognition of the donation. A plaque will also be on permanent display inside the interpretive center.

This is not the building's first connection with the Ford Motor Co. Once a working grist mill, Henry Ford bought the building in the 1920s to produce auto parts for his Detroit assembly plants. It was one of the Village Industries he created along the Rouge River.

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On Wednesday, Dec. 22, the Renaissance Choir from Detroit's Renaissance High School will add their voices to the night at

"Light Up the Night with Song." Under the direction of Nina Scott, this choir will sing classical and contemporary holiday music.

The sixth annual Wayne County LightFest is located along scenic Middle Rouge Parkway in Westland (enter at Merriam Road and Hines Drive.) LightFest is open now through Dec. 30, 7-10 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. (Closed Mondays, Tuesdays and Christmas Day.) Donation is \$5 per car.

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"I don't see any reason why we can't put the building at the original east location," said Slaven. "I don't like spending \$370,000 of the taxpayers money to move the building. I don't see any justification in doing that."

In their presentation to the board, architects presented the new high school in four zones.

The first includes a centrally located media center with a student union, to include the kitchen facilities, directly to the east. The two areas are noted as the largest single components of the facility.

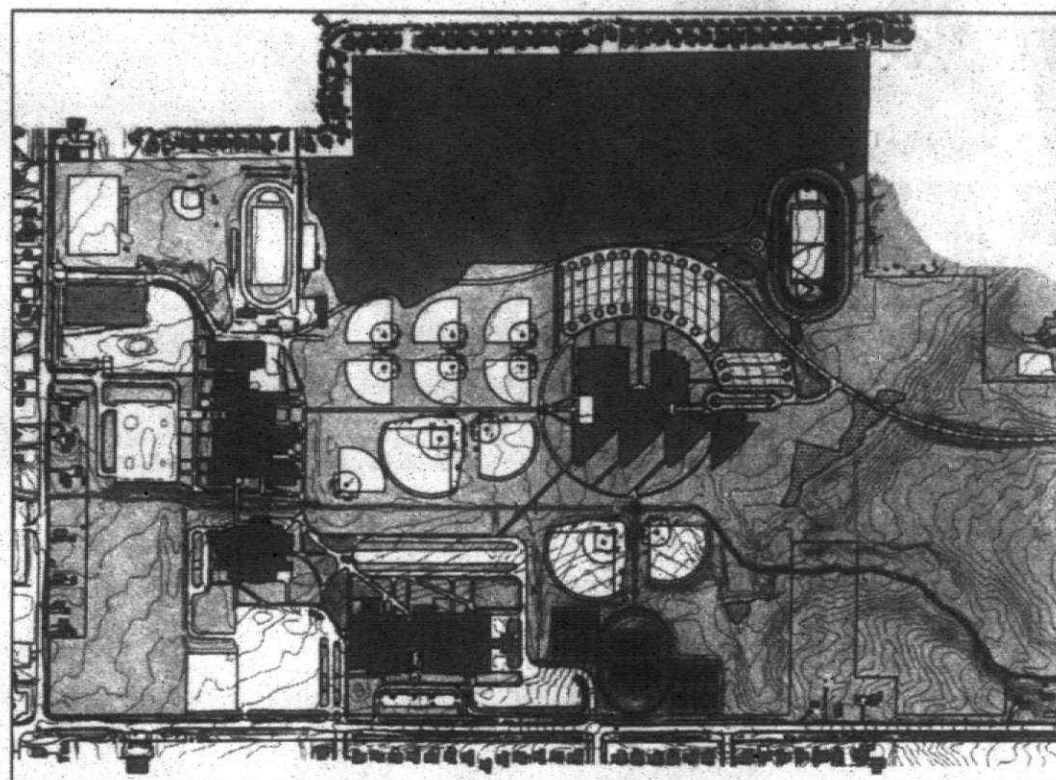
To the north are the core academic areas on two floors. Student traffic from the current bus loop behind Salem High School would enter the school into the academic areas. Each floor of the core curriculum configurations have eight classrooms, nearly 300 lockers and a shared lab facility.

"It breaks the school down into small parts to administer and monitor," said Paul Corneliussen, senior associate with French Associates.

The southeast corner of the new high school will house the gymnasium, with seating for approximately 1,800 people. Along with a competition court, there will be three side practice courts, locker room facilities and team rooms.

The southwest section of the building will be the arts wing, where the P-CEP Marching Band will be housed. It will have a large rehearsal space, practice area, instrument storage and a loading area to accommodate the band's large equipment.

The main entrance to the new high school will be a boulevard off Beck Road, which will lead to



**New high school:** The third high school at the P-CEP campus is shown in this drawing as the dark-colored building with a jagged shape. It is to the right of the base-ball diamonds in the center of the picture.

a circular drive. Administrative offices will be located at the front entrance.

"I can't believe Wayne County would allow Beck Road to remain two lanes at that point," said Guile, who still expects traffic problems around the high school complex.

Other amenities on the property will include a football field and track facility, two additional ball fields, 24 tennis courts locat-

ed along Joy Road, and parking lots for staff, students and visitors.

Bill Hoeting, senior project manager for MCS/EV, said "the schematic design is on budget. I'm surprised that after two years none of the cuts we had to make were educational spaces."

John Birchler, executive director of business and operations, said the cuts were minimal despite the delays resulting from

a lawsuit by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva, which delayed construction. Birchler estimates the third high school will cost \$44.5 million.

More detailed design work needs to be completed before bids for the project go out next spring. It's estimated construction will begin next September or October. The first classes are expected to begin in August 2002.



**Canton Police Officer Scott Hilden talks with Canton High School seniors Brandy McGrew, Katie Gazi and Allison Snell Wednesday morning. Hilden began the High School beat Monday, and will eventually replace Officer Mike Steckel as the Security Officer at the Park.**

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Hilden said it's important for him to establish a relationship with students so he will be able to have conversations and relate to them.

"The best way to do that is to be visible in hallways and lunch rooms, and have a lot of contact with them at various activities," said Hilden. "I'll be adjusting my schedule to accommodate different events."

Hilden said unlike road patrols where motorists are trying to avoid police officers, students generally embrace them.

"A large number of students approach us and want to talk and ask questions," said Hilden. "As long as we don't come off as an intimidating police officer, they'll understand we've got a

job to do, which is making sure students are safe at the school."

Hilden said along with his normal duties of looking out for violations at the park, such as smoking, truancy, runaways and larcenies, he plans on conducting mediation sessions between students who are having conflicts and becoming a guest speaker in the classroom.

"I plan on talking about alcohol and drug abuse, and hot topics like date rape drugs," added Hilden. "I would also like to do presentations on personal safety and awareness for students, parents and teachers."

Tom George, chief of security at P-CEP, has a full-time staff of 20 security officers and well-comes the full-time officers in each high school.

"It gives the positive impression that we're doing what we can to produce a safe environment," said George. "It's good for the kids to see the police becoming involved, not just in adversarial situations after the fact."

George said the police substation in each high school will have a desk and computer for officers to do their work. He also noted both officers will continue to carry their guns, "though we hope they never have to use them."

The officers will also help, security in the early morning hours with traffic flow, with the ability to write tickets for speeding and other traffic violations.

Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin gives two thumbs up to the program.

"In today's day and age, it's nice to have police officers around as good role models and helping in the classrooms," he said. "And, with nearly 5,000 students, we're bigger than many municipalities, so we should have some representation by police."

# Churches target Wal-Mart, say chain exploits workers

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Organizers of a prayer vigil in front of a Livonia Wal-Mart last Thursday say what they are doing is not a boycott.

Rather, members of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance want to bring awareness about exploited workers whose wares appear in stores like Wal-Mart.

A spokesperson for the retailer denies the practice.

Some 20 or so members chanted and passed out leaflets at the retail outlet on Middlebelt and Schoolcraft. Shoppers were puzzled but largely went about their way to seek holiday bargains.

Demonstrators found a sympathetic ear in Darryl Bartlett of Westland.

"It breaks my heart," said Bartlett, sitting on a bench while reading how workers in Bangladesh make 9 cents an hour while those in Honduras earn 43 cents.

"With the holidays coming up, what's there to be joyful about when you see something like this?"

Sue and Mike Bellaire of Plymouth carried small flashlight candles and chanted with the rest of 20 or members.

The alliance is made up of parishioners from 10 Catholic churches in Detroit and one in Farmington Hills.

The couple, which attend St. Edith Catholic Church, read about the alliance in the parish bulletin. Their son heads an Amnesty International chapter at the University of Dallas and

has told them about the plight of abused workers worldwide.

The Plymouth couple decided to investigate by attending the prayer vigil.

"It does bother me," Sue Bellaire said. "It makes me wonder if I'm wearing clothes made in places where subhuman conditions exist."

Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance members visited five area Wal-Mart stores Thursday, which is the nation's largest retailer. The prayer vigil coincided with the 51st anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

Through a megaphone, organizer Eric Blount read aloud Article 23 dealing with worker's rights during the vigil.

The alliance chose Wal-Mart, "not because they are the only offender," said Sister Cathie DeSantis, "but because they're the biggest one."

A Wal-Mart spokesman said the company has subcontractors sign contracts, which includes guidelines that require healthy working conditions.

However, Wal-Mart does not disclose where factories are "for competitive reasons," said Jessica Moser, company spokeswoman.

"Wal-Mart does many things to make sure the factories where the products are made and sold in our stores are run properly," Moser said. "We make a clear understanding of what we expect."

"We don't stop there and expect that's all we have to do."

Wal-Mart representatives make unannounced inspections to "thousands of factories" abroad annually. If they don't adhere to Wal-Mart's guidelines, the company discontinues business.

"We have closed down factories," Moser said. "If we go in and find they are out of compliance with our requirements, those products are pulled."

Countries in Central America, Mexico, Philippines and China are home to many sweatshops, Sisters DeSantis said. In China, factories are particularly hard to find.

"It's a hidden economy in China," Sister DeSantis said. They're urging people to contact Wal-Mart CEO David Glass to disclose where their subcontractor's factories are located and pay employees that work in them a living wage.

Also, alliance members want the company to use an independent auditor to monitor work conditions and wages in those factories.

Such awareness campaigns have been largely successful in curtailing use of child labor in Pakistan soccer ball factories, Sister DeSantis said.

Cheap labor doesn't translate into bargains for shoppers, either, Sister DeSantis said.

Last March, the alliance tracked down and compared clothes made in the U.S. and abroad. Though manufactured in different countries, brands, model numbers and quality were the same.

So, too were the prices, Sister DeSantis said.

"So somebody is making a lot of money," she said. "But it's not the workers."

## OBITUARIES

### DOROTHY MORRIS OYEN

Private services were held for Dorothy Morris Oyen, 81, of Hot Springs, Ark. (formerly of Plymouth).

She died Dec. 5 in Hot Springs. She lived in Plymouth from 1966 to 1978, when she and her husband, Erling, retired to Arkansas. While living in Plymouth she was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Newcomers Club, the Methodist Women's Club and the Garden Club. She was also an avid golfer, crafter, and an award-winning needlepointer.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Erling Oyen; her second husband, John Hovis; her sister, Virginia Shaffer; and her parents. Survivors include her two daughters, Barbara (Tony) Caputo of St. Clair Shores and Linda (Gary) Morgan of Canton; one son, Richard (Carolyn) Oyen of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

### BARBARA H. ALLISON

Services for Barbara H. Allison, 57, of Novi were held Dec. 12 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville with Rev. Neil Ellison and Rev. Tim Franklin officiating.

She was born Oct. 17, 1942, in Anquilla, Miss., and died Dec. 10 in Novi. She worked for Whistler Automation Corp. (former Stanley Door Co.) of Novi as a technician for 12 years. She came to the Novi community in 1971 from Detroit and was a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

She loved to collect antiques (printer trays) and enjoyed old

movies, singing and attending family reunions in Mississippi. She was also a member of New Covenant Sunday School Class at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Vivian Smith, and one brother, Robert Martin Smith. Survivors include her husband, Gary of Novi; two daughters, Lynn Allison of Novi and Laura Allison of Northville; one son, Matthew Allison of Novi; one brother, Clifford (Lynn) Smith of Dallas; one sister, Marilyn Smith of Denver, Colo.; and one granddaughter, Sarah Allison of Novi.

Memorials may be made to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 4000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167, or to the University of Michigan Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

### CORDA J. HOPPER

Services for Corda J. Hopper, 89, of Plymouth were held Dec. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West of Westland.

She was born June 11, 1910, in Dennis, Kan., and died Dec. 8 in Livonia. She worked at the Ypsilanti Ford Bomber Plant, then the Keiser-Fraiser Plant. She also worked at Fanny's Coffee Cup and the Burroughs Cafeteria. She retired after working at the Mayflower Hotel.

After retirement she continued to work for the family farm in Canton. She came to the Ply-

mouth-Canton community in 1936 from Dennis, Kan. In 1972 the family settled in Texas and remained until 1990, then returned to Michigan. She enjoyed traveling in her camper.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy G. Hopper. Survivors include her two daughters, Reba (Troy) Lewis of Texas and Ruth (Adam) Sally of Plymouth; three sons, Melvin (Judy) Hopper of Canton and Myron (Carol) Hopper of Plymouth; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or The American Heart Association of Michigan.

### RUTH JOAN WHITE

Services for Ruth Joan White, 83, of Canton were held Dec. 14 at Santeu Chapel with the Rev. Harold Calaham of Christian Light Missionary officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West of Westland.

She was born Feb. 1, 1936, in Belleville and died Dec. 10 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by one brother, J.C. Grover. Survivors include her husband, Letch White; three daughters, Brenda Creech, Lee Ann Sexton and Diane Colvin; one son, Michael Sussanek; one sister, Lorraine Walker; three brothers, Charles Grover, Ronald Grover and Elton Grover; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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### STUDYING ABROAD

Laurel L. Weinman is currently spending the fall semester studying in New York Arts Program as part of Albion College's off-campus programs. Albion's off-campus programs allow students to study different cultures and work in professional environments with internships and studies offered in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the United States. Weinman is a junior majoring in English and speech communication. She is the daughter of William E. and Christine L. Weinman of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

### NYKERK CUP COMPETITION

Akua Ofori-Mensah, a Hope College senior from Plymouth, was a sophomore oration coach during the 65th Annual Nykerk Cup Competition. The sophomore class of 2002 won this year's event, which was held in the Holland Civic Center. As an oration coach, Ofori-Mensah was responsible for assisting the team's orator in writing, memorizing, and performing a six to eight minute speech on this year's theme, "Outside the Lines." She is the daughter of Charles and Agnes Ofori-Mensah and is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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## Superintendent District's choice a good one

And then there was one. The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has decided Kathleen Boohar is the answer to the departure of Superintendent Chuck Little. Board members are set to visit Berkley schools, where Boohar is the current superintendent, Thursday in their version of "Speak now or forever hold your peace."

The site visit is nothing more than window dressing, the dotting of the final "i" before offering Boohar a contract. Unless some bombshell is dropped, the school board is prepared to hand Boohar a contract at a special meeting set for 7 a.m. Friday.

There are several things to like about this choice. Boohar becomes the first woman to head the district, so bid farewell to that particular glass ceiling. She overcame what some saw as a weak first interview, but made enough of an impression to go the distance. And people we've talked to from outside the district say she'll be a good fit because she cares about the same thing we care about — the kids.

"She's very student-oriented and she works well with parents," one superintendent told us. "She's extremely bright and capable."

We also like the speed with which Boohar would be able to begin tackling her new responsibilities. The middle of a school year isn't the ideal time to have this kind of change in leadership, but Boohar would be on board some time in February, giving her a head start while getting ready for the next school year.

The competition was also stiff, a subtle benefit to the district. Boohar beat out South Redford Assistant Superintendent John Weber, who had some strong points of his own and was on everyone's list.

The relatively painless selection couldn't have come at a more opportune time for the district, in need of some smooth sailing after controversies surrounding gay displays and the east-west battle over the placement of the new high school.

While Boohar emerged from a very tough selection process to shine as the brightest candidate, we believe the board could have taken additional steps to ensure she's the right person.

Site visits are a great idea, but we think visits should have been made to both Boohar's and Weber's districts before the board settled on its choice. There's absolutely no reason to believe any bombshells are going to fall from the skies over Berkley Thursday, but in the unlikely event they do, the board would have avoided embarrassment by having already visited Weber's district.

Conversely, they could have eliminated Weber by finding similar information in South Redford, thereby solidifying Boohar's position as The Right Choice.

For many reasons, we think the board got it right. They took an unwieldy process, with 45 candidates to begin with, whittled through the extraneous material and emerged with someone in whom they have confidence.

Give them an "A" for effort.

## Building culture no roll of dice

While new casinos and sport stadiums may soon offer marquee attractions, the notion of what is considered "culture" in metro Detroit shouldn't simply be defined by the Big Three, sports stadiums and a roll of the dice.

There is compelling evidence to put an end to parochial thinking about what is needed to "improve the quality of life" in our communities.

A recently released exhaustive analysis of audiences attending classical concerts, dance performances, opera, theater and exhibits at art and historical museums revealed that nearly 58 percent of the households in the seven-county southeastern Michigan region attend cultural events. That figure is considerably above the national average of 49 percent for major U.S. metro areas.

The report, "Southeastern Michigan Geodemographic and Database Analysis," was coordinated by ArtServe Michigan of Southfield, a statewide arts advocacy agency. The findings were made public 10 days ago, and have overtaken the controversy over the abrupt closing of the "shock art" exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts as the main topic of conversation throughout the arts community.

And this discussion about the future of art is worth sustaining.

Funded by a \$75,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, the analysis conducted by the Artmarket Consulting of Bozeman, Mont., offers an unprecedented profile of audiences who attend everything from a concert by their local symphony to a major exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Several Wayne County arts groups and cultural institutions were among the 59 participating organizations, including Canton Project Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council,

Detroit Institute of Arts, Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village and Michigan Opera Theatre.

Since for-profit venues were not considered in the research, experts contend that audiences at cultural and entertainment events are even larger than reported.

On one level, the report's findings offer small arts organizations detailed marketing information and opportunities to further identify prospective audiences. Yet on another level, the report makes obvious that arts organizations must collaborate and work together for their common interests. Apparently, the creative spirit must go hand-in-hand with entrepreneurial ingenuity and networking.

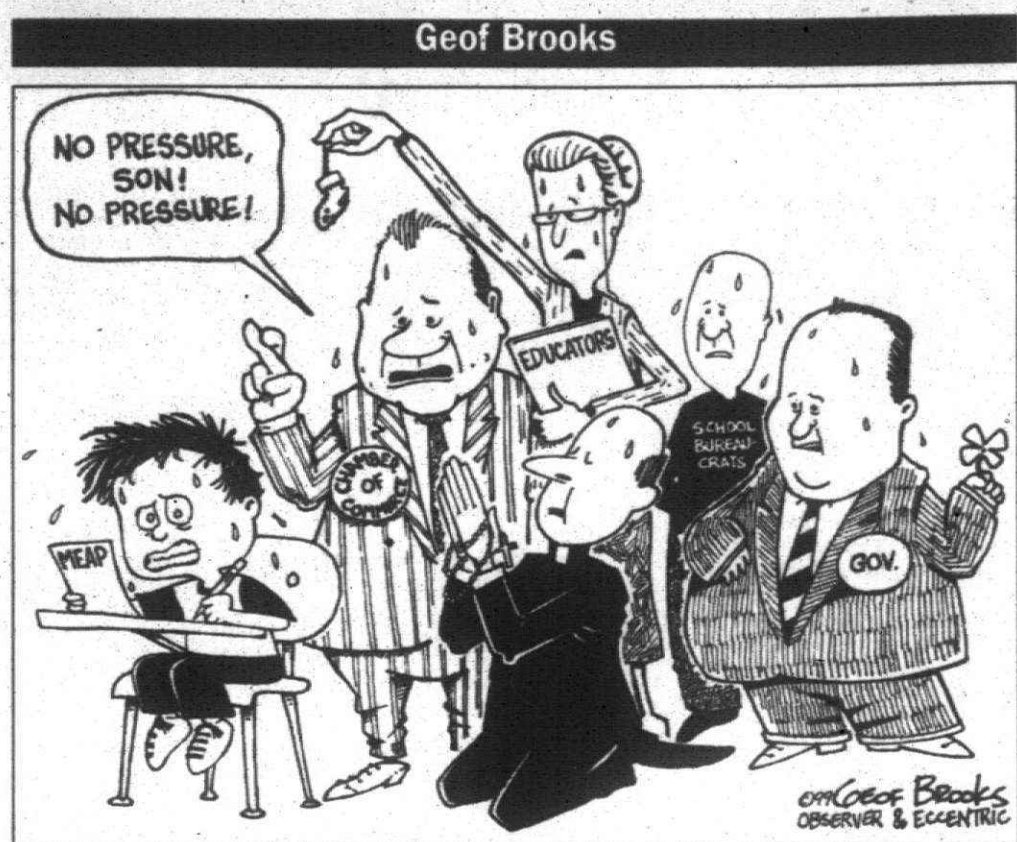
Of course, ArtServe's immediate challenge is to assist local arts groups in disseminating and properly utilizing the information in the report.

Advocates for a regional cultural tax are predictably thrilled with the report. Basically, the cultural tax would be a half-mill assessment on a homeowner's property with revenue earmarked to fund the operating budgets of the region's cultural institutions and provide county grants to cultivate arts participation at the local level.

While the geodemographic and database analysis presents a compelling portrait of the grassroots support for cultural institutions and arts organizations, until now the public discussion has lagged behind the cultural realities.

It's worth noting that while most people attend events in their own communities, Wayne County draws the most crossover from other counties.

A new century may hold many challenges. But, perhaps the cynicism about regional cooperation will also be put to rest.



### LETTERS

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### Summit was a success

The Michigan Citizens For Fairness in Public School Funding would like to extend a thank you to the over 400 citizens, superintendents, educators, legislators and community leaders who attended the second Summit on Education held Oct. 25. We had over 35 different school districts represented and 14 different legislators who attended.

We would like to extend an additional thank you to the legislators who attended: Sen. Gary Peters, state Reps. George Mans, Rose Bogardus, John Hansen, Ruth Ann Jamnick, Thomand Kelly, Gerald Law and Lynn Martinez, Sen. Alma Wheeler-Smith, state Rep. Eileen DeHart, Michigan Board of Education member Dorothy Beardmore, state Rep. Bruce Patterson, state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, state Rep. John Pappageorge and state Rep. Pat Godchaux.

We would also like to thank Mr. Patterson for meeting with us prior to the summit and for his encouraging several legislators to attend.

We would further like to thank our partners in this enterprise, the Educational Excellence Foundation and the P-CEA, for their help. Without their help this event would never have been possible.

Further we would like to thank the many members of our committee who assisted that evening, including Lucy French, Mary Uhl, Christina Bair, Coralee Ott, Joyce Harrington, Joann Lamar, Richard Rheume, Marti Chamberlain, Maureen Sullivan-Wolski, Chuck Portelli, Rose Portelli, Cathleen Seay-Ostrowski, Carl Fanning, Judy Mardigan and Tracy Brooks.

We would like further to thank the executive board who put in lengthy hours every Wednesday for the last five months preparing for this event: Judy Evola, Earl Harrington, Pat Kiewicz, Darice Schubatis, John Stewart and Martha Trafford.

Again we would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all the concerned citizens of this community for making the second summit another resounding success.

Mark T. Salvens  
Chairperson, Michigan Citizens For  
Fairness in Public School Funding

### Snail mail a problem

We are wondering if our subdivision in Canton is the only victim of the U.S. Postal Service "snail mail" or do other residents contend with the same problem? It can't be just us. And in discussing mail delivery, or lack of the same, others say they often must maintain an evening vigil as they await Uncle Sam's tardy couriers.

We don't want to lay the blame on the local authorities, in person, about late delivery. We already know that it is the system. The new postmaster that was assigned to Canton some months ago has since left for other challenges. Since that departure there have been either two or three new "temporary" postmasters. When mail arrives as late as 7 p.m. it no longer surprises us or our neighbors. We take turns walking out to the curbside mailbox to see if the mail has arrived; that way everyone gets to take a brisk walk after evening dinner.

Several years ago we complained to the postal authorities, in person, about late delivery. The then-assistant postmaster told us he would "look into it" and then walked away without even inquiring about our address.

From time to time newspaper articles tell us about the great profits being generated by the postal service. No wonder. As the rates go up the service goes down! Mail carriers are given less time to sort mail each morning, arrive out on their assigned routes later, and when a carrier is off for a day that route is often split up among several other carriers who finish their regular routes and then deliver for the absent individual.

The Canton post office displays a sign that proclaims "We deliver for you." Only thing wrong is that they don't say when they will deliver. Home delivery of mail at six or seven in the evening is not acceptable. That old saw about neither rain nor snow, or dark of night, shall stay these swift couriers from their appointed rounds may still hold sway in some communities. Unfortunately, Canton is not one of them.

Paul Coen  
Canton

## Plumbing cyberspace for new tax revenues

If it makes sense that from time to time the state government should take over control of some issue from local governments, as Michigan legislators have argued so eloquently over the course of the past year, it also stands to reason that there are other issues on which the state should hand control over to the feds.

Case in point: sales taxes on items sold over the Internet.

State Treasurer Mark Murray wants to add a line on state income tax forms where taxpayers can report the purchases they make over the Internet. With so-called "e-tailing" on the rise, the state doesn't have a good system for collecting sales taxes when items are bought by computer.

Would that be enforceable? Only in that income tax returns are subject to audit, Murray has said, so if the state learns of purchases a filer has failed to report, it could force that taxpayer to ante up.

That, of course, is the problem.



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Compliance, for the time being, would have to be voluntary, according to House Tax Policy chair Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Now).

It's not a new tax, Gov. John Engler said recently during an address at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, as part of OCC's Distinguished Speaker Series. He believes Internet sales are covered under Michigan's 1937 sales and use tax laws. Some taxpayers, he contended, are already paying their taxes on Internet purchases, but many are not.

Out-of-state businesses are not required to report the sales they make to Michigan residents, so there is no way for the state to know.

The governor argued that those taxes should be paid because most of the state's sales tax revenue goes to the school aid fund. There is also a concern that Internet sales could put local retailers at a serious disadvantage.

That's Cassis' primary concern. If you can wait two weeks for delivery, why would you go to a store where you will surely pay a 6 percent sales tax? Not collecting puts "e-commerce" at an automatic 6 percent price advantage over local retailers.

There's just one rub, it was pointed out recently by Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt.

When a sale occurs over the Internet, where does the transaction take place? To whom is the sales tax owed?

Is it the state in which the purchaser, sitting at a computer at home, decides to buy? Or is it the state where the business takes the order and receives payment? Or is it the state in which the warehouse pack-

ages up the product for shipping? As Leavitt noted, there is a case to be made for all three.

What he didn't add, and so I will, is that different states will surely reach different conclusions about that, most likely depending on whether they have more e-shoppers or e-tailors or warehouses and, so, which is likely to bring in more money for them.

Or they may try to claim all three, which would leave e-shoppers paying a triple hit on sales taxes.

Leavitt pointed this out recently when he unveiled a plan devised by the National Governor's Association for coordinating Internet sales taxes nationwide. The plan calls on Congress to decide who gets the sales taxes and require that e-businesses collect and distribute sales taxes to the states to which they are owed.

It should be noted that the Governor's Association proposal runs counter to two existing bills in Congress, one by presidential candidate

John McCain, which would prohibit collection of sales taxes on purchases made over the Internet.

Still, when Michigan lawmakers begin their debate on Internet sales taxes early next year, they'll be discussing an issue that Congress will also soon be deciding. And that is probably where the issue should be resolved.

Keep in mind that governors feel about the feds the same way local governments feel about the state. On the Governor's Association agenda for the year is a request for "pre-emption protection" from Congress. They feel the feds usurp the authority of states, too often and want that to end... unless, of course, it will bring in more money for them through something like a coordinated Internet sales tax collection system.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 634-8219 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net

## Reps play grinch role in stripping inmates of rights

Author Ernest Hemingway, who had Michigan connections, summed up the Christmas present the state is planning for prison inmates in his 1929 story "A Farewell to Arms." He wrote:

"You never had time to learn. They threw you in and told you the rules and the first time they caught you off base they killed you."

Women prison inmates from Plymouth and Coldwater won a big victory when the Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 they have a right to file class action lawsuits alleging sexual harassment as a form of sex discrimination, under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. The women objected to the way male guards used their eyes and fingers and won at trial. It's Tracy Neal v. Department of Corrections, CA 198616, decided Nov. 24, 1988, if you



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wanted the lurid details. The heroine here is Oakland County's own Hilda Gage, who cast the deciding vote. In another decision, Doe v. DOC, inmates were allowed to bring a class action suit under the Persons with Disabilities Act regarding their placement in community residential programs, camps and farms.

The two state laws forbid discrimination in places of "public service." And prisons do perform a public service, said the courts. Besides incarcerating bad people, they are supposed to

"correct" and rehabilitate them.

Rather than appeal to the Supreme Court, Bill Martin, the police-state director of DOC, asked the Legislature to change the rules so he could catch the inmates off base. Freshman Rep. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) obliged with a pair of bills and got House votes on them the same day they were reported to the House floor. That is a big, fat rush.

House Bills 4475 and 4476 change the definitions to deny inmates their hard-won court battles for civil rights. Worse, they are retroactive, wiping out the court decisions.

The saddest part is that the bills became partisan, 57 to 58 Republicans, for 47 Democrats against. Voting yes with the grinch was Laura Toy (R-Livonia), Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) and Andy Raczkowski (R-

Farmington Hills). Voting no were Bob Brown (D-Deerborn Heights), Tom Kelly (D-Wayne) and Eileen DeHart (D-Westland). Rep. Jerry Law (R-Plymouth) missed both votes.

Rep. Liz Brater (D-Ann Arbor), one of those fire-breathing liberals, summed up the case against Bishop's disability bill in remarks worthy of Republican Abe Lincoln.

"The disabilities civil rights act protects people from being denied access to public accommodations based on conditions arising from illness, injury or congenital birth defects. In a prison setting, this means insuring the disabled have access to such facilities as toilets, showers, medical clinics, visiting rooms and chow halls, and to programming, such as religious, educational, treatment, work and recreational activities.

This bill would eliminate prisoners

in jails and state prisons, public and private, from the definition of person — in this act."

The bills go to the Senate, which loves anything that smacks of punishment.

It's odd that Bishop moved his bill at this holy season of the year. Past practice has been for governors at Christmas time to issue pardons, usually to guys who were feeble and dying. Governors up to the time of Jim Blanchard did so. Since 1991, John Engler has discontinued the practice.

And in 1999, he has seen fit not only to forego mercy but to change the rules to deny inmates access to state laws so they can get humane treatment while in prison.

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## Third term no charm for Engler

The big political news last week was the Legislature's failure to authorize more charter schools, despite weeks of intensive arm twisting and foot stamping by Gov. John Engler.

Amazingly, the defeat was bipartisan. House Democrats have never been enthused by the charter school movement, though some reps from Detroit find them a better alternative than the public schools. Although most Republicans are ideologically pro-charter, the governor's key failure was to win over a handful of moderate GOP legislators, some of whom had been endorsed by the very anti-charter teachers' union, the Michigan Education Association.

Engler's spinmeisters tried to put on a brave face, talking cheerily about getting back to the issue after the New Year. But this defeat, so unexpected for a politician as experienced and capable as Engler, got me to musing about this governor, now in his third term in office.

After the Republican landslide last November, everybody expected John Engler to bestir the state like a colossus. His Republican Party controlled both houses of the Legislature, had a 5-2 iron grip on the Supreme Court and won all the executive offices except for attorney general. The governor had only to nod his head, so the conventional wisdom went, and stuff would happen. Quick.

But it hasn't quite worked out that way. Consider three examples.

First was this fall's bungled attempt to clip the wings of Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, the only Democrat to survive last year's debacle. Republican bills attempting to cut back the force of her opinions were roundly criticized as a naked power grab, and when documents were leaked proving the whole plot was initiated in the governor's office, John Engler wound up with lots of egg on his face.

Second was the governor's attempt to persuade Secretary of State Candice Miller to be a team player and run against popular U.S. Rep. David Bonior, the Democratic minority leader in the House of Representatives and a favorite GOP target. A component in the calculation was that such a campaign likely would have derailed Miller's interest in running for governor against Engler's hand-picked candidate, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus.

Miller eventually said "thanks, but no thanks." Recently, she's been talking about her interest in running for governor.

Third is the still unresolved spat over a constitutional amendment to allow direct public support for private and religious schools. Headed by billionaire Dick DeVos, the husband of state Republican Party Chairwoman Betsy DeVos, a bunch of hard-line GOP stalwarts are hellbent on collecting enough signatures to put the measure on the ballot next November.

Engler has been trying his darndest to kill the drive because he's afraid passions ignited by the measure might increase turnout next November



PHILIP POWER

and thus jeopardize U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham's campaign for re-election.

Despite public disclosures of barbed correspondence, meetings of the Republican State Central Committee and assorted attempts to kiss and make up, the fight between the governor and some of his closest political friends and allies is still going on. It's not a pretty sight for any colossus, least of all John Engler.

All of which brings to my mind the Iron Rule of Michigan Politics: No governor in his/her right mind should run for a third term.

The reasons are compelling. After eight long years in office, all the good ideas a governor came in with are pretty much used up.

Finally, any governor worth his/her salt will inevitably make enemies in the course of daily governing. After eight years in office, any governor thinking about a third term better also think of the number of snakes lying in the high grass, ready to strike.

Worst, after eight years as governor, an office abounding with perks and awash with sycophants, even the most balanced person will be under tremendous pressure to let it go to his/her head.

History endorses the "no third term under any circumstances" doctrine.

William Milliken, perhaps Michigan's best-loved former governor, had a terrible time in his third term. Jim Blanchard simply ran out of gas at the end of his second term; his campaign for a third term was mishandled from start to finish.

Engler himself talked grandly about "two terms and out" at the start of his governorship. Well, he's a year into his third term. I wonder if he worries about how the next couple of years are going to turn out. Or is his heavy involvement in the presidential campaign of Texas Gov. George W. Bush his strategy for an early exit from third term woes?

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

## Nifty gifts that cost nothing

With the holiday season fast approaching, we often overlook four of the niftiest gifts we can give ... and they're free.

**Favors:** In this day and age of busy schedules and snippets of free time, acts of service are few and far between. Everyone appreciated it when you do something nice for them.

Wives may do cartwheels when their husbands empty the dishwasher.

Husbands love having their car filled up with gasoline.

Colleagues appreciate it when you can lighten their workload. Copy something they need as you are walking down towards the copier room.

Anonymous acts of service are also great fun for the giver. Try putting a cup of coffee and a bagel on someone's desk just before they arrive.

**Compliments:** Joleen, a quiet but efficient cashier at Kmart was very moved when a customer remarked that she had a sparkling smile. She lit up instantly and continued glowing long after the customer left. I told a clerk how pleasant she was during a hectic time of the day and then went and told her supervisor, too.

Children always like compliments about things they've done that prove they are capable.

After Stephen, a 4-year-old, set the table for dinner, his mom said, "You have really gotten good at setting the table, Stephen. I like how you've folded the napkins so perfectly." Children and teens feel good inside when they hear something nice about themselves.

**Cheerful disposition:** Pull out your effervescence and positive attitude and you could really surprise someone who wasn't expecting it. Walk in with a smile on your face. It may cause them to smile back.

**Time:** Jack was a busy executive. His job left little spare time for his children and wife. When thinking about what to get his family for Christmas, he decided he would take two days off before the 25th and be home with them.

They were plainly shocked when he was the first one up, making breakfast one morning. And their astonishment increased when they saw him decorating the entire house.

Your time and presence may seem like nothing to you, but may be a special present to those who love you.

These are gifts that can change and improve relationships. They speak volumes more than material gifts because it shows others you care about them.

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## Stitchers' bears help break ice in emergencies

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

When a 3-year-old girl faced the possibility of having her finger amputated Westland firefighter Robert Arbini learned firsthand how important teddy bears are as ice breakers during emergencies involving children.

The teddy bear seemed to work wonders to calm the toddler during the 90-minute ordeal to remove her index finger that was lodged in a baby car seat.

When every attempt to release her finger failed, an emergency room doctor recommended the toddler be transported to the University of Michigan Hospital for a possible amputation.

At the last moment, however, Westland firefighters were able to free the finger, Arbini said.

"She was crying constantly," he said. "We gave her a bear and it comforted her quite a bit."

The Love Stitchers, a group of women ranging in age from "30-something" to "80-something" at Timothy Lutheran Church on Wayne Road in Livonia, want to make sure that other children are comforted by a teddy bear in their times of need.

The group donated 50 hand-sewn stuffed animals to the Westland Fire Department.

Love Stitchers chair Jean Coleman happened on the idea of making teddy bears at an American Stitches demonstration at the Novi Expo Center last

October. The company travels nationwide exhibiting fashion, sewing, quilting and needle arts.

### On the table

Everywhere the company travels, one table is set up for the non-profit "Cuddles for Kids" project that involves making teddy bears for emergency workers to give away.

A sewing machine is available during their demonstrations and anyone who happens by is welcome to stitch a teddy bear.

"It's exciting, heart wrenching and heart warming," explained Sue Lazarecki, American Stitches consultant. "We have policemen who will come by and sit down and sew a teddy bear."

Other charitable groups have adopted the Cuddle Project nationwide. Between 100 and 200 teddy bears are made during each show, Lazarecki said. The bears have been given to the Detroit Police Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Coleman, a retired home economics teacher in Livonia, liked what she saw at the Novi Expo Center and decided to bring the concept to her church sewing group. She bought the bear pattern and church members purchased the fleece, as well as the child-safe eyes and noses that are assembled with swallows, so they can't be pulled out and swallowed.

In two months, the Livonia church

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All done: Bears line the tables in Timothy Lutheran Church where Love Stitchers like Marilyn (left) and Helen Willey work on others that will be given to the Westland Fire Department.

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# Volunteer efforts help make P-C CROP Walk a success

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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The Plymouth and Canton communities have done it again. Residents participating in the eighth annual Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk Sept. 26 gave plenty of time and money to aid world hunger and support the Salvation Army.

More than 225 walkers raised \$14,753 in the walk sponsored by 12 area churches. The Plymouth Salvation Army received 25 percent of the money.

Douglas E. Koenig, a Canton resident and team leader for the event, said many individuals donated their time and energy to make the CROP Walk a success-

ful event. In particular, he noted the efforts of Bill Joyner for his involvement.

"Through the years, Bill Joyner has been a fantastic champion of the community," said Koenig. "Bill was the honorary CROP Walk chairperson, and the (Plymouth Volunteer) Center provided direct assistance in traffic control and walk preparation."

For dedicated CROP Walker Linda Besh, this year's event posed a new experience, one she will not soon forget.

"My experience was different this year because during the walk, I rode in the van that circles the walk - in case walkers get tired and can't finish - and picks up the crossing guards and

brings them back to their cars," she said. "It was a new perspective of the walk. In past years, I have either walked or helped prepare for returning walkers."

"Driving the route, I could see the very long line of walkers spread through Plymouth. I could see the High School Close-up volunteers working with great care in making sure the walkers had safe passage across the main roads."

Though the CROP Walk route was shortened this year, Besh personally liked the longer walk "because it reminded me more of how long the disadvantaged of the world have to walk for food and water."

Still the message of CROP Walk and aiding world hunger came through.

Other groups contributing to the event included the Kiwanis Club, Our Lady of Good Counsel's Lifetown group and The Salvation Army, whose volunteers provided water for walk participants on the route.

Plymouth-Canton Close-up students who guided walkers across busy intersections, and First Baptist Church, which provided the van service along the route.

Joyce Hansen, youth minister at St. Thomas ABecket Catholic Church in Canton, brought about 100 walkers to the event and sponsored an after-the-walk tailgate pizza party for all the



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**Stocking up:**  
Tammy Moyer of Plymouth (left), Lt. Jim Spencer of the Salvation Army and Keith Crockett of Canton stock the shelves at the Salvation Army office with dry goods and non-perishables.

youths who chose to participate. Of her efforts Besh said, "Their hard work and dedication to CROP Walk is truly a blessing."

"CROP Walks happen because we walk and give," added

Koenig. "Their generous time, effort and donations will help those who are powerless in the world."

And mark the calendar. Next year's Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk is scheduled for Sept. 24.

Usually children who receive the bears are 5 years old or younger, depending on the situation.

"It has a calming effect and helps us to communicate a little better," Fields said. "We usually keep a couple on each rescue."

The Westland Fire Department gives away anywhere between 500 and 600 teddy bears annually.

Fields said the teddy bears donated by Timothy Lutheran came at a good time because their stock had dwindled to nothing. The Westland Fire Department has received donations from Civitans and occasionally Target during the more than 13 years the department has given away stuffed animals.

Since its inception last summer, the stitching group has done other charitable sewing projects, like making palm pads

for people who have suffered stroke. They were donated to Lutheran Social Services which gave them to area nursing homes.

Love Stitches also made hats to be donated to an oncology department for women who have lost their hair from chemotherapy treatments.

"They're prettier than the turbans," said Coleman who runs a quilting business, Creative Quilting, from her home in Livonia. "It's very nice to know that you're doing something for someone else in need."

The Cuddles Project is likely something that will remain a pet project at Timothy Lutheran, said Coleman, adding that the group has enough fabric to make 25 more teddy bears.

"We thought we'd pick up after Christmas and make more," she said.

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women clocked close to 100 hours of time, hoping to make a difference in a child's life. Some of the women traced the patterns; some cut; some sewed; some stuffed; and others stitched the backs and applied the eyes and noses.

"We have people who sew and people who don't," said Coleman, who also taught sewing to senior citizens in continuing education programs. "We have people who say, 'I can't sew,' and I say, 'That doesn't matter, we need a variety of skills.'"

"It's an outreach effort, a way to help others and to be a service to the community. We do this because Jesus commands us to show compassion to our less fortunate neighbors."

Coleman hears firsthand stories from her daughter, a Dearborn firefighter, about how teddy bears can calm a child who is frightened or hurt.

"We use the teddy bears when we go to an incident where children are involved," said Westland Assistant Chief Bob Fields.

## LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH 1999 Winter Taxes

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 7, 1999

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter the Chairperson to open the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton proceedings of December 7, 1999. All ayes present. Absent: Yack.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at 11:50 South Canton Center Road. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly. Absent: Yack.

Supervisor Yack arrived at 8:12 P.M. Treasurer Kirchgatter returned the chair to Supervisor Yack.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the Agenda as amended to add a closed session for the purpose of property purchase. All ayes.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to adopt the resolution to approve the application to MDOT Enhancement Program for a grant for the I-275/Michigan Avenue Interchange landscaping.

All ayes.

**RESOLUTION**  
To Authorize the Submission of an Application to MDOT Enhancement Program for Installation of Landscaping and Related Work at the I-275/Michigan Avenue Interchange

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation, as an Act 51 recipient governmental unit, is eligible to submit a grant application to the Transportation Enhancement Activity Program; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton wishes to sponsor, in behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation, a Transportation Enhancement Activity Project; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton has prepared a grant application for submission by Canton and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the landscaping of the I-275/Michigan Avenue (US-12) Interchange; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation will provide the required twenty (20%) per cent local match funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton authorizes the submission of an application to the Transportation to the Transportation Enhancement Activity Program by the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Charter Township of Canton for the installation of landscaping and related work at the I-275/Michigan Avenue Interchange; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does authorize and financially commit to the maintenance of the landscaping and plantings as described in the

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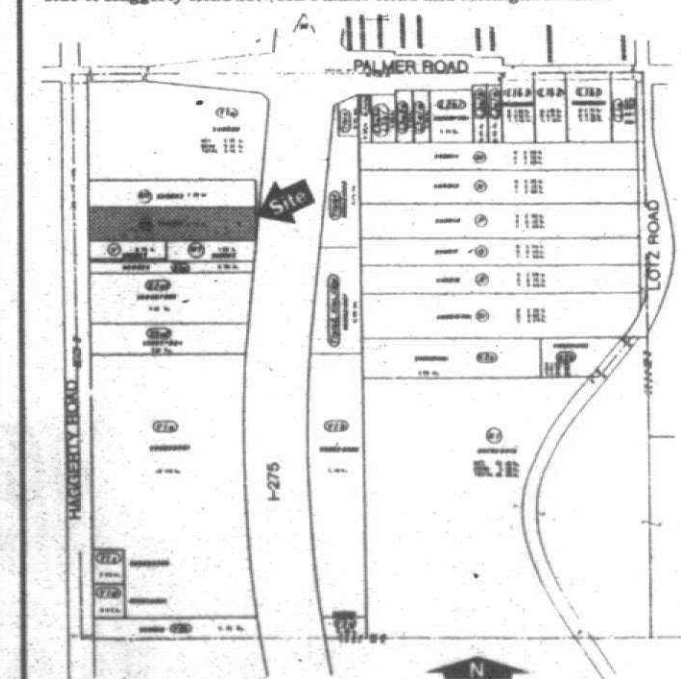
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 10, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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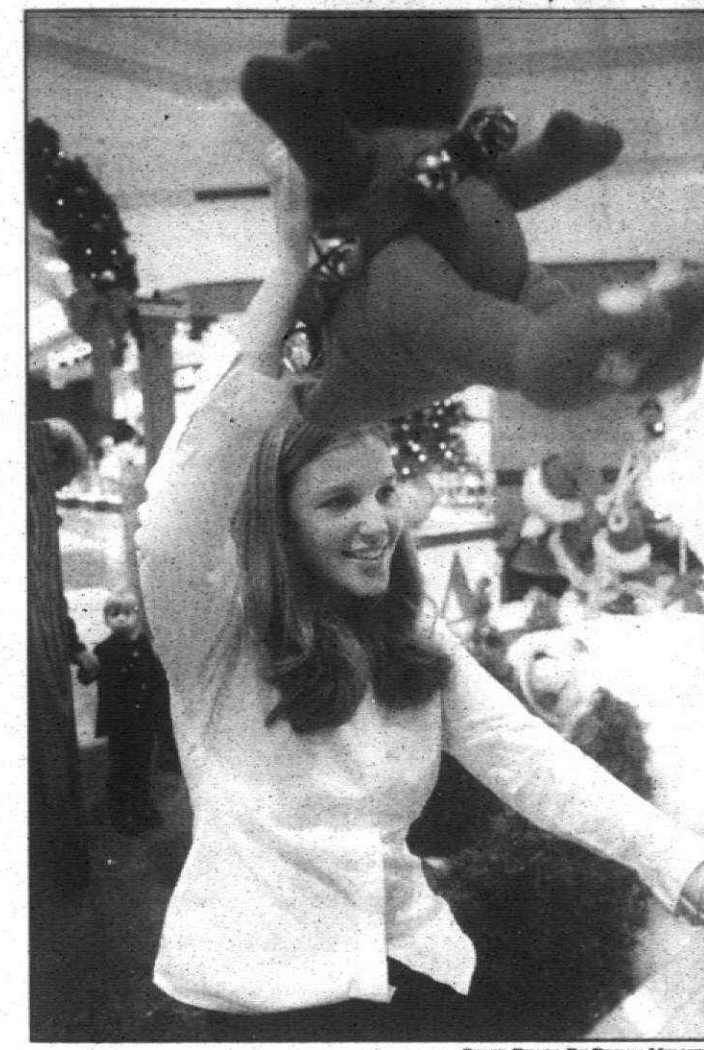


Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, January 6, 2000, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

# Santa's helpers: Shutterbugs capture spirit of season



Smile, please: Amber Spisz, 15, tries to get a baby's attention to take a picture of the child with Santa Claus at Laurel Park Place in Livonia

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The true spirit of the holidays does not come from ornaments, trees or candles. It comes from the light in the eyes of a child. And perhaps no one knows it better than those who see thousands of good little girls and boys every season.

In 1993, I spent the holidays working with Ole Saint Nick himself, as an elf. With my tiny stature - a mere 5-foot-1 1/2 inches - I felt suited to the role of Santa's Helper. And my adoration of children fit right into the equation.

Those days I spent traipsing from one mall to the next, dressing in my furry red hat and encouraging smiles in front of my camera, are all treasured times. This is a tribute to those who followed the same path and chose to see the spirit of the season for themselves.

Laurel Park Place in Livonia is decked in holiday cheer from top to bottom. Cheerful carols are piped into the mall's corridors. And as expected, the guest of honor has made daily visits since Nov. 18.

But Santa's job is made much easier with a little help from his elf friends.

Alana Collins, manager of Cherry Hill Photography, organizes Santa's helpers at the mall. Cherry Hill also services other area malls with holiday helpers, including Wonderland Mall in Livonia, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and the Fairlane Towne Center in Dearborn.

"It gets you in the holiday

## 'You gotta like kids, and you gotta be a shutterbug.'

Dana Hill  
Santa's helper

mood," said Collins. In her fourth season, it is the reaction of children coming to visit with Santa that makes her job worth doing.

"It's something different every day," she said.

## Personality a plus

Most "elves" must be 16 or older. It is often a first job for teens. Dana Hill, who usually works at the Twelve Oaks Mall display, said personality is the key to a good Santa's helper.

"You gotta like kids and you gotta be a shutterbug," she said with a gleeful voice and contagious smile. Hill didn't have any prior experience with a camera, but took to the job easily.

All elves are trained to take pictures and assist Santa's visitors. The most important part of an elf's responsibility is to "play along," said Collins.

"She was asked for Santa Claus's fax number by a mother who intended to let her son - who was present at the time - fax Santa a list of presents he hoped to receive. Collins went along with the request and gave a fax number to the woman and her son.

One aspect has changed over the years - the technology associated with taking photos. Children who sat with Santa once had to wait for a Polaroid photo. If anyone was caught with an eye closed or a funny expression,

the photograph had to be retaken.

With today's advances in digital photography, small adjustments can be made without a retake. Collins said the new system offers a "higher quality color picture."

Hill agreed and said the new method is faster - an important difference when a line of young children are eagerly awaiting their turn on Santa's lap.

Santa's helpers do use expedient tricks to keep that line moving. Linda Lawing, whose alter ego is Mrs. Claus, said the helpers try to find out which picture package a parent wants before the child has his or her turn, so a parent can focus on what that child tells Santa to bring for Christmas.

Children are free to just visit with Santa; pictures are never required. And Collins said parents may bring their own camera and take snapshots. The elves may even offer to take a photo of mom and dad with their little one on Santa's lap using a personal camera. It's truly a family tradition.

**Keeping 'em happy**  
"Santa's goal is to spend quality time with the kids," said Lawing, adding that it isn't unusual to see Santa calling a child by name, or to see a child tugging to find out if his beard is real.

If the line gets too long and

parents start to get "a little unsupportive," as Collins puts it, it's the elves' responsibility to keep them happy.

"We just smile away," she said. In some ways, photographs of Santa mark a child's growth from year to year. Before age 6, it's sometimes scary for a child to take a photo with Santa. And between age 11 and 13, many kids will refuse to talk to the bearded man in a red suit.

But women like Anne Burns and Mary Kay Canville prove you never outgrow a chat with Santa Claus. They stopped to have their photos taken with Mr. Claus when they noticed no children were in line.

"The women claimed they didn't want Santa to feel lonely."

"He's a great Santa," said Burns, a Plymouth resident who did have her picture retaken. "I liked it so much I went back twice."

Canville, a Canton resident, said the Santa's helpers were "the best." She called them "cute."

"It doesn't take too much to make us happy," added Burns before they walked off merrily with their holiday photos.

Anyone interested in working as a seasonal helper should contact the management office at the mall where he or she intends to work two to three months prior to the holiday. Mall management can assist interested applicants in contacting the company they use for special events, such as Christmas and Easter mall displays.

# Holiday toy shopping: tips for making better choices

During the holiday season, stores are flooded with new and exciting toys. But how can parents know which ones to buy?

Early childhood educators at Children's World Learning Centers agree that toys play a significant role in helping all children from infancy through school age develop important educational concepts and life skills.

Good toys should entertain and occupy. One of the main values of a good toy is to extend a child's attention.

Among the points that should be considered before buying are:

■ Will the toy appeal to the child's personal likes and dislikes? (This is a vital consideration because not all children of the same age share similar

interests.) Is the appeal based on the child's real interests or because a friend has a toy or it's been seen on TV?

■ Is the toy durable and well built? Will it survive typical child use?

■ Will the toy hold the child's interest over a period of time? Most toys are designed just to satisfy a child's initial interest.

■ Will the child be capable of enjoying the toy? Some toys are just too complicated or too simple for a specific age group.

■ Is the toy safe? The topic of safety is particularly relevant when selecting toys for children of all ages. Parents should select toys with rounded edges and no points, not to mention unbreakable and able to with-

stand use and abuse.

Rattles and toys for infants should be carefully checked for poor construction and parts that a child could swallow. Make sure that they can't be opened by mistake or through normal use.

Paints on toys also should be non-toxic and lead-free. Be sure to check the materials used in stuffed toys and make sure materials on toys, such as dolls, including clothing, are flame retardant.

Follow package guidelines for age appropriateness to prevent getting a toy that is too complex for a child's age and development.

■ Because an infant (birth to 12 months) will put everything into his or her mouth to explore his or her sense of taste and touch, it's essential to select

toys that can't be easily swallowed.

Even large toys should be carefully inspected to ensure they contain no buttons or other detachable parts that could be swallowed.

■ Active and ready to explore, toddlers (12-36 months) direct their energy toward investigating, experimenting and interacting with the world around them.

Among the toys that help them develop are dolls which provide both boys and girls with the opportunity to express their emotional needs. Blocks help build a toddler's motor skills while exercising imagination and push and pull toys exercise large motor development and coordination skills.

■ Toys that allow a preschool child

(ages 3-5) to express his or her creativity include hand puppets and the whole range of art supplies from finger paints to modeling clay, crayons and felt pens. Construction toys teach children spatial relationships, hand-eye coordination and thinking skills.

■ For school-aged children (ages 6-12), bicycles are excellent for improving motor skills, coordination and developing balance, and board games because they combine fun with learning to play games with rules.

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

## WEEKEND

### TOY COLLECTION

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

### PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS

■ The Plymouth Goodfellow Association is seeking Plymouth and Plymouth Township families in need of assistance for the upcoming holiday season. The Goodfellow Association exists to ensure that no child will miss the opportunity of receiving a present for Christmas. Within the next few weeks, the Goodfellow will begin identifying families to receive assistance. If you are in need of help, or if you know of a family in need, please send the name, address, phone number and number of children in the family to: Plymouth Goodfellow Association, P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth, MI 48170. Contributions may also be sent to the Plymouth Goodfellow at the same address.

## AROUND TOWN

### ELECTION WORKERS

■ Canton Township needs precinct inspectors to work the polls on three election days in 2000. The dates are Tuesday, Feb. 22 (presidential preference primary); Tuesday, Aug. 8 (township and state primary); and Tuesday, Nov. 7 (presidential, township and state general election). Qualified applicants must be Wayne County residents 18 or older; and registered to vote in their community. Pay ranges from \$125-\$145 for the day, with hours 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For an application, contact the clerk's office at (734) 397-5367.

### EXHIBIT

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Center features "Spirit Earth," the recent watercolors of Todd Marsee, through Jan. 26 at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and weekends by appointment. Call (734) 207-3918.

### CENSUS 2000

■ The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for people who want to earn some extra money while helping out their community. Enumerators are needed for the 2000 Census in Canton and neighboring communities. Enumerators spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-to-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 information.

### TAI CHI SOCIETY

■ The Tai Chi Society (a non-profit organization) is forming new beginner evening Tai Chi classes starting Monday, Jan. 3, 2000 in Livonia, 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Bloomfield, St. Paul Methodist Church, Kalamazoo and Port Huron. Day classes also available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit our website at www.tcs.org. For more information, call the Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

### DAR MEETING

■ The American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochran Plymouth-Northville Chapter DAR will hold their Christmas Tea at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at 8848 Quail Circle, Plymouth. All Dar members and prospective members are welcome. Program is "Highlights of Our Ancestors." Guest speaker will be Patricia Dickerson. For more information, call (734) 455-5525.

### BNJ MEETING

■ The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

■ Living Word Worship Center of Canton will present "The Call to the Manger" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 at Real Life Farm on Geddes Road, just west of Beck (west of Canton Center Road). The program is free of charge. The public is invited to participate in this unique celebration. Because of the setting of this unique Christmas Eve service, bathroom facilities will be very limited. Casual attire is requested. For more information, call (734) 737-9566.

### MOPS MEETING

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

### GUY LOUIS

■ Guy Louis and his Chautauque Express Musical Program will be performing live at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Plymouth Penn Theater. Tickets are \$6 per person. This is a show for "young people of all ages" so bring the whole family to celebrate the new millennium with Guy! For more information, call Cook Development at (734) 453-3220 or the Penn Theater at (734) 453-6530.

## CAMPUS NOTES

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

### INDUCTED

Christina Mokienco of Canton has been inducted into the Laker Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary at Grand Valley State University. She is one of 175 affiliated chapters throughout the United States. A 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, Mokienco is a senior majoring in health science with an exercise science emphasis.

She is the daughter of Alexandra Mokienco of Canton and Alex Mokienco of Kansas City, Mo.

### CONCERT CHOIR

Nicole M. Eiden, a first year student at Albion College, has been selected as a member of the Albion College Concert Choir for the 1999-2000 school year. The singers in the concert choir are selected each fall by audition. The choir performs at a variety of concerts and functions each year. This year's 57-member choir will be under the direction of Dr. Douglas Rose. Eiden is the daughter of Thomas G. and Kathleen A. Eiden of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

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### CHEERLEADING TEAM

Albion College student Brooke L. Kilby has been selected as a member of the college's award-winning cheerleading team for 1999. The team participates in Universal Cheerleader Association College Spirit Camp and competitions. They have also completed an intensive season-preparation camp on the Albion College campus. Kilby is a junior majoring in English and secondary education. She is the daughter of Gregory G. and Molly Kilby of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

School.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Xinning Li of Buies Creek, N.C., has been selected to receive the Cytec Industries Scholarship from Campbell University. Li is a senior biology pre-med student with a minor in chemistry. He is a member of the President's List, Epsilon Pi Eta, and the Pre-Med Allied Honor Society. He is the captain of the men's tennis team and was named to the TAAC All-Academic team. He represented Campbell at the 1999 NCAA Leadership Conference and also received the Athletic 4.0 GPA Award. He is the son of Jian Li and Lin Lin Liu of Canton.

## Getting ready for Christmas



Tree time: Brownies from Troop 936 and Girl Scouts from Troop 433 at Tonda Elementary School pose in front of their Christmas Tree after finishing the decorations recently in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. The girls involved in the decorating of the tree on the Walk of Lights are: Sarah Lizzio, Megan LaPorte, Lina Frantz, Victoria Smith, Krista Waggoner, Lauren Hunter, Ashley Bokor and Nora Howlett, Dana Anderson, Erica Bietz, Christina Burns, Emily Geister-Danville, Kristin Hartwig, Katie Kubacki, Kimberly Lebiada, Amy Lesinski, Jessica Lowes, Arielle Pietron, Amanda Tourle and Missy Tourle.

### 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 month. Baby-sitting is provided. 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 (810) 406-8489.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

■ The Entertainment 2000 Book is available from the Plymouth Community Chorus to support the organization's educational and charitable activities. The book contains coupons offering 50-percent discounts at restaurants, hotels, cleaners, etc. The book covers all of southeastern Michigan. The price is \$40. The books are delivered to you. Call (734) 490-6829.

■ The Plymouth Symphony League is offering the 1999 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent

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

■ Entertainment Y2K books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. All proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40, home delivered. Call Ken Fisher at (734) 728-7619, or Bill Von Glahn, (734) 453-8253.

■ Entertainment 2000 savings books are available through the Divine Savior Senior Jet Setters. Save money at restaurants, movie theaters, video rentals, car care, and more. This year's book is \$40. For more information or to order, call Mike at (734)

464-1263 or Dolores at (734) 464-0369.

### ART CENTER

■ The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering new creative courses for its winter session, which begins Jan. 19. The new courses to be offered include Abstract Painting, Portfolio Preparation and Beginning Blacksmithing. Registration runs from now until Jan. 10. Hurry and register soon; due to individualized instruction, class space is limited. To register or for more information on winter classes offered at the Ann Arbor Art Center, call (734) 994-8004, ext. 101, or drop by the Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

### DINNER/AUCTION

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council invites you to "Escape To The Caribbean." The annual fund-raiser dinner/auction will be held at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2000. Auction items will include trips, dining, clothing, furniture, and of course all kinds of art. Dance to the "Couriers," back by popular demand. Entrees to select from

include beef tenderloin, stuffed chicken, or orange roughly. Tickets are \$55 per person (\$20 is tax deductible). Advance sale tickets are only \$50 each if purchased before the end of the year. Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

### ME & MY SHADOW

■ New Morning School has openings for its winter 2000 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introductory class for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and their parents. Parent and child participate in music, play activities, art and readiness projects, snack and story time. Two Saturday morning sessions begin on Jan. 15 and one Monday evening session begins on Jan. 17, 2000. New Morning is certified by Michigan Department of Education. For more information contact the school at (734) 420-3331. New Morning is located at 14501 Hagerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

### DISCUSSION GROUP

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

### KIWANIS CLUB

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

### NURSERY OPENINGS

■ Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has a few openings left in its 3- and 4-year-old classes. PCN has been established for over 30 years and is committed to providing a nurturing environment for children with supportive parent participation. Call (734) 455-6250.

■ First Baptist Church of Plymouth-Canton Kinder-musik still has openings for its winter session enrollment. Call (734) 354-9109.

### VILLAGE MUSIC

■ Village Music is registering new students for Kinder-musik classes beginning the week of Jan. 24. Kinder-musik is music education and joyful learning for the whole family, not just for young children. Call now for classes for newborns to 7 years old. For more information, call Norma Atwood at (734)

354-9825. Early registration is encouraged.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### STARTING OVER

■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

### ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs that are open to the public. If you would like more information or to sign up, call (734) 662-5999.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services has a drop-in grief-support group that meets 6:30-8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the 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 Faver, (734) 464-7810.

## 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 children during recess, participate in the Learning Centers and assist during meal times. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call 416-6196.

### ANGEL CARE, A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

■ 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 Piotek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

### HOSPICES OF HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

■ Hospices of Henry Ford Health System needs volunteers in Canton and Plymouth. Volunteers can help by visiting patients, either at their home or a nursing home, to offer emotional support, companionship and comfort. Call (313) 582-2382.

### WILLIAM BEAUMONT HOSPITAL HOSPICE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

■ William Beaumont Hospital Hospice is looking for volunteers to support the care of people with terminal illnesses and their families. Call (248) 853-8931.

### HEAD START NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

■ Head Start needs volunteers to help in the classroom with large-group activities, to assist during meal times and participate in the learning centers with subjects such as art, computer and library. If you have a morning or afternoon free Monday through Thursday, call (734) 416-6196.

## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### Park-Zielinski

Sandra Park of Livonia and Kevin Park of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Alice, to Matthew Zielinski, the son of Roy and Donna Zielinski of Simpsonville, S.C., formerly of Port Huron.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and attends Schoolcraft College.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Dependent Environmental.

An August wedding is planned.

### Kavanaugh-LaGrow

Heather LaGrow and Jim Kavanaugh were married Nov. 26 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton by the Rev. George Charnley.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Judy LaGrow of Canton. The groom is the son of Jim and Sharon Kavanaugh of Northville.

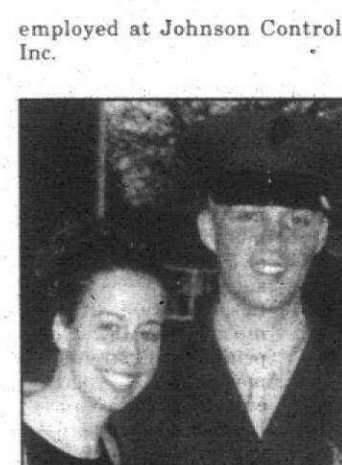
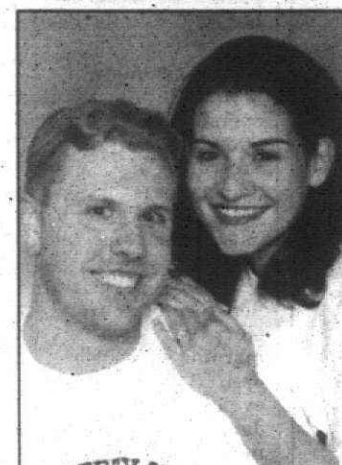
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in social work and Wayne State University with a master's degree in social work. She is employed at Troy High School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is

## 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 Catherine Wolfe, also of Westland.

No wedding date has been set.



## Quesada-Collins

Kristen Anne Collins and Robert Jose Quesada Jr. were married Oct. 16 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia by the Rev. Dennis Theroux.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Lee Collins of Westland. The groom is the son of Roberto and Rose Quesada of Wayne.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1997 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and communications. She is currently employed by Magellan Inc. in Farmington Hills and Encore Dance Academy in Westland.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed by Ford Motor Co. in Wayne.

The bride asked Brandi Buie to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Jenny Glidden, Denise Radabaugh, Cyndi Goscicki, Renee Quesada, Danielle Macy, Jennifer Rickard and Darla Kitts. Allison Glidden was the flower girl.

The groom asked Jason Quesada to serve as best man with groomsmen Tim Collins, John Quesada, Greg Goscicki, Robin Honeycutt, Jason Porier, Tony Madden and Mike Liwag. Derek Brothers was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception St. Clement Hall in Dearborn. Following a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, they are making their home in Westland.

## Schettler-Starkey

Richard and Kathleen Schettler of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Lynn, to Thomas Jordan Starkey, the son of Thomas and Judith Starkey of Stanford, Conn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree. She is a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University with a bachelor's degree in aeronautical science. He is a pilot for Northwest Airlines.

A September wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Ypsilanti.



## Brennan

James R. and Dolores Brennan of Westland recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during a family Mass at St. Bernadine of Siena Catholic Church in Westland and a dinner-dance at the Livonia Elk's Lodge.

The couple exchanged vows Nov. 26, 1949, in Detroit. She is the former Dolores Trullard.

They have six children - Patrick, Michael, Susan, Kathleen, Dennis and Maureen - and 14 grandchildren.

He is a retired Detroit police officer, and she is retired from Michigan Bell.

## Sirkle

Bob and Pat Sirkle of Plymouth, formerly of Redford Township, celebrated their 50th anniversary on Nov. 5 at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

They were joined by 100 friends, family and MichCon co-workers. The party was hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Sue Sirkle of Livonia, and daughter and son-in-law Chuck and Karen Wheeler of Traverse City.

They also have four grandchildren.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 5, 1949, at St. Cecilia's Church in Detroit. She is the former Patricia Newman.

## Horst

Charles and Julia Horst of Westland recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in a surprise party with friends and family with a dinner at the Outback Steakhouse.

The couple exchanged vows Nov. 15, 1949, in Pennsylvania. She is the former Julia Baer.

They have five children - Helen Anderson and husband Bruce of Marquette, Betty Bryl

and husband Dan of Lawrenceville, Ga., Shirley Dacus of Orlando, Fla., Linda Perondek and husband Tim of Garden City and Carol Ruth and husband Richard.

They also have 11 grandchildren - Matthew, Lindsay and Joshua Anderson, Jessica and Sarah Bryl, Caleb and Anna Dacus and Alvin, Michael and Douglas Perondek.

He has been retired for 16 years, and she is a homemaker.

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## Church gives away offering and gets even more in return

According to the word of Jesus, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." While most churches focus on receiving an offering each week, such was not the case at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth earlier this year.

Dr. William C. Moore, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian, was speaking on the "parable of the talents" and to emphasize its point asked the ushers to come forward for the offering.

The parable is about a businessman who in going abroad, hands over capital sums of money to three men in his employment so they can trade for profit in his absence. The amount of money given to each

man varied according to his proven business ability.

When the businessman returned, he took an accounting. The two who had increased the initial investment were commended. The third, who had hidden his investment so that it remained unused and untouched, was criticized.

The point of the parable was that people use their God-given capabilities and resources to benefit His Kingdom.

Instead of asking the congregation to give an offering, Moore asked each one to take an envelope form the plate as they were passed around. Each envelope contained \$5, a resource to be

invested in God's kingdom in whatever way the individual wanted.

Each person was asked to make an accounting of how the money was used four months later.

The church gave out envelopes containing \$720 and received \$1,400 back, but the results far exceeded the monetary return.

"We combined our money to send a child to 'Joy for Jesus' camp. The newspaper matched our donation, so two children could attend," said one church member.

Another donated \$5 to his godchild to help pay for her trip to South Dakota where she worked

### RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

**AWARD WINNER**  
Marvin Moser of Livonia will receive the Christus Primus Award during the winter commencement ceremony at Concordia College in Ann Arbor. The service award is presented to clergy, educators or laypeople of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, based on distinguished service to the church and community.

Moser is being honored for his tireless and dedicated labor in the church and furthering the church's mission of higher education. He served as a member of the college's Board of Regents from 1993 to 1996, was honored as Lutheran Layman of the Year and Historic Trinity Lutheran Layman.

He also has served three Lutheran churches, including Christ Our Savior Lutheran in Livonia where he is a founding member.

**LIVING TREE**  
Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will have its 18th annual presentation of the living Christmas tree and live Nativity Friday-Sunday, Dec. 17-19, at the church, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The presentation is being done as a present to the community and features a 25-foot high tree, decorated with thousands of lights and filled with 60-plus singers. Performances will take place at 7 and 8 p.m. each night. The live Nativity will presented 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night.

■ The teens of Fair Haven Baptist Church in Westland will present at live Nativity at 7 and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 17-18, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. The presentation is free of charge.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**  
Organist Tony O'Brien is giving a Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. There's a suggested donation of \$7.50 at the door. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

■ The Adult Choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present 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. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The Jesus Jammers (children in grades one through six) will perform "A Star Is Born" at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Set in Memorial's musical studio, the Jammers plan to convince the main "star," Sophia, that the one and only "star" is Jesus. For more information, call (734) 464-8216.

■ The Riverside Park Church of God Sanctuary Choir will present its Christmas musical, "Joy in This Place," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, 11771 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The musical will feature familiar carols and a biblically based narration of the Christmas story. Pastor Ralph Anderson has extended an invitation to the community to attend. A time of food and fellowship will follow the performance.

■ The Sunday School and weekday school children of Faith Lutheran Church are explaining the symbolism of Christmas in their Advent pageant, "Christmas Is Coming," at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The program includes music, bell ringing, singing and more. For more information, call (734) 421-7249.

■ The children and youth of

at a garage sale for \$5 and after painting it, sold it for \$75. This was reinvested in antiques and the profit came to \$250.

■ "We hosted and ice cream social and our \$10 blessing became \$70."

One person wrote of a different experience.

"Pastor Moore, I am returning the \$5," the member wrote. "With sad regret, I must report that I did not apply this gift in a manner that would please God. No excuses, I just simply forgot. However, I believe I have learned a valuable lesson. No gift is too small for God to use in His work."

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In our December 16 insert, we advertised the CD *Still I Rise* by 2Pac + Outlawz as available. Due to manufacturing delays, this title is not currently available. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this title.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Regional champions

The Plymouth Salem co-ed varsity and junior varsity cheer teams finished first in their respective divisions at the Universal Cheerleading Association's regional competition Dec. 5.

The first-place finish qualified both teams for the National High School Cheerleading Championship Feb. 5-6 in Orlando, Fla. Representing Salem in the partner-stunt division will be the team of Harmony Howard and Chris Elliot and the team of Theresa Olson and Pat Johnson.

This marks the eighth-straight season coach JoDee Dillon's cheer team has competed for the national title. Last year Salem was 12th in the nation and third in the partner-stunt division, led by Lindsay Hawraney (now at Eastern Michigan) and Dave Clemons (now at Central Michigan).

Other members of the varsity cheer team are Jim Brzuch, Heather Burbo, Gina Dailide, Lauren Devine, Rachele Frusti, Stephanie Gagleard, Trish Gardner, Stephanie Hall, Rachel Hardy, Chelsea Jeffery, Chris Jones, Ashleigh Klimek, Jolene Kohl, Dave Lake, Nicole Marrone, Megan Perrin, Krista Peterson, Brittin Pollack, Staci Schmedding, Chris Sherfey, Justin Sondergaard, Christina Teran and Amy Tremonti. Assisting Dillon in coaching are Kerri Gillespie and Paul Dillon.

Junior varsity team members are Kali Applegate, Jenny Brodie, Alesha Cieslak, Brittany Czapl, Melissa Deleo, Megan Fichtner, Molly Hedges, Courtney James, Katie Jones, Kelli LIs, Alexis Mily, Christin Nycek, Raven Ramsay, Kristen Schmiedel, Shaina Secord, Jacqui Storey, Brandy Wanniger, Amber Willinger, Kristi Yates and Lindsay Young. The team is coached by Angie Cudini.



Looking for room: Salem guard Ryan Cook (10) tries to find some space to penetrate against Belleville's Will Lilly. The Rocks didn't have much success offensively against the Tigers, especially in the first half.

## Poor grade

### Salem gets a lesson from Belleville in 25-point loss

By ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Belleville gave Plymouth Salem a painful 32-minute math lesson Tuesday night: Add aggressive defense, relentless rebounding and timely shooting together, then multiply by four quarters, and what do you get?

A 64-39 Tiger basketball victory on the Rocks' home court.

"That was just a good, old-fashioned whuppin'," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They were the better team in every aspect of the game — defense, rebounding and shooting."

"I told the kids after the game that it wasn't anything fancy that Belleville does. They play aggressive, hard, man-to-man defense and they rebound. They're not real big, but they play a lot bigger than their size."

The loss dropped the Rocks to 0-2 heading into tonight's game at Ann Arbor Huron. Belleville improved its record to 3-0.

"I thought we played good half-court defense tonight," said Belleville coach Rod Fisher, assessing his team's effort. "If we keep playing good defense and rebounding well, I think we can compete with any team in this area."

"Time will tell how we end up, but I think we'll be competitive if we keep playing like we did tonight."

Any chance Salem had of engineering an upset evaporated in the first quarter due to a combination of intense defen-

sive pressure from Belleville and several relatively easy scoring opportunities that rolled around the rim and out.

"We counted seven chances in the first quarter alone where we missed shots we should have made," Brodie said. "We just couldn't get the ball to drop. Then (Belleville) started making their shots and the game got out of hand."

The Rocks, who converted just 1-of-14 first-quarter field goals, trailed 15-5 after the first stanza.

Belleville couldn't have scripted the ending of the first half any better than it unfolded. Leading 31-13, the Tigers grabbed a defensive rebound with 1:30 left and milked the clock down to six seconds, when sophomore forward Kris Miller drained a three-point shot from the top of the key.

Flustered by the Tigers' full-court pressure, the Rocks then turned the ball over on the inbounds pass. Belleville missed a shot at the half-time buzzer, but still took a commanding 34-13 lead into the lockerroom.

Led by senior guard Andy Kocoloski and senior forward Matt McCaffrey, the Rocks looked resurgent in the second half, getting outscored only 30-26.

During one stretch in the fourth quarter, Salem outscored the Tigers 11-2 with most of the Belleville starters still on the court.

"I'm stressing to the kids that we have to put four quar-

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## GYMNASTICS PREVIEW

### Rocks already down 1

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The first competition of the season isn't until tonight, but already Plymouth Salem's gymnastics team has suffered a serious setback.

Melissa Drake, a sophomore and one of the Rocks two best performers, suffered serious ligament damage in her foot during practice last week and had to undergo surgery to repair it; she's lost for the season.

Drake's loss tarnishes what had appeared to be a bright, young Salem team. "It's going to be a tough year," said Rocks' coach Melissa Hopson, now in her third season as head varsity coach. "But we're going to stay positive."

"This is a young team. They're still in the process of learning things."

Drake's loss is big, but the Rocks have lots of other talent. Like April Aquinto, a sophomore who qualified for state meet last season.

"She's one of the ones we're looking at to lead the team," said Hopson. "She's learned some new skills, but it's going to take practice and time to



April Aquinto  
top Salem gymnast

get her going. She's working hard, getting ready."

A promising newcomer is Bethany Bartlett, a freshman whose strongest event is the uneven parallel bars, something Hopson said "we definitely needed help in."

Bartlett is one of 14 new girls on the team, joining a returning contingent of 10. The only notable loss to graduation was Janine Schmedding.

There are a half-dozen other all-arounders who figure to contribute heavily: junior Ashley Heard, sophomores Kara Dendinos, Emily Nicolau, Stefanie Olli and Kelsey Ensor; and freshman Danielle Teper.

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### Canton could move up



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Promising talent: Maggie Bett showed considerable potential last year as a freshman.

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A year ago, Plymouth Canton coach John Cunningham spoke optimistically about the start of the prep gymnastics season, pegging much of his optimism on Amy Driscoll's development.

Things didn't quite work out that way. Driscoll broke her hand early in the season and was lost for the rest of the year; Cunningham had depth, but it was unproven.

The result was a mediocre season, a ninth-place finish at the state regional and a fifth (out of seven teams) at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals.

"Amy Driscoll's injury took us out of contention," Cunningham admitted.

But that was then. And now's the time to search for something positive in the ashes of the negative. It's there, too. A lot of gymnasts got some experience last season; almost all of them return for the Chiefs, who could be quite a bit more formidable.

One reason is the return of Driscoll. "She has the potential to be a state champ, definitely," said Cunningham. Of course, first she has to make it all the way through a season.

Driscoll suffered an ankle sprain in her freshman year just prior to the state regionals, forcing her out of the meet. Then came last season's calamity.

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## COLLEGE SPORTS NOTES

## All-American

Brandy Malowski, a junior middle hitter for Madonna University's volleyball team, has been named to the NAIA All-America second team.

Malowski, a Redford Thurston HS graduate, was the Wolverine

Hoosier Athletic Conference and region player of the year. She led Madonna in kills with 603, digs with 566, solo blocks with 158 and block assists with 417.

Stephanie Ubalde, a senior middle hitter for Madonna from Highland (Lakeland HS), was honorable mention All-Ameri-

can. She had 570 kills, 118 solo blocks and 274 block assists, and she averaged 2.5 blocks per game.

Nicole Burns, a senior outside hitter for the Lady Crusaders from Fort Wayne, Ind., was an NAIA All-America scholar-athlete. Burns has a 3.75 grade-point average in psychology; she also totaled 172 kills, 502 digs, 68 solo blocks and 235 block assists on the court.

## Bray leads Dutch

Mark Bray, a senior co-captain on Hope College's basketball team and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, spurred the Dutchmen to an 87-78 victory over Aquinas Dec. 4.

Bray scored a career-high 25

points in 24 minutes of action, making 7-of-9 shots from the floor — including 4-of-5 from three-point range.

Just a week earlier, the Saints had beaten Hope 90-82 in Grand Rapids.

For the season, Bray is averaging 8.8 points, three rebounds and two assists per game; he has converted 16-of-32 from the field (50 percent), 5-of-10 from three-point range (50 percent), and has made 16-of-20 free throws (80 percent).

The Dutch were 3-3 going into last weekend's Hope Tournament.

## Top Timberwolves

At Northwood University, both

the men's and women's basketball teams are relying upon a pair of former Plymouth Canton graduates.

The women's team will go into Saturday's home game against Siena Heights without sophomore point guard Melissa Marzolf, who suffered a sprained ankle and has been sidelined.

Marzolf is averaging just under eight assists and 3.5 turnovers a game; without her, the team committed 35 turnovers in an overtime loss to Wayne State.

Ron Hunter, also a sophomore from Canton HS, has joined the basketball team right off the 9-1 football team's season ended.

A second-team all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection as a wide receiver in football, Hunter is averaging 10.5 points per game and is shooting 53 percent from the floor.

and three-meter diving boards for the Dutch, and has an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying score on the one-meter.

Her six-dive score on the one-meter board is 252.55. On the three-meter, Jackson has a score of 249.00 for six dives.

## Four-time winners

Among the large contingent of letter-winning athletes from the fall season at Hope College are 18 who have collected four-straight letters in their respective sports.

One of those is Greg Kilby, a senior defender on Hope's men's soccer team from Plymouth and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate.

Another four-time letter-winner is Natalie Rejc, a senior defender on Hope's women's soccer team from Farmington (North Farmington HS).

Sarah Escott, a junior from Farmington (North Farmington) and a member of the Hope cross country team, and Bryan Regner, a sophomore from Livonia Franklin and a member of Hope's football squad, both earned their first-ever letters.

## Conference champs

Oakland University's men's and women's swim teams were both easy winners in the Mid-Continent Conference swim championships Dec. 2-4.

The OU men scored 973.50 points, 170 more than second-place Western Illinois. The OU women scored 1,068 to 592 for second-place Western Illinois.

Among the scorers for the OU men was Nick Sonowski, a Plymouth Salem graduate who was second in the 200-yard freestyle (1:41.93).

For the Lady Pioneers, Kellyann Williams, another Salem HS grad, was first in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.48) and second in the 50 free (24.96).

## Taking a dive

Kari Jackson, a senior at Hope College and a Plymouth Canton graduate, hasn't wasted any time. Jackson has recorded the highest scores on the one-meter

## Twietmeyer shines

Janell Twietmeyer is just in her freshman year at Alma College, but she's already carving out a spot for herself in the starting lineup on the women's basketball team.

In the six games played this season, Twietmeyer has started four. She is averaging 5.5 points and 5.2 rebounds a game, the latter the third-best total on the team. Twietmeyer is also converting 47.6 percent of her floor shots (10-of-21) and 85.7 percent of her free throws (12-of-14).

Going into last weekend, the Scots were 2-4 on the season.

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## SQUIRREL

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## MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be

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Several of them have come quite a ways from their first season a year ago, when the Rocks placed fifth in the state regional and sixth (out of seven teams) in the Western Lakes Activities Association finals.

Nicolau is a good example. "She started out doing just floor for us last year," recalled Hopson. "Now she's doing bars and beam, too."

Oil and Enns have a similar expansion of their repertoire to boast of, while Teper brings experience in floor exercise, vault and balance beam from her club team to the mix.

"They're all young," said Hopson. "It's going to be an exciting year."

"I can't say where we'll be right now as a team. In our first meet, I'm not going to see where we can place but what we need to fix, to see where we are."

Defining success to a team devoid of senior leadership and lacking experience at the high school level isn't easy, but Hop-

son has some thoughts. "For this team to be a success, they have to make it to regionals as a team and have three girls qualify for the state meet," she said. "As I said, it's a young team. To get to regionals would be exciting for them."

"I'd like to see April go back to

## OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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"She's worked very hard this summer," said Cunningham. But then, most of the 42 girls on his team can make a similar boast.

"We don't have any superstars," the Canton coach added. "But we'll have a good team, because we have such depth."

Gone from the 1998-99 team is Michelle Farnsworth, who was a state-meet qualifier. She is the only notable loss for the Chiefs.

Returning, with Driscoll, is Liz Fitzgerald, a senior who was Canton's other state-meet qualifier; Jessica Krueger, a junior who right now is a "decent all-around performer, but potentially she's one of my real good gymnasts"; Kristen Shilk, a junior who "is a lot stronger, a lot better" thanks to an abundance of work last summer; Maggie Bett, a sophomore who "has the potential to be excellent on everything"; and Jill Rakovits, another sophomore who "worked very hard during the summer."

That lineup alone, Cunningham felt, may be good enough to move the Chiefs up the WLA ladder — as formidable a climb as it is.

But there's more. Jackie Bennington, a freshman, has "got sub experience" which should aid her competitively at this level, and Lauren Christiansen, a junior, has shown lots of promise.

"The girls returning are all all-around performers," said Cunningham. "I don't have a really weak event."

Despite his team's potential,

the Canton coach wasn't expecting too much too soon. The Chiefs open up at 7 p.m. tonight at home, against Plymouth Salem, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron.

"In a practice meet we had last week, we scored in the 130s," Cunningham said. "Our goal is to score in the 130s to start with and move up to the 140s."

"I've always had a late (in the season) scoring team. I think we can peak (at the end) and finish in the top five."

High goals indeed, considering the competition. The past two state champions have come from the WLA: Hartland last year (with Brighton, another WLA power, second) and Northville-Novis the year before.

Brighton figures to be on top, at least to start the season, with Hartland second and Northville-Novis third. After that come three other solid teams in Farmington United, Canton and Salem.

Those are the same teams to fear in the state, too, together with East Kentwood, Rochester, Rochester Adams, and let's not forget longtime state powers Holland and Muskegon Mona Shores.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Cunningham. "I feel real good about this team. At all levels, they're working hard."

"I think we'll do all right. We've got a lot of tricks that aren't quite ready yet."

For now, the question for the Chiefs is how soon and how good.

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ters together. We can't just play well in spurts," Brodie emphasized.

McCaffrey led the Rocks in scoring (17 points) and rebounding (eight). The always-hustling Kocloski didn't score, but he paced his team in steals (four), assists (four) and floor burns.

Senior forward Kevin Harrison was the Tigers' leading scorer, netting 14. Sophomore Antoine Jordan also played well offensively, scoring 13 points.

Tiger guards Will Lilly and Jerrell Burrus were responsible for a large chunk of the Rocks' 17 turnovers. Lilly also tallied nine points and pulled down seven rebounds.

Belleville out rebounded Salem 32-27, led by Harrison's eight boards.

Salem shot just 28 percent (14-of-50) from the floor, but shined at the free-throw line, sinking nine-of-11 shots.

Belleville made 39 percent of its field goals (27-of-69) and five-of-six free throws.

CC 90, W.L. Central 54: Redford Catholic Central easily disposed of one school by a lake on Saturday at the Walt Keener Invitational at Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

Now it's time to face another, and this one will be a far greater challenge, perhaps the toughest in the state.

The Shamrocks will play at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, ranked No. 1 in the state by one of the Detroit daily newspapers, at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Their season-opening victory over Walled Lake Central was a mere warm-up as the Shamrocks jumped to a 47-28 halftime lead and finished with four scorers in double figures.

Junior guard Ryan Celeskey led the way with 18 points.

Senior forward Matt Loidas added 13 points while junior guard Anthony Coratti and senior guard Rod Hunt contributed 10 apiece.

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# Observer's best tops in state

State runner-up Farmington Hills Mercy again dominates the All-Observer girls swimming and diving team along with another area power, Livonia Stevenson, which finished eighth in the state.

Mercy has all three first-team relays, Stevenson's second-place team. Those two schools also filled 12 of the 19 individual positions.

The 1999 All-Observer team serves as a farewell to several seniors who were four-year stand-outs — Mercy's Elizabeth Posvar, Kelly Carlin and Erin Downs, Stevenson's Katy Ballantine and Farmington Harrison's Lindsay Fotters.

All four are repeat, first-team selections along with Mercy's Amy McCullough and North Farmington's Lindsay McErlan.

Mercy's Elizabeth MacDonald and Kristin Lorida, Stevenson's Katie Clark and Livonia Ladywood's Christina Mocer were second-team swimmers a year ago.

Jim Downs, who guided Mercy to a second-place finish in the Class A state finals, was named Coach of the Year for the second year in a row.

The Marlins also won their third consecutive Oakland County championship and yet another Catholic League title.

**ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM**  
200 medley relay, Mercy (Amy McCullough, Elizabeth Garlow, Erin Downs, Elizabeth Posvar): The Marlins won the state championship with a record time of 1:46.95, breaking the record of 1:47.23 by the 1992 Birmingham Seaholm team.

With Kelly Carlin on the team in place of Garlow, Mercy won the Oakland County and Catholic League titles, too. The Marlins set a league record of 1:52.41.

Kelly Carlin, 200 freestyle, Mercy: Carlin finished seventh in the state in the 200 free while swimming her best time (1:55.08). She also was fifth in the state in the 100 free (53.22).

Carlin is the Oakland County champion in the 100 free and was third in the backstroke. She is the Catholic League champion in the 50 free and helped the Marlins set a league record in winning the 400 free relay.

"Kelly was a senior co-captain who had a great work ethic for four years," coach Jim Downs said. "She earned eight all-state honors, and she's a six-time All-America with one more pending."

Lindsay Fotters, 200 IM, Harrison: Fotters was all-state three times in the IM and four times in the backstroke. In this year's state meet, she placed fourth in the IM and had the area's best time (2:08.28). She was fifth in the backstroke, accounting for Harrison's 15th-place team finish.

Fotters, who will swim at Michigan State University, is the Oakland County champion in the backstroke. She was WIAA champion twice in the IM and three times in the backstroke. Fotters holds three individual school records and had a part in all three school-record relay teams.

"Lindsay is focused and shows good leadership qualities in all aspects of her life," coach Ross Bandy said. "She's an outstanding student and a genuine quality person."

Amy McCullough, 50 freestyle, Mercy: McCullough was second in the state in the 50 free (24.01) and third in the 500 free (4:57.51).

She set a Catholic League record in winning the 200 free and also was first in the 500 free. McCullough won both events in the MISCA and Oakland County meets, too. She has been all-state in four events.

"As a junior, Amy qualified in all open events except the breaststroke and established herself beyond distance freestyle," Downs said. "She has added sprint freestyle, backstroke and IM as formidable events."

Katy Ballantine, diving, Stevenson: The senior proved to be one of the premier divers in the state after taking eighth in the Class A finals with a 12-dive total of 349.60.

She also had an area dual-meet best of 257.40 for six dives. Ballantine was runner-up at the WIAA meet and took fourth at the regionals. Ballantine was named most valuable diver at Stevenson.

Erin Downs, butterfly, Mercy: Downs finished fourth in the butterfly at the state meet, and her time of 58.46 is up for All-America consideration.

She was first in the Catholic League and second in Oakland County in the butterfly. At the MISCA meet, she was fourth in the fly and 12th in the IM.

Downs also was a key member of Mercy's outstanding medley relay team, handling the butterfly position for the last three years.

"Erin finished with the best fly relay split of anyone at the state meet and her personal best to help lead us to a state record and automatic All-America rating," Downs said. "She finishes her career with five all-state and five All-America honors."

Elizabeth Posvar, 100 freestyle, Mercy: Posvar qualified in every open event for the state meet, placing second in the 100 free with an area-best time (52.80) and fifth in the 50 free (24.32).

Posvar was the Catholic League champion in the backstroke and helped the Marlins set two relay records. She was second in the IM and third in the butterfly at the Oakland County meet.

In the MISCA meet, Posvar was second in the 100 free and third in the 50 free.

"The following creden-

tials do not come by wishing — multi-event state qualifier over four years, 14 league championships, four pool records and five varsity records at Mercy, 12 all-state honors and eight All-America swims with two more pending," Downs said.

They come from commitment to the sport. Elizabeth was our most valuable swimmer, our go-to person."

**Elizabeth MacDonald, 500 freestyle, Mercy:** MacDonald finished fourth in the state (5:05.56) in the 500 free and was eighth in the 200 free (1:55.55). She also qualified in the 100 free.

In the Catholic League, MacDonald was second in the 200 free and third in the butterfly. In the Oakland County meet, she was second in the 500 free and third in the 200 free.

"Elizabeth seeks out a pain threshold and pushes beyond it," Downs said. "She has a keen focus for training and race competition. She had three outstanding performances at state by an outstanding student-athlete."

**200 freestyle relay, Mercy (Joni Blacklock, Kristin Lorida, Elizabeth MacDonald, Kelly Carlin):** The Marlins had the best finish by an area team at the state meet, taking sixth place (1:39.47).

With senior Elizabeth Posvar on the team in place of Lorida, Mercy also won the Oakland County championship (1:40.79). The Marlins were second in the Catholic League.

**Lindsay McErlan, backstroke, North Farmington:** McErlan placed fifth in the backstroke (59.55) and the IM (2:09.78) at the state meet, earning all-state and All-America consideration in both.

Her best time in the IM was 2:08.91. Her backstroke time was the best in the area. McErlan holds the school record in the backstroke and has the second-fastest time in the IM.

McErlan is the WIAA champion in both events. She was a state qualifier in the 100 free and the breaststroke, too.

"Lindsay is a very talented and versatile swimmer," coach Pat Dunn said. "She's a hard worker and is dedicated to the team."

**Andrea Hum, 100 breaststroke, Stevenson:** Just a freshman, Hum made an immediate impact by finishing second in the 100 breaststroke at the state Class A meet with a time of 1:06.1, also best in Observerland and good enough to earn a spot on the High School All-America honor roll.

She was also a state champion in her event and swam the breaststroke on Stevenson's 200 medley relay where she posted the fastest split in the state meet.

Huron also anchored Stevenson's 400 freestyle relay.

Not surprisingly, Hum was named Stevenson's 1999 Rookie of the Year.

**400 freestyle relay, Mercy (Kelly Carlin, Kristin Lorida, Amy McCullough, Elizabeth Posvar):** The Marlins were second in the state meet behind Grosse Pointe North despite swimming a better time than they did a year ago when they won the state title.

The Marlins had a 3:30.44 time this year as opposed to 3:31.25 last year. GPN won the race this year with a 3:29.37 swim.

The team of Lorida, MacDonald, Blacklock and McCullough won the Oakland County championship. With MacDonald in place of Lorida, Mercy won the Catholic League title.

**200 medley relay, Stevenson (Lindsay Dolin, Andrea Hum, Katie Clark and Jessica Makowski):** This Spartan quartet finished first in the WIAA meet and finished tied for first with Zealand in the state Class A finals with a time of 1:49.28.

Both Clark and Makowski are both seniors, while Hum is a freshman. Dolin is a junior.

**Kristin Lorida, 200 freestyle, Mercy:** Lorida finished 10th in the state in the 200 free (1:56.84) and 11th in the 500 free (5:15.43). She also qualified in the 100 free and butterfly.

Lorida is the Catholic League champion in the 500 free. In the Oakland County meet, she was third in the 500 free and fifth in the 200 free.

"Her value to this team can be calculated using any multiple you want — points scored, attitude, commitment to training, performance under pressure, personality — and it comes up big every time," Downs said.

**Christina Mocer, 200 IM, Ladywood:** The junior enjoyed a fruitful season despite a painful shoulder injury suffered in July.



Mercy's 200-yard medley relay: (from left) Amy McCullough, Elizabeth Garlow, Erin Downs and Elizabeth Posvar.



Mercy's 200-yard freestyle relay: (clockwise from top) Jeni Blacklock, Elizabeth MacDonald, Kelly Carlin and Kristin Lorida.



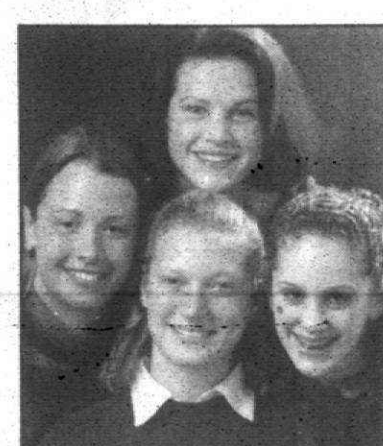
Mercy's 400-yard freestyle relay: (from left) Kelly Carlin, Kristin Lorida, Amy McCullough and Elizabeth Posvar.



Stevenson's 200-yard medley relay: (clockwise from top) Lindsay Dolin, Katie Clark, Jessica Makowski and Andrea Hum.



Stevenson's 200-yard freestyle relay: (from left) Jessica Makowski, Michele Aristeo, Katie Clark and Amanda Polkowski.



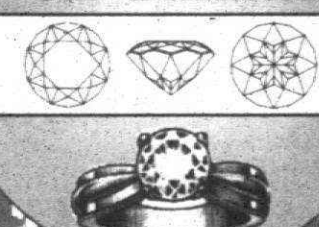
Stevenson's 400-yard freestyle relay: (clockwise from top) Katie Clark, Michele Aristeo, Andrea Hum and Jessica Makowski.

and to only Mercy in the area with a time of 3:42.45. They also earned a 12th place in the state Class A finals with a time of 3:44.03.

"This is another relay that loses two seniors and we're going to have to ask our underclassmen to step up next year," Phil said.

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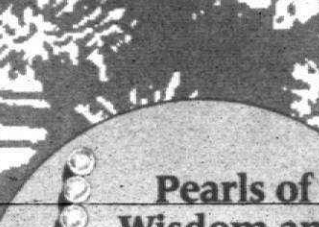


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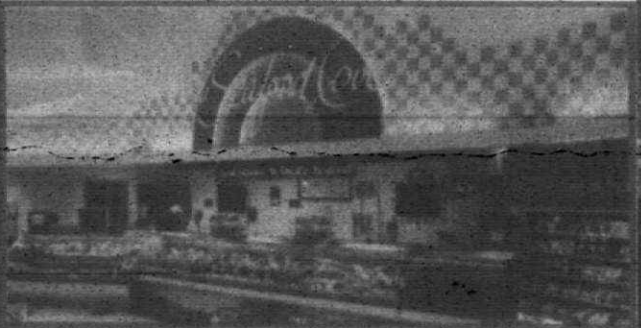
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Anna Leonowens (Jodie Foster) finds herself engaged in a battle of wits with King Mongkut (Chow Yun-Fat) in "Anna and the King" opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

### SATURDAY



David Briskin leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in "A Holiday Pops Yuletide Celebration," 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$18 to \$68, call (313) 576-5111.

### SUNDAY



Steve Worley (left to right), Rae McIntosh, Lance Luce (organist), Marc Meyers and Kelly Janney will perform seasonal favorites 2 p.m. at the "Stagecrafters Holiday Concert and Sing-a-long," at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$8, all seats reserved, call (248) 541-6430.

### HOT TICKET



**Hot Tix:** A model railroading display, dolls, bears and other collectibles will be featured at Toy & Hobby Expo '99, 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road (Exit 162). Admission \$6 adults, \$3 children age 4-12. Parking \$5, call (734) 455-2110 for information.



A laughing matter: Dennis Miller brings his comedic wit to town for the New Year.

## RING IN THE NEW YEAR live & loud

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This isn't just any New Year approaching, it's the New Year 2000, the mark of the next millennium.

Whether that pesky Y2K bug has you concerned or not, this year's festivities are sure to be memorable for years to come. That makes planning an awfully big responsibility.

If the thought of making New Year's Eve or New Year's Day a celebration worthy of its place in history gets you down, check out some of these options, they're sure to make it an unforgettable event:

#### Go ahead, sing along

■ If your Angel is a centerfold, take her to see J. Geil's Band with The Romantics as they rock in the new year singing some old favorites — 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Tickets range from \$19.99 to \$99.50, and include parking. Children 16 and under will be admitted free with adults. Charge tickets by phone at (248) 645-6666 or on the Web at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

■ Metallica hits Motown hard and heavy with very special guests — and infamous Michigan boys — Ted Nugent and Kid Rock for New Year's Eve. "Nothing Else Matters" for the millennium for Metallica fans. And how often can you spend

an evening with a Michigan hunter and a self-proclaimed "Cowboy?" This is one to check out, but hurry — tickets are going fast — 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

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■ Join everybody's favorite Canadian alternative music-makers, the Barenaked Ladies as they perform mega-hits like "One Week" and "Jane" live. The energetic show also brings special guest Tal Bachman into view. Bachman is best-known for his song "She's So High" — 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

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■ The O-Jays and The Whispers bring along special guest Gerald Levert to mark the millennium with legendary style. The O-Jays are known as one of the most powerful vocal groups of the 1970s. They had No. 1 R&B singles from 1972 to 1978, including "Love Train" (1973), "Give the People What They Want" (1975), and "Darlin' Darlin' Baby" (1976). The Whispers are called "soul survivors" known for slow jams like "Heaven" — 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

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■ Do it up local-style with Howling Diablos and Face performing for a few hundred of their closest friends. Bound to sell out like the Diablos usually do at Ferndale's Magic Bag. The band's vocalist, Tino said he's looking forward to the bash. Tino said the band chose the best possible venue for the millennium: "That's a theater right in the hood for us."

"They let us do our thing," he said. This New Year's the Diablos plan to "party hearty." "We're just going to get outta hand," promised Tino. If you can't afford to go to Times Square, you've got a personal invite from Tino to join the Diablos and witness the energetic celebration first-hand. Party-goers must be 21 and over — 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 at The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale.

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■ Some might say the Twisting Tarantulas are one of the best bands in the Metro area. Peter



Bare Naked Ladies



The O-Jays

Poulos of Karl's Cabin in Plymouth is one of those people. He booked the Tarantulas, along with the Chef Chris Blues Band, to perform at a show for the millennium — 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 at Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

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#### Get down and dance to

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Here's the deal, the Michigan Gaming Commission was expected to vote on and approve a gaming license for the new \$160 million temporary MotorCity Casino on Tuesday. If all goes according to schedule, the casino will be open by the time you read this article.

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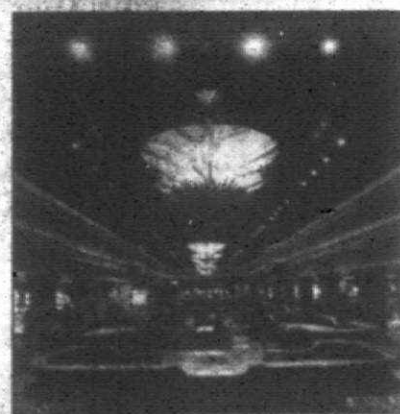
"Our company vision is fun," said Codd, a Vietnam veteran who learned about the job opportunity after reading an ad in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. "Win or lose, the idea is to have fun."

For Codd, being a card dealer is the per-

fect job. "I've loved to play cards all my life, but I hate to gamble. This is ideal," he said.

Applying for a job at the casino was a gamble for Michael Russell of Rochester Hills, a part-time instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and one of 58 certified master chefs in the U.S.

"I sent my resume out, but I didn't think I'd qualify," said Russell who has been a chef for more than 38 years and worked at the Detroit Yacht Club, Travis Pointe Country Club (Ann Arbor), the Skyline Club (Southfield), the Kingsley Inn (Bloomfield Hills) and the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. "I went from supervising a staff of 17 to 305. It's a great opportunity to do a lot. I love training and teaching people. The down side is I don't get to cook a lot, but I hope to once things get going. I'm very organized, we're all very down to earth, and we're all cooks. I have drawers



**Are you game?:** The main gaming pit on the second floor of the MotorCity Casino features a range of table games under its towering ceiling. Craps, blackjack, roulette and pai gow poker entertain the gamer with a wide variety of slots waiting in the wings.

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## New Year from page E1

■ Dennis Miller brings his brilliant wit and social commentary to Detroit on the first day of 2000; and he aims straight for the funny bone. Miller has found success on both network and cable television and in film. Using his unforgettable years on

Saturday Night Live as a career springboard, Miller hosts the Cable Ace-award winning show "Dennis Miller Live" on HBO. Despite his comedy specials and live performances, Miller can be seen in such movies as "Murder at 1600" and "Disclosure." See

him at his comedic best 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1st the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$42.50-\$50. Charge by phone at (248) 645-6666 or on the Web at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## Casino from page E1

full of ideas and books full of stuff I always wanted to do; now I can. My staff is great, they're so hungry for knowledge."

Covering a space of approximately 20 acres bound by Grand River and the Lodge service drive, Trumbull and on the west, the Motor City Casino is not far from Tiger Stadium.

Except for Carl's Chophouse there's not a whole lot happening in this area. Continental Baking Co., which owned the former Wonder Bread factory, closed the 75-year-old facility on July 20, 1985.

MotorCity Casino is a joint venture between the Mandalay Resort Group, formerly Circus Circus Enterprises, and 114 local investors.

Terry Dougall of Dougall Design of California, Klai-Jupa of Las Vegas and BEI Associates of Detroit turned the former factory into a glamorous gaming area they describe as having a "sense of Las Vegas with a Detroit twist."

Architects visited homes in Detroit's New Center area to get ideas. Slot machine signage was

custom designed out of old gears valves, gauges and other parts found in attics and basements. Signs beckons gamblers to try their luck "Detroit Dollars \$1," "Fabulous Fins \$5." Slot machines range from 5 cents to \$100.

This casino is very open; the ceilings on the second floor are 26 feet high. MotorCity Casino is handicap accessible, and no smoking is allowed on the third floor. On the fourth floor, high rollers can take a rest from gambling in their very own lounge where they're served by butlers. Equipment such as the continuous shuffling machines at gambling tables are state-of-the-art.

Edward Avila of Dougall Design worked on converting the factory into a casino.

"We've done well with what we had to work with," he said. Artists in California did the Detroit-themed murals, which include a photo of Henry Ford. Different patterns of carpeting and motifs define gaming areas.

Avila described the fourth floor as being very elegant and upscale. The third floor has a

1950s feel. The second floor is very "Motor City," with an automotive theme, and the first floor is more industrial. Copper is predominantly used on the first floor, gold on the second, and their third floor is a mixture of both.

"We want you to walk in and be surprised at every turn," said Avila.

When you visit the MotorCity Casino, you might want to consider signing up for a free Player's Card. The credit-card-like device plugs into slot machines and into the rail at gambling tables. The card tracks how long you play and where you're playing. As you play, you earn "comps" such as tickets to a concert, sporting event, or dinner.

If you visit the Motor City Casino, let me know what you thought about it. Send me an e-mail, fax (734) 591-7279, or note with your comments, attention: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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## Country music's Joseph James poised for stardom



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In Europe he's featured alongside country mega-stars like Shania Twain and Faith Hill. He gets e-mail messages from all over the world requesting autographed pictures and CDs. He's even interviewed the likes of Garth Brooks on his own radio show.

And yet country singer-songwriter Joseph James lives a quiet, unassuming life amid the quaint charm of Rochester Hills — just as he has for the past 21 years.

Born Joseph James Giordano, he took to singing at age 5, around a campfire at his grandmother's cottage. He picked up the guitar just four years later and prepared his solo act in the years that followed.

The Harper Woods native had a natural affinity for making

music. Some of his favorite musicians growing up ran the gamut from Johnny Cash to James Taylor, but James claims he's remained a little bit country all along.

"(Country music) is music for people, about people," said James. "It tells a story about people. Also, there is a realism about country music and I think it'll always continue to be the everyday person's music."

His latest single "One Track Mind" has topped European record charts since its release last July. Poring over letters, e-mails and playlists from all over the country and the globe, he blushes a bit when speaking about his burgeoning success.

"I had the best musicians in Nashville," he said of those who played on his new, self-titled album. "The list is a who's who in country music."

That list includes bassist Mike Chapman and drummer Terry McMillian who worked with Garth Brooks. They're both part

of James' self-proclaimed "dream team."

While he'd had his fill of playing the local club scene years ago with his former band Cold Water, James hasn't lost a bit of passion toward live performance. "What I like about (performing) is the tension release," said James, sitting in his comfortable Rochester Hills office. "I really love interacting with people. I'm a people person."

Taking it to the next level

He's simply trying to take his music to the next level. That means signing to a record label. While the buzz is strong in Nashville, no deals have been

made just yet.

But James said the outlook is good. With so many women gaining accolades in country music, there's room for more male performers in the genre. If someone has to follow in the golden footsteps of the Dixie Chicks, James is ready and waiting.

Currently working on a new release early in 2000, James seems poised for success. "One Track Mind" has all the elements of a hit — it's a catchy, cross-over country song with a universal theme, attempting to get back a lost love. It doesn't get more country than that.

While James has a voice for

song and a heart for touching lyrics, he's also been blessed with a head for business. Please See COUNTRY, E7

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"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church," through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

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Classic off-beat holiday production by Sam and Bella Spewacks, 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 17-19, at The Trumbull, 4210 Trumbull Avenue, Detroit. (313) 365-8185

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"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA**  
REDFORD  
Magic show for the young and young at heart, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 27-28, at the theater, 15138 Beech Day, Redford. \$5, \$2.50 children. (313) 531-0554

**YOUTH THEATRE**  
"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9. (313) 963-2366



**Toy show: The World's Largest Mobile Model Railroad is a highlight of the Toy & Hobby Expo 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. Admission \$6 adults, \$3 ages 4-12. Barbie dolls, toys, bears, Pokemon and other collectibles will be offered for sale. Parking \$5. Call (734) 455-2110 for more information.**

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**TODD CURTIS**  
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**RICH K. TRIO**  
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150; 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO**  
Featuring saxophonist Larry Nozaro 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, with vocalist Barbara Ware 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

**SHAHIDA NURULLAH**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**JANET TENAI TRIO**  
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnik, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

**ED WELLS**  
The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
Arturo Shelton, Friday, Dec. 31 and Sunday, Jan. 2, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
at the club, 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

**SECOND CITY**  
"Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: 10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays. \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

**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) 762-7586

**DANCE**  
**BALLROOM DANCING**  
9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline. \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. \$10. 577-6300

**COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS**  
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94. Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

**CONTRA DANCE**  
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94. Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 665-8863 or gpb@earthlink.net

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
"The Nutcracker" with Ballet Internationale through Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Detroit Opera House, (313) 576-5111/(313) 874-5111

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING**  
7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

**FREEDOM: DANZ XPRESSIONZ**  
Open House with performances by Freedom: Ink, The Company, The X Generation, Onyx Dancers, Inner City Dance Scope and vocalists Savannah and SADA, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at 229 Gratiot, Detroit.

**HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE**  
Language and other lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261

**LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET**  
"The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, at Clarkson High School Auditorium, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, off Clarkson Road. \$14. \$12. \$10. (248) 666-1971/(248) 625-7500

**POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN**  
Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581-3181

**STARDUST BALLROOM**  
Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

**SWING CLASS**  
5-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth and Middlebelt, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100 or www.newwonderlandmall.com

## COMEDY

**ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18; Kirk Noland with Tiffany Jones and Dee Profit; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Bryan McCree with Dan Logan and Rich Higgenbottom, also 2XL band, at 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
J.R. Brow through Saturday, Dec. 18; Kirk Noland and J.R. Remick Friday, Dec. 31, 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. \$55. (734) 261-0555

**DETROIT ZOO**  
The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM**  
Ford Fleet Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 28-30, retired and active members of the Detroit Lodge of the International Shipmasters Association will be on hand to talk to the public, first 75 visitors each day receive a copy of "The Christmas Tree Ship," visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

**HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LAKE**  
"The Spirit of Christmas" continues through Dec. 31, enjoy guided historic tours of the estate festively decorated for the holidays. Special events include Tea, Tour and Treasure, Monday, Dec. 20; Santa's Workshop Friday, Dec. 17, and Candlelight Tours Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590 or www.umd.umich.edu/fairlane

**ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM**  
Reopened its door Oct. 19, the celebration continues with more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
Christmas in Other Lands Family Workshop 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 (\$5), (313) 833-9720; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land video screen interactive, three new video screen interactive, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults. \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in India will construct a mandala sand painting Monday-Friday, Dec. 27-31 as part of special holiday programming, ceremony begins noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, during which time the monks consecrate the site, at 3 p.m. visitors have the opportunity to ask the monks questions, they continue work daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, the monks perform "Sacred Music, Sacred Dance" (\$10; \$8 Founders Society members) (313) 833-4005, in the DIA Theatre, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. Other programs during the holiday break week include puppet shows, storytelling, drop-in workshops, and drawing in the galleries. Other than the concert, programs are free with recommended museum admission of

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2.50 kids. \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

**SPIRIT OF FORD**  
Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge. Turbo Tour full motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors. \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

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**POPULAR MUSIC**  
**LORI AMEY**  
With Under Construction, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road in Ferndale. \$6 cover: (248) 399-3946; 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. 21 and over. (248) 642-1135 (folk/pop/rock)

**ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL**  
Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arto Garfunkle, Great Big Sea, Matt Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$30, \$25. (248) 645-6666

**BARENKAT LADIES**  
With Tai Bachman, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$50 and \$35 reserved. (248) 645-6666

**BECK**  
7:30 Thursday Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave. in Ann Arbor. All ages. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-7637

**BLUE HAWAIIANS**  
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**BOY SETS FIRE**  
With Reach the Sky, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$7. (313) 961-MELT

**BROTHERS GROOVE**  
7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

**BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE**  
With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunk, 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 Avenue Ballroom, 29750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. (248) 735-4011

**ALEX CHILTON**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$13. 50 advance. (313) 961-MELT

**COMPANY OF STRANGERS**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 24-25, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**THE CROMAGS**  
With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

**CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG**  
8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. \$10 ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

**DEEP SPACE 6**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gifford Road, Plymouth. \$15. 455-8450

**DISCIPLINE**  
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, Lili's 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. 21 and over. (313) 875-6555

**DOMESTIC PROBLEMS**  
With Pat McGee and Funkintelligence, Tuesday, Dec. 28, Majestic Theatre, 4140 Woodward, Detroit. 21 and over. Tickets at the Majestic Cafe, TicketMaster (248) 645-66



## MOVIES

# 'The Green Mile' long, but awe-inspiring

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

There are two possible reasons why movie audiences leave a theater in total silence. They could be numbed by the movie's plot. Or, they could be numbed by the movie's length.

"The Green Mile" will numb you both ways. The three-hour, seven-minute adaptation of Stephen King's serialized novel must have film editors clawing over each other for the chance to slice it to a more marketable 120-140 minutes. Scenes are overly long to the point of making you want to yell "cut" right

there in the dark. Other scenes could have been lost entirely and not have been missed. It often seems like the projectionist got a rough edit by mistake.

But on to better things. The story is undeniably awe-inspiring. A 7-foot black man condemned to death who can heal the sick and raise the dead? Merry Christmas. Speaking of which, the gentle giant's character name is John Coffey, and the significance of his initials hasn't been lost on anyone either.

"Ole Sparky" is what they call the electric chair in Louisiana's Cold Mountain Penitentiary. It's 1935, and the eight-celled Death

Row is more like an assembly line to the hereafter. Tom Hanks is Paul Edgecomb, head guard of the Green Mile, so-named for the lime-colored linoleum that leads to Sparky's door. He is desensitized by the routine of execution, although not insensitive to the inmates themselves. And then he meets big John.

Convicted of brutally raping and murdering two young girls, the new prisoner—as mild as he is massive—requests only that a light be left on. "Ah gits skeerd of the dark sometimes, Boss," he explains softly. This is the first of dozens of extreme close-ups on actor Michael Clarke Duncan

("Armageddon"). Be assured you will grow very fond of his sad, sweaty face while Edgecomb grows to question his guilt.

More questions about John surface when it becomes apparent that he possesses spiritual, messianic powers. He cures Edgecomb's painful urinary infection with a touch and literally sucks a tumor out of the warden's wife's brain. Looking up at the stars, he points out the constellation Cassiopeia as if he knows the lady personally. This certainly is no murderer, despite his conviction. But there are courts and then there is a Higher Court, and each has pronounced a sentence that must be carried out to its own purpose.

Hanks is low-key as Edgecomb, and it is fair to wonder how this nice guy fell into such a dead-end job, even in the Depression. But only his character could care about as well as guard men like these, and Hanks is wonderful to watch as always. Fellow guards David Morse, Barry Pepper and Jeffrey DeMunn are a tight team of competent actors. Veteran Dabbs Greer, whom you've seen in thousands of bit parts, gets a meatier turn here as the old Paul Edgecomb, our narrator.

The real villains of "The Green Mile" can add spotlight stealing to their crimes. Sam Rockwell is over-the-top as psychotic mass-murderer "Wild Bill" Wharton, who makes sport out of taunting ultra-sadistic guard Percy Wetmore (Doug Hutchison). Needless to say, justice is meted out to both of them in that long third hour.

Written and directed by Frank Darabont (who did the same for "The Shawshank Redemption," another John prison tale), "The Green Mile" takes a strong stomach to handle. There are graphic electrocutions, eerie special



**Drama:** Tom Hanks (left) stars as Paul Edgecomb, the Death Row head guard who relates in flashback his time at Cold Mountain Penitentiary where David Morse portrays his chief assistant guard in "The Green Mile."

effects and a curious urination fixation. Ultimately the film belongs to mountainous Michael

Clarke Duncan. Surrounded by death and despair, he fills the screen with life and hope.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 17

**"ANNA AND THE KING"**  
Set in 19th century Thailand, the true story of the relationship between a British schoolteacher and the King of Siam. Based on historical information. Stars Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat.

**"CIDER HOUSE RULES"**  
Classic story of a young man's extraordinary journey: Leaving home, finding love and finding his place in the world. Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving. Stars Tobey Maguire.

**"BICENTENNIAL MAN"**  
Robin Williams, Embeth Davidtz, Sam Neil and Olive Platt star in this romantic drama that follows the life and times of an android programmed to perform menial tasks. Over time he recognizes that his destiny is become human.

**"RIDE WITH THE DEVIL"**  
Skeet Ulrich and Tobey Maguire team up in this drama that takes place during the Civil War as two young men join a gang of bushwhackers. During the time they find the friendship, loyalty and sense of family needed to survive during such desperate times.

**"MAN ON THE MOON"**  
A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s that focuses on issues of race, class and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Adrien Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Mantegna.

**"NEXT FRIDAY"**  
Ice Cube, Tamala Jones, Justin Pierce, and John Witherspoon star in this sequel to the 1995 urban comedy "Friday" about a laid-back sort of guy who enjoys sitting on the porch talking with his friends. This time out he moves into his uncle's place in the suburbs, after being up another guy who's now after him.

**"MANSFIELD PARK"**  
Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Theatre. Based on the book by Jane Austen, the story of a young woman from a poor family, sent to live with her wealthy cousins at her estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure her



**Comic:** Jim Carrey stars as Andy Kaufman, considered to be the most innovative, eccentric and enigmatic comic of his time, in "Man on the Moon," opening Dec. 22 at metro Detroit movie theaters.

and the ambitious young owner of the team. Stars Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid.

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

**"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY"**  
Drama about an aging star quarterback who is induced to play hurt because a gifted and unprincipled young talent is seeking to replace him. The coach who struggles to remain true to the ideals that drew him to his career.

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recorded on this new label, from their Nov. 27 performance at the Attic Bar. Clarence and Curtis Butler also serve as president and vice president on the board.

Joe Van Bael, co-owner of the Attic Bar, is the project director and Kari Jordan in the secretary and treasurer for this project.

If names like Lee Alan, Tom Clay and Mickey Shore ring a bell, you must be conjuring up memories of Detroit Radio.

Those nostalgic thoughts are brought back to life in "Rockin' Down the Dial: The Detroit Sound of Radio," a new book by

Royal Oak native and former deejay David Carson.

Published by Momentum Books, Ltd., in Troy, the book offers 238 pages chronicling radio history in the Motor City, including behind the scenes stories of the record payola scandal that received national attention.

It comes complete with a Radio Roundup reference for younger generations — who might've grown up on Casey Kasem. Buy it for \$24.95 at your local bookstore, or call the publisher for a copy at (800) 758-1870.

—STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

## Country from page E3

"Someone once said don't put your eggs in one basket," said James, who graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in finance and economics. When he's not crooning country tunes, James is hard at work as president of Joseph James Financial Services, Inc. in Rochester Hills.

He doesn't have trouble balancing his financial business with his music. Over the years he's become so well-established that his business has allowed him to pursue his dreams in the music industry. It's also afforded him the business sense so crucial to survival in the industry.

His recipe for success? Make music as good as you can, take a realistic look at your

talents, and get a strong understanding of the business side. While the business itself can force an artist to compromise some creativity and artistic freedom, he said, it also has the potential to reach a lot of people and get your music heard.

**Taking it to heart**  
He's seen the effects of the industry already. James wrote a song called "Little Joshua." It detailed the story of a 7-year-old boy who was tragically murdered, and was a story that truly touched the sensitive songwriter.

But he knew it wasn't exactly a radio-ready hit. "I felt so moved by the story when I recorded it," said James. "I thought by talking about it, maybe it won't happen again."

But using his business sense, James decided to release "One Track Mind" instead. He holds "Little Joshua" dear, and hopes to record it on an album or perform it live in the future.

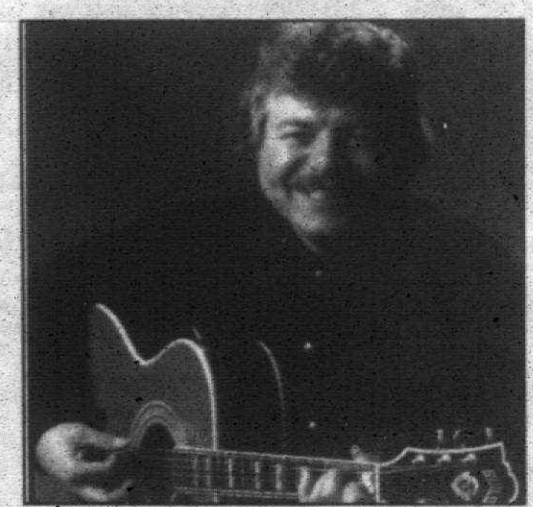
James, who primarily writes his own lyrics and music, is also a man who fulfills his promises. As a young guitar player taking lessons at Novak's Music store, he declared if he ever had the chance he would someday record his own version of "Nice to be with you," which was a hit in 1972 for Detroit's Jim Gold and his band, The Gallery.

James will likely release his own country version of "Nice to be with you" as his next single. A

few words of advice, country music fans — keep an eye out Joseph James.

For more on Joseph James, check out his Web site at [www.josephjames.com](http://www.josephjames.com). His CD is also available at Harmony House locations.

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**On the rise:** Country singer Joseph James has been living in Rochester Hills since he first stumbled upon the town, by getting lost on his way home from Stoney Creek MetroPark.

## GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)  
THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)  
ANYWHERE BUT HERE (PG13)  
POKEMON (C)  
THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)  
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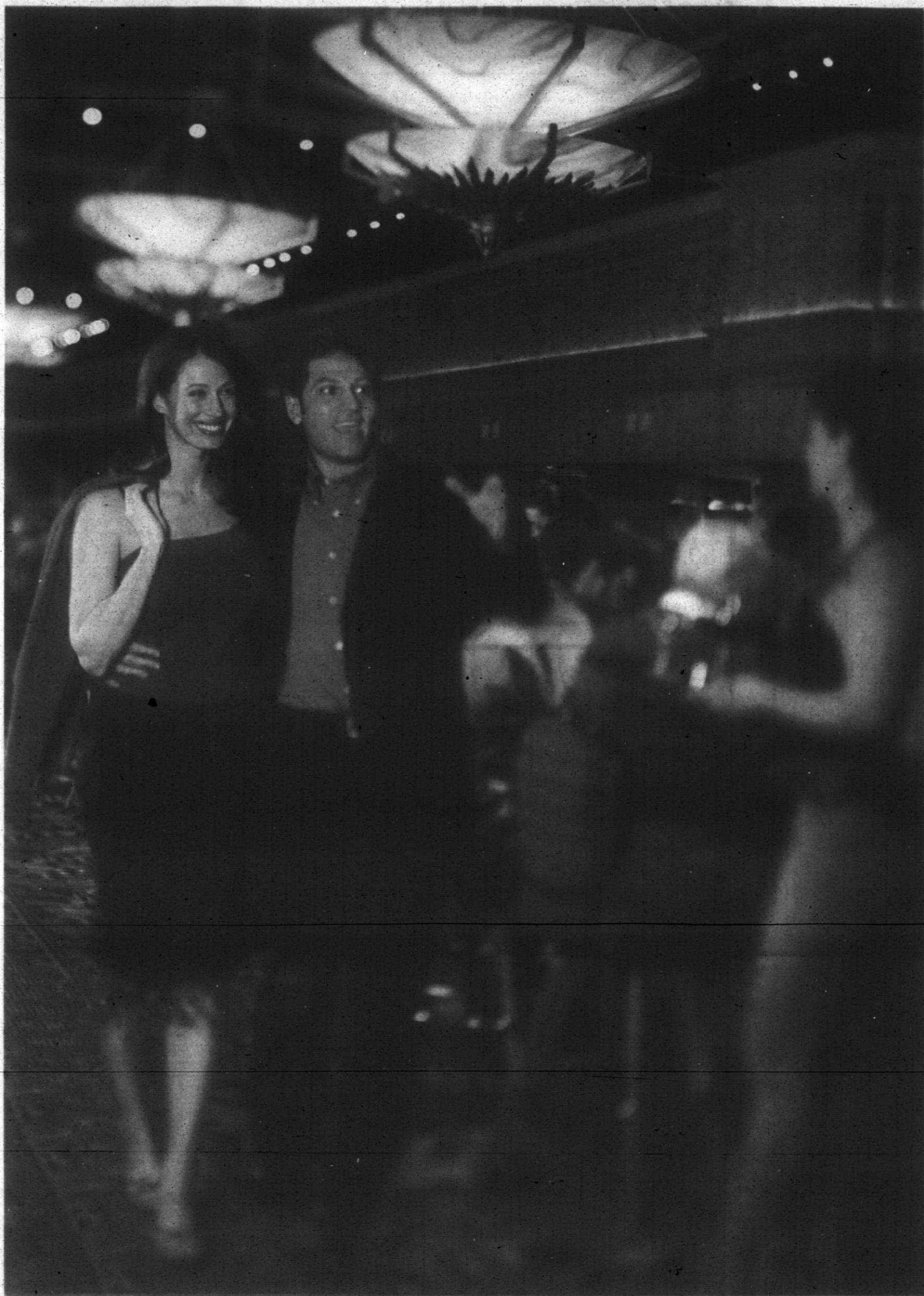
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