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Conservatory troubles continu



The director of the Southeastern Michigan Arts Conservatory has started a new venture under a similar name – after liquidating under Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Jeff Myers says he still intends to pay off conservatory debts.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER

The Southeastern Michigan Arts Conservatory no longer exists.

The Southeastern Michigan Arts Center, however, does. The financially

troubled performing arts institution was liquidated under Chapter 7 bankruptcy three weeks ago, according to Director Jeff Myers.

"We filed Chapter 7 but that doesn't mean we've shut the doors," he commented. "We just can't operate under that title.

Plymouth District Court Judge John MacDonald evicted the conservatory from its original home at the former Arnoldt Williams Music Store near Canton Center and Ford roads Nov. 9 for failing to pay its rent.

Since then, Myers moved the business across the street to an office complex, filed for Chapter 7 and changed its name. Changes were needed to give the now arts "center" a fresh start financially and otherwise, he

"It's the only logical way we could do it and pay people back," Myers com-

Canton is currently trying to recover more than \$40,000 in back rent from SMAC. The conservatory subleased the Williams facility from the township.

Canton Attorney Ron Witthoff said a settlement with SMAC may be possi-

"We would talk to Mr. Myers," he

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You gotta believe:

Santas 'see' into hearts of children

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER

h, they know. Yes, they do. Just like the song says. In only a few short minutes with your child, these men can magically discern if Justin or Jessica has been bad or good. For the whole year.

As if that weren't impressive enough, they also respond appropriately to your child's personality Outgoing and energetic, or cautious and quiet; they pick up the signs in a flash and know just what to say or do.

And here's the scary part. Many area Santa Clauses say they can get a pretty good indication of parents' character and demeanor by observing them as they stand in line with their offspring.

So you adults had better be good for goodness sake, says Eric Stopa, who has donned the red suit and stocking cap on and off for 11 years, including the last three in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the city's annual Christmas tree lighting

Precious moments

"Really though, I think the best thing is being able to listen to the kids and not worry about the parents," the Plymouth resident says. "The moment a child is with you is precious and if you handle it ght there is an immediate bon

For "Santa" Jack Lawing of Livonia there is no better time in the world than the 90 seconds or two minutes a child spends in his lap. "I'm very gentle with them. Even though its a short visit, the key to being a good Santa is to go very slow and not force any kind of discussion out of them.

Lawing, 58 and a retired Farmington Public Schools administrator, has come down from the



It's lonely at the top: It appears that everyone is ignoring Santa at last year's Canton Seniors party at the Summit on the Park, but in reality they were simply lining up for lunch after visiting with the jolly old elf.



What big eyes: Santa holds Harry Showerman of Novi, 4 months, in his arms while Harry's mom Bonnie looks on at left, at Laurel Park Place recently.

North Pole to Livonia's Laurel Park Place for the first time this year. He's previously played Santa at schools, for corporate functions and private

"Santa" Joe Homick and "Santa" Andy Barnaby share time playing the jolly guy at

Westland Shopping Center. Plymouth resident Homick takes the morning shift and has a soft spot in his heart for certain chil-"We had a group of special education kids

visiting," he said on a recent snowy, slushy day. He showed off some of the sign language expressions he has mastered to talk with hearing-impaired youngsters.

"I just can't describe it in words. I get

They are paid for their time and expertise And most will acknowledge that their presence is meant to boost holiday sales. But Christmas tradition and a genuine love of children are strong motivating factors for their work, area Santas believe:

An American tradition

While Santa Claus may seem these days to be a figment of American commercialism - what with all his mall appearances and the endless stream of TV

pitches - it wasn't always that way.

The American incarnation of St. Nicholas actually has Dutch roots. It was early Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam (New York) who began telling stories of Sinte Klass, a merry old man carrying the spirit of Christmas around in a large sack, as he made his rounds in the 18th century.

Poet Clement C. Moore and newspaper cartoonist Thomas Nast literally rounded out our holiday hero into the figure we greet each Dec. 25 with milk and cookies set near the fireplace.

Moore's 1823 poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," described the chimney entrance and cherry-red cheeks to a T. Moore was reportedly inspired by a Christmas Eve sleigh ride with his children.

The whimsical poem was a bit of a departure for an author whose most notable prior work was the

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Thomas: District hiring process led to resignation

By TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.home

Plymouth-Canton school board member Roland Thomas said his resignation last week came three days after his son was turned down for a full-time teaching position at West Middle

School

"Some staff people came to me and said ... that because of my position on the school board there was some preju-dice in the hiring process," said Thomas. "I don't know what's going on in the background, but I have some good ideas."

Thomas said it was the second time his son, Scott, 26, has applied for a fulltime teaching position in the district.

"I stepped down because I wanted to take an impediment away from him because I know he wants to teach in this district," he added. "His future is more important than me being on the

school board. I'm a parent and father

"But I want to make it clear, this is not about my son, but about the hiring

Thomas said Scott received the news

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STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

First-timers: Katie Childs, 10; concentrates while performing in the first recital Dec. 15 at Smith Elementary School for the new violin class in the district.

Pulling strings

Elementary orchestra program debuts at Smith

By Tony BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.home

tary schools in Canton.

After only two months of practice. violin players at Smith Elementary

School in Plymouth gave their first "They're doing very well for only two months," said teacher Erin Zurbuchen

before Wednesday's concert for parents. "They sound wonderful." The students are part of a Plymouth-Canton Schools Community Education elementary strings program started this year at Smith and Miller elemenorchestras from the bottom up "We now have about 45 high school

It's an effort to build the upper-grade

orchestra students and 70 middle school orchestra members," said Zurbuchen. "Now we have the elementary program to help increase the numbers. so that by the time these kids get to high school we'll have an incredible orchestra."

Zurbuchen, who is mainly a bass player, said the elementary program will concentrate on the violin. "There's the coordination of the fin-

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Thomas from page A1

that he wouldn't be hired full ime on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Thomas became upset, and wrote his one-sentence letter of signation the next day.

a job, but about changes he perhe rest of the Board of Educaceives need to be developed in members last Friday morning, immediately after trustees oted to hire Kathleen Booher from Berkley Schools as the next

"I wasn't even sure I was going o turn in the resignation until l did it," admitted Thomas. "It was so emotional for me that I couldn't stay and explain to the board why I resigned."

Thomas left the meeting while the others resumed in executive

Thomas said he eventually talked by telephone to fellow board members, who have encouraged him to reconsider. cussed the situation by phone with Booher, at which time Thomas said she encouraged him to stay.

Thomas said he'll decide soon if he'll stick by his resignation, which is effective Jan. 1, or if he'll continue on the board.

"God put us in this position for a reason," he said. "I don't know what that is yet. Scott and I are still trying to figure that out. But if it's to change things, that's what we'll attempt to do.'

Thomas said Scott was a longterm substitute from December 1998 to June 1999 at Salem High School, and this year

taught for a quarter at West.
Scott has gotten a lot of support from students and parents." said Thomas. "I read a lot of let

A KNEE'S NEED FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY

Knee injuries are the most inequent serious extrently injuries in sports, with those involving the anterior cruciate ligament being of particular concern. The anterior cruciate ligament stabilizes the knee joint against movement of the lowering forward in relation to the thigh. Severe tears of this knee-stabilizing ligament require surgery, followed by use of a prescription brace. A new Ohio State University study indicates that agressive physical therapy plays a strategy only in recovery the source of the problem. If you are experiencing pain or stiffness, ask your physician for a referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY. To learn more

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Hands On

ters from students on how he's impacted their lives, inside and outside the classroom. Thomas reiterated the main issue isn't about getting his son

the hiring process. "I want people to be judged on their skills, competence and capabilities," he said. "We need to get teachers and administrators talking to and observing the full-time subs. Other districts do that because it's the core from which they hire full-time teach-

Concerning Scott's full-time substitute position at Salem, Thomas said "not once did an dministrator or another teacher observe him and evaluate him. Not only would it be good for the teachers, but it also protects the kids in the classroom to make And on Monday, he also dis- sure they're getting a proper education

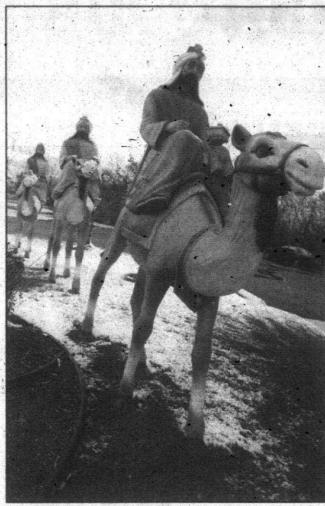
Concerning the younger Thomas' plight, eighth-grade science teacher David Balge said many teachers at West were at bit surprised.

"I wondered why Scott wasn't given a more thorough interview," he said. "I thought he related well to the kids, and they related well to him."

School board President Susan Davis said the current hiring process has been used the past

"Are there things that need to be changed? Maybe," said Davis. "I assume it's been working because this is the first com plaint we've had about the pro





Annual appearance: The Three Wise Men are up and riding outside of Neely-Turowski Funeral Home on Warren Road in Canton. Leonard Turowski, funeral director, said he has been placing the holiday display for years outside his business in Detroit and then at suburban locations. He bought the figurines in Italy.

Domestic dispute ends with arrest

A 35-year-old Canton man was arrested Sunday for domestic COP CALLS

Township police officers were called to the 2000 block of Roundtable at about 6:45 p.m., repairs, reports said. according to reports. The man's

30-year-old wife asked officers to enter the home because he was tearing it up" with an ax. Reports said the woman had also been attacked by her hus-

Officers then entered the nome and ordered the 35-yearold to the ground. He refused, but officers were able to wrestle him to the ground, handcuff and arrest him, reports said.

A 14-year-old Canton boy reported that he was the victim of a strong-armed robbery Dec.

The Plymouth Canton High student was watching a movie in class when another student asked him to play cards for money. Reports said the teenwon \$4, but had the money taken from him by force after

A 16-year-old student wrestled him to the ground and told a third student to take the money from the 14-year-old, reports said. Police are investigating the

Fraud

Chili's Restaurant was scammed out of \$364 on Dec. 16, according to police reports.

A person claiming to be a towtruck driver called the restaurant at 8:30 p.m. and said that a manager's car had broken down. The unidentified caller said the

Three familiar faces are

Victor Gustafson, Robert

Wade-and Sue Dodson were all

reappointed to the commission

Tuesday by a unanimous vote of

Gustafson serves as the com-

Township offices, library

sets Christmas Eve service

Canton Friendship Church is holding two Christmas Eve Services at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. These ry Hill-Road, between Canton Center and Sheldon. For more information, call (734) 451-2100

are being held at the Canton or visit the website at www.can-

Restaurant has special visitor

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be gifts and activities. Patrons are making a special visit 5-8:30 urged to bring a camera. The

p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23 at the restaurant in at 5849 Sheldon

Old Country Buffet restaurant Road, north of Ford, in the Har-

Elizabeth

Routson,

D.V.M.

in Canton. There will be special vard Square Shopping Center.

Free Methodist Church on Chertonfriendship.org.

mission's chairman. He was first

returning to Canton's Planning

Commission next year.

township trustees.

A Canton restaurant owner is blaming Wayne County for thou-

manager, who he identified by

A manager at the restaurant sent a worker to meet the alleged tow-truck driver at a Westland location to make the payment. The worker subsequently drove the tow-truck driver to several locations in Detroit before being told that the manager's vehicle was at a Chili's at Ford and Southfield

Reports said the worker gave the man the money and left alone. When he arrived at the restaurant, he was informed that a similar scam had been pulled weeks before.

Bogus bill

A 43-year-old Olympic Coney Island waitress told police that she received a counterfeit \$10

bill Friday. Reports said that the bill was given back to a customer as change. That customer questioned the authenticity of the bill. The waitress wasn't sure who may have passed the bill

More than \$2,000 worth of jewelry was reported missing from a Canton woman's home. A wedding ring, gold bracelet and video game monitor were reported stolen Sunday. The woman told police that she believes her 16-year-old son took the items. She was unsure of the boy's whereabouts.

Wade joined the commission in

1994. Dodson was appointed last

three years. Ron Lieberman,

Cathy Johnson, Karl Zarbo and

Melissa McLaughlin round out

The Canton Public Library

will be closed Friday-Sunday.

Conservatory from page A1 New terms for three said, but we feel we're entitled loans for a home or automobile are usually recovered by the to the back rent." The conservatory originally on planning board lender in Chapter 7 proceedings,

filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which would've reorganized the business and devised a plan to pay creditors.

According to court documents from that filing, the conservatory owes \$304,500 to creditors. The bulk of that, \$200,000, is in the form of loans from Monroe Bank & Trust.

Williams family is also owed \$39,000. Most of that was for musical equipment, according to But Myers withdrew Chapter

1 proceedings. 7, which liquidates business

Heusel said.

dry." Heusel said. In all, creditors typically receive 10 percent on the dollar back from businesses that file Chapter 7, he said. The attorney added that what SMAC and

Attorneys fees, he said. would've been prohibitive to folow through. Myers said Chapter assets to pay creditors, made

erally isn't, he added.

Myers has done is perfectly

us to pay people back," he added. Mark Heusel, an attorney for "Secured" credit, such as bank offered as well.

"It will make it a lot easier for Detroit-based Wise & Marsac, two new programs. Art classes HomeTown Communications will be offered for the first time Network legal counsel, said that in March and the pre-school pro-

typically used to pay for services for a business or individual, gen-

Janice K. Williams of the

"People do it all the time,"

"Unsecured" credit, which is

"They're usually left high and

Heusel said. "But it seems to be an unethical way of avoiding Myers, meanwhile, is planning

follow holiday schedule a new semester for the center. Private musical lessons begin Canton Township offices will Dec. 24. The community center Jan. 10. Dance and theater be closed Friday-Monday, Dec. 24-27 for the Christmas holiday. Offices at 1150 S. Canton Center hours call (734) 397-5110 courses will start a week later and Kindermusik on Jan. 24. Myers feels confident enough will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Tues-

about the center's future to begin Summit on the Park will be Dec. 24-26. It will reopen at 9:30 open for swimming and other a.m. Monday, Dec. 27. gram "Jump-O-Rama" will be Canton Friendship Church

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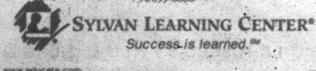
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Costly squabble delays restaurant opening, owner says

STAFF WRITER

sands of dollars worth of lost rev-

George Smith, co-owner of 4 Friends Bar and Grill, said he's out nearly \$20,000 in lost profits because the county has been unclear in what it requires prior to a final health inspection. The restaurant was originally scheduled to open on Nov. 4.

needed to do this or that on Oct. salads. A host of dinner selections county health worker did a follow can't do a final health inspection 18, I would've done it. That's such as steak, ribs and Tex-Mex up inspection.

what has me upset." Wayne County Director of Envisaid the ball is in Smith's court.

We will do the final inspection at their convenience," he said. "But they hold the key at to when it will take place."

The bar and grill, which is located on Warren Road just east going." of Sheldon, will feature a tradi-

are also planned.

Smith said he and his partner conmental Health Steve Tackitt have spent nearly \$60,000 on ren-

shaky financial ground.

"We're out of money," Smith

"It's not fair what they did," tional American menu with hamsaid Smith. "If they had said I burgers, sandwiches, soups and Oct. 18. About a week later, a Tackitt said Wayne County

The letter also stated that a

ventilation and plumbing at the Smith, he added, had not paid the have spent nearly \$60,000 on ren-ovating the former Indian restau-done, Smith said. On Nov. 11, two On Dec. 15, the county Redford and Livonia, he said he's rant. That investment along with county officials visited 4 Friends approved 4 Friends building, shocked at the difficulty he has lost revenue has put him on for an occupancy permit inspec- plans.

It wasn't until that day - a Smith states that it's his "responsaid. "We have to borrow to keep week after the restaurant's sched-sibility to notify us five working in Wayne County three times," uled opening - the county asked days prior to the opening date said Smith. "We've never had a He filed change of ownership for building plans, according to that the establishment is ready Smith. He submitted those plans

\$400 fee must be submitted prior to the "opening inspection." until the plans are approved and Minos changes in electrical, an accompanying fee is paid

Smith hopes that inspection will take place before Christmas. had getting the Canton facility

A letter from Wayne County to open. "I've been through the process



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ght moment: The class laughs following a song. Pictured (from left): Joe Scanlon, Nathan Larimore, 10; Miyuki Kubokawa, 11; Allison McCoin, 91/2; Mei Kubokawa, 9; Alice Chae, 8; Maggie DePentu, 8's, and Katie Childs, 10.

Orchestra from page A1

m to work together." she said. here are a lot of opposing notions, and it's hard to get the buchen) gotten out of the kids." ordination. To get good sound tes years of practice." .

munity Education coordinator Barbara Young said she hopes to expand the pilot proam in the future.

Studies have shown that kids d to be introduced to music my on in order to succeed easishe said. "And, music skills

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gers and the bow, and getting II 'I think this program has been very beneficial, and it's impressive what she's (teacher Erin Zur-

> Pat Scanlon, district parent

wanted to learn the fiddle, and

but I want to play the cello," said

"I want to someday play in the

"Right now I play the violin.

the violin is the beginning of it.'

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of lessons, which include onehour sessions twice a week. "I think this program has been

very beneficial, and it's impressive what she's gotten out of the Allison McCorn, 9, of Plymouth. have been proven to enhance kids," said Pat Scanlon, whose son Joe, 9, is in the class. "Joe high school orchestra." The program costs \$350 per was an Irish step dancer and he student, and includes 25 weeks enjoyed the fiddle players. He

It's Christmas morning and

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

that "easy-to-assemble" bicycle, foosball table or treadmill comes with a box full of screws and bolts and a set of bewildering directions, in steps humbered 1

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put together," said Polzin. Polzin decided to capitalize on In response to the popularity the knowledge he already posof his service, the Redford busisessed from a previous job where nessman opened a retail store in he had to assemble display prod-Wonderland Mall-during the ucts, while at the same time 1999 holiday season to meet the noticing that stores began sellneeds of customers who had ing more and more unassembled smaller products requiring

Initially, Polzin left business An average fee for The Assembly Shop is between \$10-\$30; . stores for customers to make Assembly Required in-home serappointments for items they purvice averages in the \$50 to \$70 chased from the store that

The Assembly Shop in Won-After the company he was derland Mall handles small working for went out of business, items that can be dropped off Polzin decided to turn Assembly and typically picked up within Required Inc. into a full-time an hour. It will be open throughendeavor in the summer of 1992. Run out of his Redford home. out the month of January 2000. Assembly Required Inc. will

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equipment and furniture.

JULIA P. ORES Private services were held Julia P. Ores, 93, of Canton. She was born Jan. 19, 1906, in Plains, Pa. She died Dec. 12.

Survivors include her son. Leonard Ores: two sisters: two grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren. Local arrangements were

made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton. ELEANOR DRAKE

She was a homemaker.

Services for Eleanor Drake, 90, of Canton were Dec. 18 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. John Ortman officiating

She was born Oct. 16, 1909, in Lithuania. She died Dec. 15. She was a homemaker Survivors include her son.

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TV stands and computer desks,

doll houses, bicycles, exercise

Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton. CAROLE ANN WILSON Services for Carole Ann Wil-

son, 62, of Canton were Dec. 19 at Summit on the Park. She was born June 4, 1937. She died Dec. 8 in Angela Hospice. She was the owner of Kingsboro Cleaners in Canton. Survivors include her hus-

band, Don; three daughters, Kathleen (Harvey) Fink, Cheryl (Tim) Dillon, Pamela; one son, Bradley; two brothers, Robert Wobrock, David Wobrock; three granddaughters, Shannon Fink, Stacey Dillon, Stephanie Dillon;

and three grandsons, Scott Fink, Andrew Dillon, David Dillon. Memorials may be made to

Angela Hospice.
Local arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home,

MARION FRANCES FAILING Services for Marion Frances Failing, 84, of Plymouth will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth. Visitation is 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, with an Eastern Star service that evening at 7:30. Burial will be at Oakland Hills Memorial

Park in Novi. She was born July 26, 1915, in Pontiac. She died Dec. 19. She was a homemaker and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 115.

Survivors include her three sons, Ronald J. , Robert K. Richard L.: three grandchildren. Ronald, Kenneth, Stephanie; and one sister, June Ash.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or the American Heart Association. NICK KOSTENKO

Services for Nick Kostenko, 75, of Canton Township were Dec. 20 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church with the Rev. Levoffici-

ating. Burial was at Christian

Memorial Cultural Center. He was born May 4, 1924 in Kiev, Ukraine. He died Dec. 17. He was an automotive engineer. Survivors include his wife. Olga; one daughter, Rose_(Don) Lebbon; and two grandchildren.

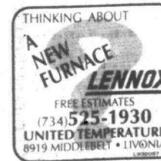
Laura and Angela. Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turowski

Services for Jon Cullen Huneke, 58, of Canton were Dec. 22 at the Neely-Turowski Funer

Philadelphia, Pa. He died Dec. 17 in Botsford Hospital. He was an financial analyst for an automotive company. Survivors include his wife,

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Commissioners use fund balance for juvenile program

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homec

County Executive Edward McNamara wanted county commissioners to approve \$10.2 million in budget cuts to fund the county's portion of the juvenile

agreed with \$4.6 million in cuts, out designated \$5.8 million to be spent from the county's \$20 milion fund balance to pay for budgeted programs. Commissioners voted, 9-5, with support from Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit; Vice Chair Kay Beard. D-Westland, and commissioners Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, and Detroit Democrats Robert Blackwell. Edna Bell. Christopher Cavanagh, George Cushingberry, Ilona Varga and Jewel Ware.

Commissioners opposing the general fund expenditure were Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia; John Sullivan, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton, and Edward Boike, D-Taylor; Joseph Palamara, D-Allen Park, and Bernard Parker, D-Detroit. Commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn,

County officials have struggled with funding a new juvenile justice program since earlier this year when state and county officials could not agree on how large of a grant was needed.

The state and county now split the costs 50-50 for treating delinquent youths and caring for abused and neglected children. County Executive Edward McNamara highlighted the funding problems in a letter to the that his administration decided

How can you vote on backs being proposed will not commissioners any use of the an anticipated shortfall when you don't know

what you've got?' Lyn Bankes Milton Mack complaining of the

-county commissioner ance transfer because she did process, stating that the commis-On Monday commissioners to delay the block grant program not believe the commissioners sion also has not received a yearbecause of "state funding formula concerns." general fund or its rainy-day the end of the calender year from Bell said.

"Our decision not to accept the juvenile block grant means that our budget needs to be amended so that it reflects: The reduction of state block grant funds, the restoration of abuse and neglect appropriations and the additional general fund dollars needed for the county match," McNama-

Since the general fund requirements were structural in nature and not one-time costs, McNamara recommended a 3.5 percent reduction in the general fund budget and elimination of \$1.7 million in new programs. But Solomon wanted commis-

sioners to wait to discuss the remaining cuts at the commission's next meeting on Jan. 4 Commissioners received letters from county sheriff Robert Ficano, county clerk Teola Hunter and county prosecutor John O'Hair, all critical of the cuts. Under McNamara's proposal, Ficano faced a \$2.1 million cut for the sheriff's department, while O'Hair faced a \$751,372 cut in his \$24.3 million budget.

"We must point out that 80 percent of the proposed reductions are taken from law enforce ment and administration of jusmission on Nov. 23, stating . tice," stated one letter from the three elected officials. "The cut-

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"How can you vote on an anticipated shortfall when you don't know what you've got?" Bankes

But most commissioners backed what they called a "stopgap measure" and wanted to meet with department heads to discuss the proposed cuts. "They should use the money out of the end report on the budget before what could or could not be cut,"

mendations would have been automatically effective, accord-Washburn. They could not reject McNamara's recommendations either, only come up with an alternative budget amendment

Washburn said. Commissioners also wrestled with what may happen should McNamara veto their general



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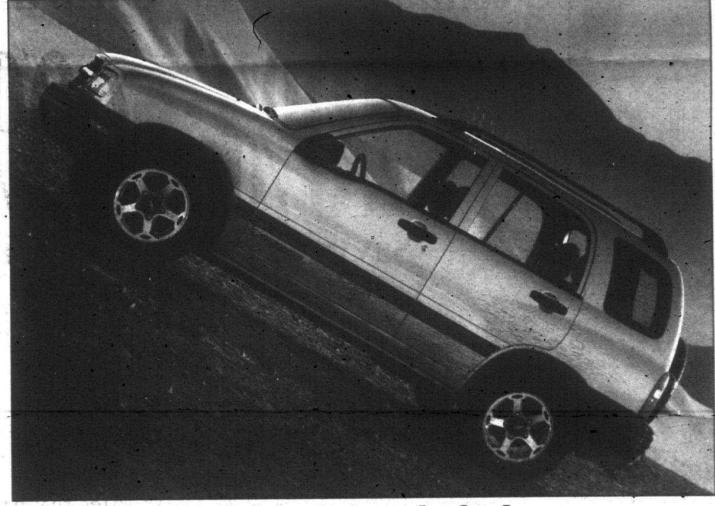
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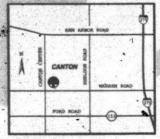
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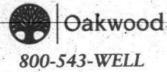
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Nast took his inspiration from Moore for his drawing of a rotund, bearded Santa poised atop a chimney, with his sleigh on the adjacent roof, in Harper's Weekly Christmas issue of 1890.

Going to Santa school

Several area Santas say they learned their trade at the C.W Howard Santa School in Midland, Mich. The school, founded in 1937, runs an intensive. three-day training course that focuses on everything from eye contact to attract passersby, to the hot new toys to handling the occasional disbeliever.

"You let them tug your beard if it's real," Lawing says. His well-groomed facial hair used to be red but is now the perfect shade of snow white. "For the older kids you explain that even if you've stopped believing that Santa is a real person, he

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parents to play along and will embodies the spirit of Christ-Stopa says second grade is about the time most kids start questioning Santa's existence.

"They know about the Wright prothers and the first plane flight. They have a difficult time believing I can just sprinkle magic dust on my sleigh and make it to everyone's house in the same night."

Lawing has been a Santa Claus since the early 1970s, starting at about the same young age as Stopa, who is a young for Santa, anyway - 36. Stopa is employed as an assembly worker at Sealant Equipment Co. in Ply

Stella Padrick of Redford says she brought her grandchildren to the mall the day Santa Jackmade his debut. "Oh, it was", something. He came on two horse-drawn sleighs and the kids just ate it up." . Homick says he works to get

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Chasing history

reenactments.

ask them to post the photo of him with their child on the refrigerator, even in the summertime. He reminds kids to clean their rooms and eat their vegetables, though that last . request, he said, is often in vain

Homick says his laugh - the requisite "Ho, Ho, Ho," voiced in deep, bass tones with a tinge of mischief accenting the third "Ho" is his best quality. Lawing says his avocation

came out of his deep affection for working with children and his love of the holiday season Yes, he fills plenty of "orders'

for Barbie dells and Pokémon games, Lawing says. But the most memorable equests he's had are from two little girls. One who asked for butterflies, and then butterfly shoes to go with them."

And another girl who asked for "pink - jūst pink."

Sampson died April 19, 1827 in Sharon, Mass. The source for this information is "Chase's 1999 Calendar of tions that focus on historical

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Legislation would protect businesses from Y2K suits

BY MIKE MALOTT HOME TOWN NEWS SERVICE

"If the world ends, this legislation is null and void," Amy Rittenhouse said of a set of bills aimed at protecting small businesses and local governments from frivolous Y2K-related law-

If, on the other hand, civilization survives the computer glitch heard 'round the world, then the legislation would provide protection against suits and put limitations on damages that can be awarded as a result, explained Rittenhouse, chief of staff to state Rep. Janet Kukuk (R-

"Her (Kukuk's) point in spon soring this legislation was that she does not want to see anyone going out of business because someone is trying to take advantage of Y2K," Rittenhouse said. Lawmakers have passed a series of five bills - House Bill

> 4424 by Kukuk, House Bill 4588 by Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) as well as House Bills 4469, 4487 and 4737 - to limit "computer date failure"

The bills have been presented to Gov. John Engler for his signature, which he must do before the end of year if the bills are to go into effect Jan. 1. Without a signature, the bills would take effect but not until March 1, too late to have any impact, Rittenhouse explained.

She said she expects the gover nor will sign, but has not yet The bills are modeled after

laws already put in place at the federal level. So far, Rittenhouse said, 20 to 23 states have adopted similar verbiage. The problem of course is that,

some computers and electronic

Scholarship applications being taken

Madonna University in Livonia is accepting scholarship applications from Monday, Jan. 17, through Friday, March 10, for the 2000-2001 academic year. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (734)432-5663. The majority of the awards

stipulate that the recipient be an admitted full-time student who possesses a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, however, there are some exceptions as well as additional requirements.

Some of the Madonna University scholarships available for the 2000-2001 year include: Detroit Edison Foundation to minority students pursuing science, especially prospective teachers in elementary schools; Mary Pitrone Richards Scholar ship, awarded to junior or senior nursing students; William Randolph Hearst Scholarship, awarded to students in serviceoriented degree programs; Charles and Patricia Derry Video Communications Scholarship, awarded to video communications majors; Bishop Moses B. Anderson, SSE/Dr. Frank Hayden Scholarship, awarded to African students or American students of African heritage; Lion/Lioness Club Scholarship awarded to hearing impaired students; Livonia Jaycees Scholarship, awarded to junior or senior students; and the Joyce and Don Massey Scholarship.

Madonna University awards associate's bachelor's and master's degrees.

Madonna registers

Madonna University's registration for the winter 2000 term is in progress now through Friday, Jan. 7, for new and return ing students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, except for today when the office will close

All affices will be closed for Christmas, Dec. 24 to Jan. 3. For more information, call the Admissions Office at (734) 432-

devices note the year with only business, the cost is expected to two digits, so the year 2000 will run to \$1 trillion nationally read as 00. And those devices may misinterpret that as 1900. started. The state estimates 80 That could affect the perfor-

medical facilities, small busiin lawsuits resulting from comsses and governments. Much has been spent already puter date failure to actual damrrecting the problem. A Senate ages - eliminating the possibility egislative analysis estimated of punitive damages - but only the state will spend a total of if the business has made some \$55.6 million correcting the . effort to be "Y2K compliant." roblem in its computers. For

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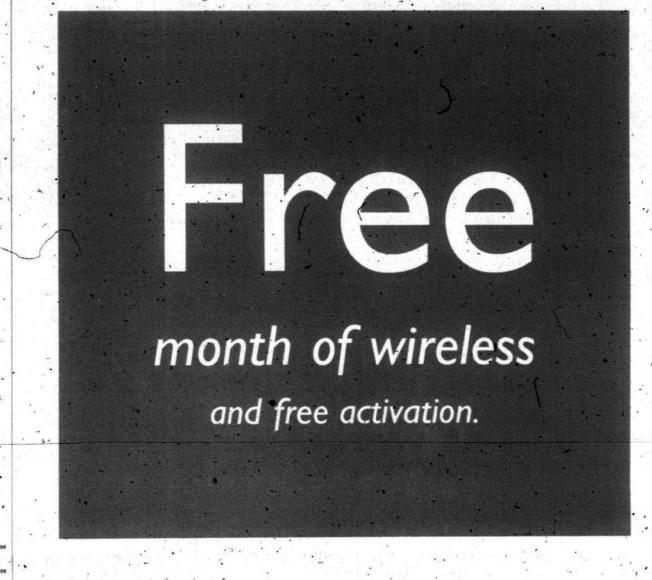
ure, either financially or as the glitch. result of some injury, could still cases have already been filed against companies nationally. be limited to actual costs.

The bills would limit damages hibit governments from collecting fees as a result of computer · If no effort was made, the pro-

Those damaged by a Y2K fail- resulted from the computer cause this problem," Shulman

"It (lawsuit protections in the go to court. The damages would bills) could apply to all businesses," Kukuk explained; "but my Similar protections would be concern was greatest for the given to local governments, if small businesses. I would not they've made attempts to correct want to see them involved in the problem. The bills also pro- protracted legal fights that could haps because one of their vendate failure, such as a late dors did not take care of it cor suits, they will be hard pressed charge. Mortgages could not be rectly."

"Local government did not said, explaining his bill to protect municipalities similarly "and they have been doing all they can to keep residents from being affected by it. In order to prevent a rash of lawsuits, it is bility of some governments being





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WORDS DADDY SAYS

Christmas spirit

Even courts can't snuff it out

n Beatrice, Neb., this year, two elementary schools presented a holiday music program alled "Celebrate the Seasons," A school official said the program, which makes reference to Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, fits a 1993 state mandate to bring multiculturalism into schools.

But three sets of parents have pulled their children out of the music program, claiming that it goes into detail about the origins of Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, but does not mention the religious origins of Christmas.

In Somerset, Mass., last year, the ACLU. and the American Atheists Inc. sued the town over a display of a Nativity scene and a menorah on government property. This year the city surrounded the creche and the menorah with an 18-foot-high Santa, two glow-in-thedark reindeer and a flashing "Season's Greetings" sign.

· They were relying on a 1984 Supreme Court decision that said such mixed displays were legal.

But earlier this month the officials were again asked to remove the crèche and the menorah – this time by a group of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant religious leaders who said surrounding those items with secular symbols produced "a mishmash that offers nothing of substance to any one faith, and instead trivializes highly meaningful religious displays."

And in Cincinnati last year, a lawyer sued the federal government to keep it from enforcing a statute that declares Christmas a legal holiday and gives government employees the day off. He argued that the law violated the

establishment clause of the First Amendment. We are reminded, nostalgically perhaps, of two families we used to know - one Christian, one Jewish - who annually exchanged holiday cards in December. The cards - the "Season's Greetings" type of thing - symbolized a spirit.

of sharing and caring. It was that spirit that prompted another Jewish family of our acquaintance to send a plate of potato latkes to their Christian neighbors during Hanukkah. The neighbors would respond with a plate of Christmas cookies and fruitcake.

Quite likely, that kind of thing - families sharing holiday good will despite different religious backgrounds - happens quite regularly in Wayne County. People are, after all, motivated by the spirit of their religious

We recall a Hadassah chapter that used to

ichigan students did poorly on the

But before everyone runs off at the mouth

about public schools turning out underachiev-

ing students, let's be aware that, to para-

history, geography and decision-making

skills, requires a much higher level of skills

and critical thinking than may be expected of

gy for the public schools, only a recognition of

Department is demanding of today's students.

The Observer feels that most parents aren't

While the Michigan Educational Assess-

nearly 30 years ago to identify individual stu-

dents' weaknesses so they could be corrected,

the results have long been used by private

school proponents and real estate agents to compare one community with another and, if

the scores are above average, to boast about

First, let's take a closer look at the civics

Statewide figures for fifth-grade students

show that just 1.7 percent exceeded the stan-

statewide eighth-grade figures, 4.8 percent exceeded the standards while 23 percent met

The State Education Department, which

created and administered the test, said the

state scores mirror national results on the

same subjects. One problem was the students'

unfamiliarity with the new test, the depart-

But one major flaw in the testing process

was that local schools didn't know the general

dards while 17 percent met them. In

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ment Program tests were initially designed

the reality of what the Michigan Education

This shouldn't be misconstrued as an apolo-

phrase an Olds' advertising campaign, "this

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winter to fifth- and eighth-graders.

isn't your parents' test."

today's 10- and 14-year-olds.

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portion of the test.

MEAP numbers are misleading

Then there were those members of a Jewish congregation who would take over a Christian soup kitchen on Christmas day, so the kitchen could stay in operation while the workers spent Christmas with their families.

set up a gift-wrapping booth inside a shopping mall every December - just steps away from the Salvation Army's red kettle station.

And then there were those members of a Jewish congregation who would take over a Christian soup kitchen on Christmas day, so the kitchen could stay in operation while the workers spent Christmas with their families.

Such acts epitomize the spirit of the season, not complaining that a Nativity scene or a menorah on government property "endorses" a particular religion, that surrounding such tems with secular exhibits "trivializes" the religious symbols or that Congress violated the Constitution by giving government workers a Christmas holiday

And speaking of that lawsuit - earlier this month a federal judge dismissed it. She prefaced her formal decision with a poem that. while it may not become a Christmas classic, seems to put this holiday bickering into per-

"The court will address/ Plaintiff's seasonal confusion/ Erroneously believing Christmas/ Merely a religious intrusion.

"Whatever the reason/ Constitutional or other/ Christmas is not/An act of Big Brother. "Christmas is about joy/ And giving and sharing/ It is about the child within us/ It is mostly about caring!

"One is never jailed/ For not having a tree/ For not going to church/ For not spreading

"The court will uphold Seemingly contradictory causes/ Decreeing 'the Establishment' and 'Santa'/ Both worthwhile 'Claus(es)!' "We are all better for Santa/ The Easter

Bunny too/ And maybe the Great Pumpkin/ To "An extra day off/ Is hardly high treason/ It_

may be spent as you wish/ Regardless of rea-

"The court having read/ The lessons of 'Lynch'/ Refuses to play/ The role of the

"There is room in this country/ And in all our hearts, too/ For different convictions/ And

■ The test requires a much higher

level of skills and critical thinking

This doesn't mean local schools have to be-

fair: If you're going to tested for a specific

ving road test BEFORE the teen had any

tered the test to her students last winter

actual training behind the wheel?.

covered BEFORE the tests are given.

given the specific test'in advance, but let's be

skill, let's make sure the material generally is

For example, how would a teen do in a dri-

One area fifth-grade teacher who adminis-

emphasized the complexity of the topics to be

On one portion of the test, students were

instructed to use a specific democratic value and combine it with their own personal

knowledge to compose a letter to the council

letter had to be written within a five-minute

either agreeing with or opposing the ban. The

The tests list the core democratic values of

liberty, pursuit of happiness, public or com-

mon good, justice, equality, diversity, truth,

In the eighth-grade tests, students were

o read before answering several multiple-

choice questions. Many also required essay-

type answers on topics such as the First

Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and

mandatory community service for junior high

The Observer doubts that many educated adults who have been out of the classroom for

20 or 30 years would be successful on the

given a sheet containing information they had

popular sovereignty and patriotism.

teld that the local city council had banned

Rollerblading at a city park and were

than may be expected of today's

10- and 14-year-olds.

focus of the test in advance.

written about in essay form.

time frame, she said.

school students.

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Band earned respect

just got back from the National Champi-conships with the P-CEP Marching Band. In Indianapolis, I realized and saw before me how much work it takes to get to the top.

The band got the title of number one in the nation. With day-long practices everyday starting in early August, and seven hour practices everyday when school starts, I get tired just looking at my younger brother, who is on the drumline. Yes, I admit, at one time I was one of those people who had little respect for the band kids. And now I kick myself. Because of them, our school is nationally recognized

.They work harder and longer than any of the sports teams (who, I may add, have barely made it past regionals), and they put up with all kinds of crap from other students. No matter what, they always hold their heads up

Number one in the nation, and they get booed at football games and pep rallies. Number one, and students with no respect actually have the nerve to wear T-shirts around the school with the slogan "P-CEP Marching Band- Number One in the Nation-Who Cares?" (I haven't seen a National Championship medal hanging around their neck.)

Number one, and the band members feel wear a letter jacket with "March ing Band" written on the back. And for all the parents out there, arguing about whether or not the P-CEP Marching Band really deserves its title, do you honestly think you are setting yourselves as good role models for our genera-

Why can't you just be proud of the accomplishments of these students and how far they have come? This band is number one, and they have worked so hard for the title - don't you think these kids deserve a little bit more

Months and months of practice have finally paid off, our school is known nationwide, and band members are still treated as if they are nothing to us. If you ever see pictures of our Grand National Championship Marching Band flash across your TV on the news, or even while you are driving if you hear them mentioned on your favorite radio station, don't change the station.

Think about how hard they have worked and come to a conclusion. For those of you who feel you are so much "cooler" than a band kid, ask yourself who is the better person - you in your jealousy or them in their strength?

Even if P-CEP hadn't been number one, I hope this band will someday get the respect they deserve, from adults and kids alike.

Kație McKinley Plymouth Salem senior

Don't expand charters

The League of Women Voters recently completed a three-year study on charter schools in Michigan. We believe the Legislature should not lift its ban on the number of schools chartered by universities. The 150 charter schools already authorized are still an' experiment and have not proven themselves to be beneficial to the public school system.

Collecting data to measure the effectiveness of the charter schools in Michigan has been extremely difficult. The public should have access to test scores, student and teacher turnover, evidence of teacher certification and the role of management companies.

The management companies hired by the chartering institutions are generally not community based and have a standard curriculum and organization for all of their schools, which could lead to a lessening of teacher and parental influence. In addition, compliance with policies and procedures set by our state Board of Education that other public schools must follow is not being monitored.

Should charter schools not have the same measures of accountability that other public schools adhere to?

We must give this experiment in education some additional time before we permit an expansion of the charter school program which has simply not proven itself to be the panaceas so many were hoping it would be.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Truancy bills come up short in placing blame on parents

et's not make parents the enemy, Raising kids can be a tough job. They test them to do so. I would argue that it is an integral part of growing up. How can you become ndent adult without occasionally pushing the limits?

So good parenting is a very fine line. One nust set clear rules, enforce them consistent ly and fairly ... and know when to give them up as the child grows in maturity and respon

I raise the point because of a set of bills sed by Rep. Gilda Jacobs (D-Kuntingto ods) and Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Township) to address school truancy.

Overall, it's a good package. The key provi-sion is that it would allow a judge to suspend a youngster's drivers license for failing to attend school regularly. As Peters has point 'ed out, youngsters value the mobility that having that driver's license allows. Often they count it more highly than anything else the authorities could offer or take away.

The bills would also require parental notification if the child is absent twice in 30 days, and would allow for court intervention if the child misses seven days in a month.

"Truancy is sometimes the first sign of a troubled child who may eventually experiment with drugs, crime and gangs, and wind up another juvenile crime statistic," Jacobs

The part that bothers me is that parents could be held to account for their youngsters failure to show up in school. The bills allow for fines of \$500 or up to 90 days in jail for parents who fail to address the truancy prob-

And, yes, I admit there are some parents who deserve such a penalty. When the Wayne County prosecutor's office called parents in meetings about their kids' truancy, fewer than half even showed up.

But there seems to be a trend of targeting parents for their kids misbehavior. Many mmunities now have host ordinances, which hold parents to account when their youngsters hold raucous parties in their homes. And it wasn't long ago that a Macom County-couple was prosecuted for failing to discipline their delinquent teenager.

But there are also more prohibitions in law about what parents can do to discipline As a child, I knew what would happen if I

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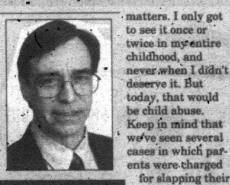
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If you ask the authorities how far a parent can go in disciplining a youngster, you are likely to get a wide variety of answers. One judge I queried on the topic said that Michigan's domestic violence laws, which make it illegal for one member of a household to strike another, could be interpreted to prohibit spanking. But a state senator who was there for the debate on that law says it was never intended to outlaw physical discipline.

children in the

Another judge told me spanking is legal, as long as it is a swat or two on the rear or back of the legs, doesn't leave an injury, and is done with the hand rather than a paddle or

When I asked a social worker the same thing, she said she refused to endorse spanking because too often child abuse begins as physical discipline

Why such varied answers? Because the law does not clearly spell out what is legal. and what isn't when it comes to disciplining

One lawmaker told me it wasn't spelled out for a reason. They were afraid that whatever definition of physical discipline they put in law as allowable might be carried to an abusive extreme. They like it nebulous, he said, because they can bring a case when a parent seems to go overboard. Vague laws give police and prosecutors more discretion.

What was that I said about good parenting? It is about setting clear rules and enforcing them fairly. Perhaps lawmakers should apply the same standards to their rules about parenting ... especially if they intend to hold parents accountable later for failing to discipline their kids.

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Your letters are always welcome at this paper my regular practice is to solicit responses to it - delighted, outraged, whatever -

either by phone or e-mail. I generally also ask permission from senders to have their reactions printed in the newspaper as letters to the editor.

I've always felt that letters to the editor are an essential, vital part of a home town paper. As a columnist, I consider it an obligation to print reader reactions to what I write. Moreover, running letters to the editor, especially if there is a heavy community issue up for debate, helps make the paper an open forum of community

So over the years I've tried to make sure our editors welcome letters to the editor and tell readers how best to submit them for publication Our policy has been to print as many letters as we can, subject only to making sure that letters we receive are in fact written by the person who signs them and checking them for libel, slander and other considerations of good taste....

Imagine my surprise, then, at receiving a letter the other day unlike any I have received in my entire 35 years in this business.

"Apparently, the policy of your newspaper is to print all letters to the editor short of the use of blasphemy or false accusation. ... I find it extremely unusual that any newspaper would print all letters to the editor. I am not aware of any other newspaper with this policy. "My father used to write letters to the Bay

City Times and Detroit Free Press and would occasionally have one printed. However, 80 percent of whatever he wrote ended up on the floor of the editor's office." My correspondent is absolutely right. In most

of the big city papers, something like 80 percent of the letters to the editor that are submitted wind up on the floor of the editor's office. That's one of the things that distinguishes a home town community newspaper like this one from our big city brethren. As set out in our mission statement, one of

our fundamental business purposes is to "nurture the communities we serve." As we understand it, nurturing a community involves doing everything we can to make the home towns we serve good places for folks to live. We consider our newspapers to be part of the community . rather than standing apart, and so we feel that printing as many letters to the editor as we can helps the paper perform a useful function as a community forum.

But the letter I received went on to make another point.

"The problem that this (printing all letters received) causes is that community malcontents



PHILIP POWER

can be extremely abrasive and counterproductive to the operation of a city. It is very difficult to maintain staff morale when the newspaper continually allows the proliferation of personal attacks and insults to become weekly reading. . I would think that the newspaper has some

responsibility to limit the access of chronic complainers to the letters page." I've got to admit here my correspondent has a

point. In any community, there are always a handful of people who are regularly sore about one thing or another. Some people call them gadflies, others style them "community malcontents." Such people are often regular - some would say "obsessive" - letter writers, often repetitively on the same subject. Here's where the nuanced understanding and

judgment of a home town newspaper editor comes in. Most editors believe - rightly, in my view - that community gadflies may be a pain in the butt, but providing them a forum is an important aspect of nurturing a community. And most editors know there's a difference between a gadfly and a chronic troublemaker who has an ax to grind.

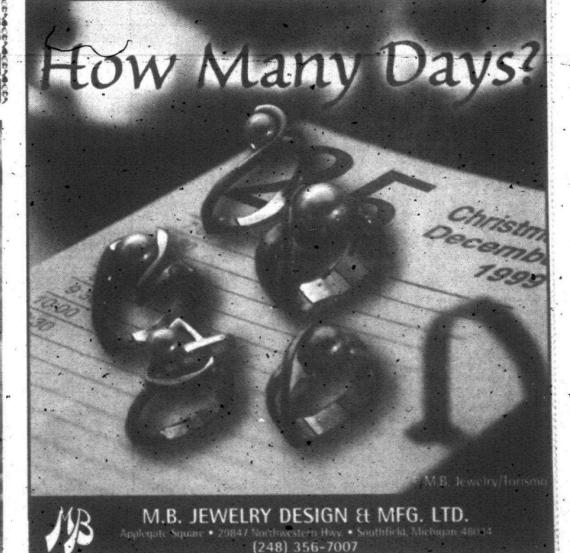
That's why we try regularly to print gadfly letters and to refrain from printing troublemaker lefters that insult or slander individuals. A good home town editor knows the people involved and is in a position to make informed judgments about the kinds of letters that deserve publication and the kinds that do not.

Editors on big city papers simply cannot have that kind of intimate understanding of individual home towns and the folks who live there. That's why it's so satisfying to publish the kinds of newspapers we do: To nurture the home

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Protect yourself against high charges on 900 calls

You will be billed for all calls you make to a 900 number.

900-number calls are never without charges. Over the last decade 900-number calls have grown into a worldwide multibillion-dollar industry. So, before making this type of call, understand that:

■ There will be a charge - it is not a toll free call

■ There is no regulation of

rates for such calls Rates are set by the owners of the number and/or the information service you call.

Information services offer telephone callers the opportunity to obtain a wide variety of telephone programs that provide recorded or live information and entertainment. Chat lines, psychic advice, stock market updates, sports information, to name a few, are the types of information services available through 900 numbers. These services are valued by some consumers. Unfortunately, there are some telephone scams operating through 900 numbers and other information service numbers.

It doesn't matter who dialed the 900 number a minor, a guest or someone working in your home the call will be billed to the telephone number of a call's origination and the billed party will be responsible for paying the charges. These 900-number service providers are usually unable to verify authorization or the age of callers and are not required to do so. The rates they charge are not regulated by anyone!

How can you protect yourself from unwanted charges when calling a 900 number?

Be aware that charges are always incurred when you participate in a program offered through a 900 number, even if the 900 call was originally accessed through a toll free number. Listen to the introductory message and hang up promptly if you decide you are not interested in the service or do not want to pay the charges given. The introductory message must state that callers under 18 must obtain parental permission. Also, 900-number call providers are, prohibited from advertising or marketing to children under 12 years old unless the services are educational in nature.

■ Do not confuse 900 numbers with 800, 888, or other toll free numbers. 900 numbers ARE NOT toll free. There is always a charge for a 900-number call.

Some deceptive advertisements urge consumers to call a 900 number by offering free gifts or prizes. Be wary of ads that don't provide much detail about what is offered or the cost. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true.

Consider having your local telephone company place a 900number block on your telephone line if you do not want 900-number calls placed from your telephone. In Michigan, there is no charge for 900 blocking. By law, blocking must be offered by all telephone service providers in Michigan. Contact your local and long-distance telephone companies about the availability of blocks for international or toll

(However, be aware that it may be possible to dial around blocks by dialing a regular long distance phone number, 800 access numbers, or an international toll number to another

Essays sought on improving voter turnout

(PRNewswire) - Wayne County Commissioner George Cushingberry announced recently the kick-off of his annual civic literacy scholarship contest for high school and college students. Participants must write a two-page essay and submit their entries by the March 17, 2000 deadline.

The topic for the 2000 contest "How Can the Races Work Together to Improve Voter Furnout?". - challenges students to examine participation by different ethnic groups. Entries must contain a bibliography and two full pages of double-spaced text in a font no larger than 12 point. The contest is open to students in the area served by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michi-gan Council of Governments.

Students can contact Commissioner Cushingberry for more information at 313-224-0942.

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country.) Blocks to international . plaint? calls are available through your long-distance provider.

Review your telephone bills carefully each month. Keep in mind also that while calls to 900 numbers must be listed separately on your bill, calls to a service provider in a foreign country may not be designated as such. They frequently appear as a very expensive international or calling card call. Who can help you with a com-

First, you should attempt to resolve your dispute directly with the telephone company information provider, or billing entity. Follow up all conversations with the provider in writing and keep a copy for your records, 900-number charges are almost never the result of tampering or equipment malfunction and, in any case, proving anything of this nature is extremely

ny is under no obligation to remove charges where tampering or equipment malfunction is only suspected or when it is difficult for you to accept that someone in your family made the call.

■ The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has no authority to order 900-number charges removed from a telephone bill.

Local telephone companies can contact: revert charges back to the origi-

nator of the 900 service, although this does not prevent the originator from taking direct collection action against the customer. Also, your local telephone service cannot be terminated for non-payment of 900number charges; however, account balances may be referred to a collection agency. If you are unsuccessful in resolv-

ing a 900-number call dispute,

mission Michigan Public-Service Commission Enforcement Bureau Communications/Service Quality Section Consumer Complaints 6545 Mercantile Way Mail Stop 1600A2 Lansing MI 48909 or Michigan Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, P.O. Box 30213, Lansing, MI 48909,www. ag. state. mi. us

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To most Christians, the Christmas star is symbolic

of Jesus, but ancient people

created myths about them.

looked on stars as gods and

However, the five-pointed star of

Christmas holds center stage. Its

appearance is recorded in the New

Testament, which says it appeared

over Bethlehem and served as a

guiding light to lead the wise men to

The stars that appear in the sky

today are the same ones that were

there 2,000 years ago. Which raises

the question: Was there a nova at the

time of Jesus' birth? The exact time

of His birth is not known, but

astronomers can't place a new star

appearance anywhere near the possi-

Could it have been a shooting star?

Again, astronomers say it's not like-

ly. A meteor lasts only a few seconds

or minutes at best. The wise men fol-

lowed-the star for weeks, looking for

And rule out comets as well. They

can be seen by the naked eye for a

week or months. But modern

astronomers know which comets

were close enough to Earth hundreds

and thousands of years ago. There

was, they say, no comet visible to humans around the time of Christ's

Some star gazers suggest that if the birth of Jesus is moved to the

spring of 6 B.C., the star can be attributed to the time the planets

Mars. Jupiter and Saturn were close

gether in the heavens They formed

a triangle in the group of stars

The wise men were astrologers and

studied the stars and planets and

knew, according to Jewish rabbis, of

the triangle and that it had appeared

Perhaps they interpreted it as a

sign of a great event in the land of

before the birth of Moses.

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Christmasdinner with a Y2K twist

t was to be the Christmas dinner of the millennium, but The Feminist

got bitten by a Y2K bug.
"It's perfect," she said. "We always
do a theme dinner for Christmas. This year it can be the millennium. We can have one dish that was popular in each decade. We just have to do some research."

"Uh-huh," I said. I was tangled up in a string of Christmas lights and not paying much attention. "I'll get on the Internet and see what I can find.",

I found some Web sites, and she brought home half-a-dozen books from the library.

"What about deviled eggs?" she said. "According to 'American Dish,' they were popular in the 1900s."

"There's a problem," I said, finally starting to pay attention. "The millennium doesn't really begin until 2001. Never mind what you read in the newspapers; 2000 is the last year of . the old millennium."

After some discussion about decades, centuries, millennia and the Gregorian calendar, she said, "Rats! I guess we can't do this until next

"Besides," I said, "you only went back to the beginning of the century. You have to go back 1,000 years for

'For breakfast, we'll have Eggs Benedict. They're from the '20s. And **Oatmeal Por**ridge from the '40s. And from the '30s, we're having Waldorf Salad. We'll have California Dip, a cheese ball and pigs

the millennium. And you might have trouble finding out. . . what dish was popular in 1 " A.D. Although we could go Chinese and do Thousand Year Old Eggs."

"Never mind," she said. "We'll go with my original plan. We'll just call it the Almost-End-of-the-Century Dinner." "Whatever

you say. So what are we having besides leviled eggs? "O.K. We'll start with

vichyssoise; that was invented in

1917."

'50s.'

from the

"That's cold potato soup." "It's cold potato and leek soup with heavy cream. It's delicious.

"If you say so. What else?" "For breakfast, we'll have Eggs Benedict. They're from the '20s. And Oatmeal Porridge from the,'40s. And from the '30s, we're having Waldorf Salad. We'll have California Dip, a cheese ball and pigs in a blanket from

"A cheese ball?"

"They were very popular. And the entrée comes from the '60s, Beef Wellington. We'll have Mimosas from the '70s, frittata from the '80s, Tiramisu and Mocha Mudslides from the '90s.'

"Mocha Mudshides?"

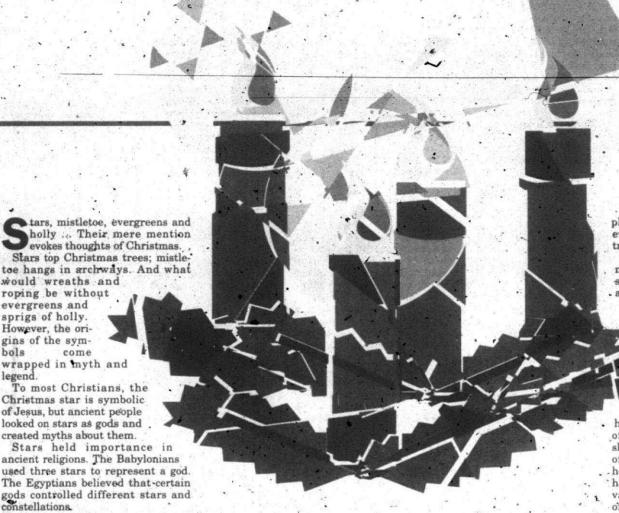
"It's a cocktail. Sort of like a Black Russian. Oh, and we're having daiquiris. They were popular from 1910 to 1919."

"Now there's an idea!" "What?"

"Next year. For your millennium" celebration, Forget Christmas. We'll. have a New Year's Eve Barty. With one drink from each decade of the millennium. Now that's my idea of a celebration."

"No, really. We know they had wine even before the first millennium. I wonder when Scotch was invented

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Yule's symbols have origins in myth, legend

the Jewish people. It may have been the star of Bethlehem. Pisces became the special constellation of the Hebrew people.

Still, many people prefer to believe that the strange star did appear and that it was simply a miracle and throughout the world today, the Christian holiday has usually begun with the appearance of the first star of Christmas Eve.

Sacred plant of Frigga

Mistletoe is an aerial parasite that has no roots of its own and lives off the tree it attaches itself to. It was thought by the ancient Europeans to be sacred.

Druid priests employed it in their acrifices to the gods while Celtic people felt it possessed miraculous healing powers. In fact, in the Celtic

language, mistletoe means, "all-heal." The belief was that it not only cured diseases, but could also render poisons harmless, make humans and animals prolific, keep one safe from witchcraft, protect the house from ghosts and even make spirits speak.

With all that, it was thought to bring good luck to anyone privileged to have it.

A Norse myth says that mistletoe was the sacred plant of Frigga, god-dess of love and the mother of Balder, the god of the summer sun. Balder had a dream of death which alarmed his mother, for should he die, all life on earth would end.

In an attempt to keep this from happening, Frigga went at once to air, fire, water; earth and every animal and plant, seeking a promise that no harm would come to her son.

But Balder's one enemy, Loki, god of evil, knew of one plant Frigga had overlooked that grew on apple and oak trees - the lowly mistletoe.

So Loki made an arrow tip of mistletoe, gave it to the blind god of winter, Hoder, who shot it, striking Balder dead. The sky paled and all things in earth and heaven wept for the sun god. Each element tried to bring Balder back to life, but he was finally restored by Frigga.

It is said the tears she shed turned into the pearly white berries on the

plant and in her joy, Frigga kissed everyone who passed be-neath the tree on which it grew.

The story ends with a decree that no harm should befall anyone who stands under mistletoe, only a kiss, a token of love

> Evergreens were a part of mid-winter festivals long before They Christ. played a symbolic part because they stayed green and alive when other plants appeared dead.

Primitive European tribes. hung evergreens above their doors to offer the wandering winter spirits shelter within their homes in hopes of receiving good fortune and good health. The Romans decorated their homes with the greens at the Festival of Saturnalia and at the Kalends of January, their New Year. They exchanged evergreen branches with friends as a sign of good luck. The Druids viewed evergreens as sacred, a symbol of life itself.

As for holly, the Druids believed it, with its shiny leaves and red berries, stayed green to keep the earth beautiful when the sacred oak lost its leaves. They wore sprigs of holly in their hair when they went into the forest to watch their priests cut the sacred mistletoe.

Holly also was the sacred plant of Saturn and was used at the Roman Saturnalia festival to honor him. Romans gave one another holly wreaths and carried them about dec orating images of Saturn with it.

Centuries later, in December, while other Romans continued their pagan worship, Christians celebrated the birth of Jesus. To avoid persecution, they decked their homes with Saturnalia holly.

As Christian numbers increased and their customs prevailed, holly lost its pagan association and became a symbol of Christmas. The plant has come to stand for peace and joy. People often settle arguments under a

holly tree. Holly is believed to frighten off witches and protect the home from thunder and lightning. In west England, it is said sprigs of holly around a young girl's bed on Christmas Eve are suppose to keep away mischie-

vous little goblins. So when Christmas came about, people incorporated, rather than dismissed, many of the practices as Christmas customs. Of course, that was done only if the activities and items were considered harmless and lent themselves to a Christian inter-

Oh, Chrismon tree: The Rev. Luther Werth, pas-.tor of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, looks at the new Christ-

mas tree in

sanctuary.

church's



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Christians celebrate 'most wonderful night'

familiar symbol of the Christmas celebra-

The custom of a Christmas tree undecorated - is believed to have begun in Germany in the early 700s, and by the-16th century, fir trees were decorated to commemorate Christmas there.

It is a widely held belief that the 16th century Protestant reformer Martin Luther was the first to add lighted candles to the Christmas tree.

Walking toward his home one evening. while composing a sermon, Luther was awed by the brilliance of stars twinkling among the evergreens. To recapture the scene for his family, he erected a tree in the main room of the house and wired its branches with lighted candles.

The tree Martin Luther created for his family has a prominent place in homes and churches today. And at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia and Canton, the main Christmas trees this year will be decorated with Chrismon ornaments displaying the Christian symbols) and lights.

The decorations remind church-goers of

The Christmas tree is by far the most the light and eternal life God promised to give through the gift of his Son, Jesus, born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

To celebrate, Christ Our Savior-Canton Will have a family service at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 46001 Warren Road. Featured will be music by the Singers of the Spirit, Canton's Voice and instruments.

The 7 p.m. Christmas Eve family service at Christ Our Savior-Livonia, 14175 Farmington Road, will feature the Cherub and Chorister's choirs and a special children's message. At the 11 p.m. candlelight service, worshippers will be given votive candles to raise during the singing of "Silent Night."

The Choir of Christ Our Savior, Jubellation Handbell Choir and instrumentalists will present the Christmas story through song, scripture and prayer. A pre-service concert of organ and handbell music will begin at 10:30 p.m.

A festive service with communion will be held at the Livonia site at 10 a.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, will feature uplifting music with choir and instrumen

Please see SERVICES, B2

Listings for the Religious News a Red Cross bean bag toy. 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 infor-

mation, call (734) 953-2131. BLOOD DRIVE

Kenwood Church of Christ will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, in the Fellowship Hall of the church; 20200 Merriman Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads Livonia, Call Ray Sanders at (248) 476-822 for a blood dona-

The Church of Christ will have a Red Cross blood drive noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 29; at the church, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Call (734) 453-7630 for a blood donation appointment. Donors will receive

■ There will be a family cele

bration with carols and candle-

lighting at 6:30 p.m. Christmas

Eve at Newburg United

Methodist Church, 36500 Ann

Arbor Trail, Livonia. The

Cherub, Children's and choris-

ters choirs will perform and child

At 8:30 p.m., there will be car-

ols, candlelighting and commu-

nion, with the Rev. Melanie Lee

Carey preaching. The Youth

Choir and Cantabile Bells will

perform and the youths will pre-

sent the drama, "After the

The 11 p.m. service, "A Time

to Ponder," will have candle-

lighting and communion. The

Rev. Thomas Badley will preach

and the Chancel Choir will per-

Badley also will preach at the

10 a.m. worship service, "A Per-

fect Time to Lose Our Baggage,"

The family-oriented service

will feature the drama, "A String

of Blue Beads." Child care for

Canton Friendship Church

will have two services at 6 and 8

call (734) 422-0149,

children up to age 3 will be 8181.

available. For more information, Trinity Presbyterian

p.m. Christmas Eve. The ser- William Moore preaching, will

vices will be held at Canton Free include family celebrations at

on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26.

care will be provided.

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YOUTH EVENT

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have a New year's Eve youth event 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road. Livonia. For more information, call the church at (248) 474-

NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

St. Matthew Lutheran Church will have a service with Communion at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. The church also will have one service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2. For more infor mation, call (734) 425-0260.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Livonia will have a millennial New Year's Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31. at the church, 14175 Farmington Road. The biblical message will

Road. For more information, call

(734) 451-2100 or visit the Web

site at www. captonfriendship.

■ Lake Pointe Bible Chapel

will have its Christmas Eve ser-

vice at 4 p.m. at the church

42150 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

For more information, call (734).

St. Michael Lutheran

Church will have family worship

nion at 9 p.m. and a candlelight

service with communion at 11

p.m. Christmas Eve at the

church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Can-

ton. Christmas Day the worship

with communion will take place

at 10 a.m. For more information,

New Life Lutheran Church

will have services at 4 and 11

p.m. Christmas Eve at St. John's

Episcopal Church, 574 S, Shel-

don Road, Canton. A new congregation, it temporarily worships

at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at Bird

Elementary School, Sheldon

Road at Ann Arbor Trail. For

more information, call (734) 459-

Church's Christmas Eve ser-

vices, "The Most Wonderful

Night of the Year" with Dr

call (734) 459-3333

at 7 p.m., worship with commu

420-0515.

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proclaim eternal hope for people as they enter the next millenni-

Church will have a worship service and celebration at 10:30 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information,

call (313) 534-7730. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have a worship service at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road at Kinloch, Redford. For more information, call (313) 537-

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will have a service with Holy Communion at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 39020 Five Mile Boad, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-

Risen Christ Lutheran

and a traditional candlelight ser-

Trail, Plymouth. For more infor-

Plymouth will have family wor-

also will be a service at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Sunday. For more

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Church will have New Year's Eve worship at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5252. Lola Park Evangelical

Lutheran Church will have services at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve and 10 a.m. New Year's Day. For more information, call the church at (313)532-8655. Resurrection Catholic

Church will have Mass at 4:30 p.m. New Year's Eve at the church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, New Year's Sunday Masses on Jan. 2 will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at (734)

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church will have a holy hour at 11 p.m. New Year's Eve and Masses at midnight and 9:30 a.m. New Year's Day at the

located at 10101 W. Ann Arbor a.m. Christmas Day at the church, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information,

■ First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will have family worwill present "The Nativity Story" and carols at candlelight services at a 4 p.m. Christmas Eve serat 8 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve vice with Hely Eucharist, geared for children and families, at the Main streets in Plymouth. There church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Nursery care will be

> The 7 p.m. Festal Eucharist service for families will feature music by Sonshine Music, while the 11 p.m. Festal Eucharist service will have music by the There also will be a Christmas

Christmas Eve. at the church. The Christmas Day service 48755 Warren Road, Canton. with Holy Eucharist will be at Mass also will be said at 10:30 10:30 a.m. For more information a.m. Christmas Day and 8:30 call (734) 453-0190.

day. For more information, call Christmas Eve special, "The Risen Christ Lutheran Greatest Gift Ever Given," at Church will have Christmas Eve candlelight worship at 4:30, 7 candlelight service, "Choice of the Century," at 8 p.m. and can-46250 Ann Arbor, Road, Plydlelight service, "Come ... and mouth, Christmas Day worship Behold Him," at 10 p.m. at the will be at 10 a.m. For more infor-

Hill Road east of Canton Center of carols and praise at 7:30 p.m. Holy Spirit will have services with Eucharist at 5:30 and 11 vice at 11 p.m. The church is p.m. Christmas Eve and at 10:30

> ship at 3 and 5 p.m. and lessons at the church, at Church and

Resurrection Catholic Church will have a children's Mass at 4:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of All Saints Elementary School, 48735 Warren, and Parish and Handbell choirs. Masses at 4:30 and 10 p.m., and concert at 9:15 p.m. all on concert at 10:30 p.m.

and 10:30 a.m. Christmas Sun-The First United Meth-

mation, call (734) 453-5280.

church, 23310 Joy Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-2121.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION Newburg United Methodist Church will have an informal party, beginning at 9 p.m., New Year's Eve. Dec. 31, at the church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail,

to bring a favorite game, snack and beverage. . At 11:30 p.m., a service of Holy Communion and prayer will be held in the sanctuary. People need not participate in the party to attend the service. For more nformation, call the church office at For more information.

Livonia. Participants are asked

call (734) 422-0149. SPECIAL SERVICE Lola Park Lutheran Church will kick off the New Year with a special worship and praise service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1,

at the church, 14750 Kinloch, A brunch will follow at 11 a.m. in the church hall. Television sets will be available to catch the New Year's parades or early football games. For more infor-mation or reservations for

(313) 532-8655. Lola Park Lutheran is celebrating its 55th anniversary in the year 2000.

brunch, call the church office at

The First United Methodist Church at 6443 Merriman Road, Garden City, will worship with a

Wesley Communion service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-8628.

TAI CHI CLASSES . The Tacist Tai Chi Society, a non-profit organization, is forming new beginner Tai Chi classes, starting Monday, Jan. 3, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodis Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The topic for the Thursday. Jan. 6, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group, will be "Moving On." The group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for peo ple suffering as the result of the leath of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at

Resource center hosts divorce support group

The Women's Resource Center Ellen Slutzky, a climical psyof Schoolcraft College is sponsor- chologist will focus her March 28 ing a divorce support group that presentation on helping divorcmeets Tuesdays in Room 225 of ing individuals develop more self the McDowell Center.

by Cynthia Koppin, a profession- an overview of the divorce proal counselor. The speaker ses- cess. Participants will learn Church will have a Family sions take place the fourth Tues- about such things as property

4:30 p.m. (nursery provided), a learn about the legal aspects of divorce from attorney Theodore divorce support group and regis-

confidence. The discussion group the sec- Attorneys Barbara Watry and ond Tuesday of the month is run Mary Ann Mercieca will, provide

settlements, custody, child sup-On Jan. 25, participants will port, visitation and alimony. .There is no fee to attend the tration isn't required.

Certified financial planner. For more information, call the Elizabeth Allen will provide a Women's Resource Center at church, 45201 N, Territorial guide to handling finances and (734) 462-4443. Schoolcraft Col-Road, Plymouth. For more infor- planning a future following lege is located at 18600 Haggerty divorce or separation on Feb. 22. Road, Livonia.

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placed second in the

200 breaststroke

relay, with Dennis

part o the winning

in the 200-yard

team. Canton

Speck (below)

anchoring.

AAU hoop tryouts

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

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

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

• Jan. 5: 11-and-under ('88), 12-and-under '87), 89:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; 13-and-under ('86), 7-9 p.m. at West Middle School.

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

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

Hockey leagues

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

There will be free coffee and doughnuts after all the games. The season starts Jan. 18 and will last 10 games plus the playoffs. Cost is \$165 per player. To register,

call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or

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

e-mail him at john@rspi.net.

Still on top

Salem finishes 1st, Canton 3rd at WLAA Relays

SPORTS EDITOR cirisak@ce.homecomm.ne

For years, Plymouth Salem's boys swim team always seemed to find a way to lose at the beginning of the sea-

son, then regroup to win at the end. The Rocks have won seven-straight championships in the Western Lakes Activities Association, but prior to last year they had not managed to win many of the WLAA's season-opening relays meet, which they host.

"We always seemed to do something, get DQed or someone else would swim really, really well," said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

Last year, the Rocks finally won both ends, taking the WLAA Relays meet to start the season and the WLAA Championship meet to end it.

This year, they're halfway to doing it again. Salem won the Relays again, edging Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Canton and North Farmington for the

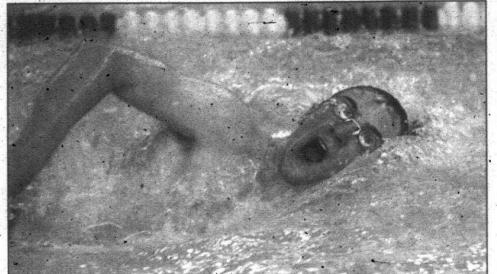
Salem scored 249 points to Stevenson's 235; Canton was third with 207 and North Farmington was fourth with Northville placed fifth (189), followed

by Farmington/Farmington Harrison' (156), Walled Lake (148), Livonia Churchill (116), Livonia Franklin (70) and Westland John Glenn (64). "It was a lot of fun, a good meet,

well-contested," said Olson. "Stevenson's good — they got our attention." The Rocks won because they didn't

do anything to beat themselves, according to Olson, "We didn't load up on (3:29.89); in the 200 breaststroke relay, anything," he said. "We just swam real Olson marks performances by Salem

swimmers that are impressive with stars, and in this meet he gave out a bunch. "I gave a lot of stars away, probably more than I ever gave out in a



"Some of the kids had a significant Northville also had two improvement (from last Thursday's wins, from Derek Ohlgren, Dave Whitbeck, Anthony dual meet against Ann Arbor Huron), which showed me something." Serge and Scott Whitbeck in the 200 backstroke relay The Rocks won two relays, while (1:48.73), and from Kevin Stevenson finished first in four. Stuart John Moors, Scott Salem's wins came from Eric Lynn, Whitbeck and Dave Whit-Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo and Brian Mertens in the 400-yard medley relay beck in the 500 free relay (4:31.27).(3:56.11), and from Dave Woodard,

North Farmington's Ryan Kappler, Dan Jones and Mike Johnson in the 200 freestyle relay Craig Paske, John Kern, Adam Farber and Jim The Spartans were first in the 400 Gabriel were winners in the 400 medley relay (4:04.11), free relay, with Jeff Darby, Brad Buckand Walled Lake's Chris ler, Justin Ketterer and Joe Bublitz Gawronski and Steve Zerber were first in the diving with Kevin D'Alessandro, Mike Nemer, Kevin VanTiem and Eric Dabkowskirelay (320.65 points).

The difference, of course, (2:04.52); in the 200 butterfly relay, with Pate Rodemeyer, Geoff Lowes, was that Salem finished Rob Cambridge and Brandon Truscott second five times and third (1:47.47); and in the 200 medley relay, twice: Only in the diving with Bublitz, Nemer, Truscott and relay were the Rocks out of



Chiefs win own Invite

This much is for certain: Ply mouth Canton's wrestlers weren't about to have another 15-year lapse between tourna-

That's how long coach John Demsick believed it had been since the Chiefs won their last fournament. The streak ended Dec. 4 at the Falcon Invitational. hosted by Sterling Heights Henry Ford II.

Last Saturday at the nineteam Canton Invitational, the Chiefs made certain opponents tood this was no one-time wonder of a team by winning the title, the first time they've ever done that.

Indeed, last year's third place was the best Canton had ever done at its own invitational. "This is the first time we've

about it, obviously.

Garden City (227). In third was Dearborn Fordson (205), fol-

lowed by Ann Arbor Huron (187) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (181.5). Asked about his team's success. Demsick replied, "I get asked about this a lot lately.

won the Canton Invitational." Demsick said. "We're happy The Chiefs scored 270 points to easily outdistance runner-up

WRESTLING

things like 'The kids are really working hard, they're a team and (are) supporting each other, they're starting to really believe in themselves, we're becoming a pinning team and that the things we've been trying to do as a coaching staff are starting to

come together."

While true, Demsick added another element of Canton's success is that many of the wrestlers have also found a spiritual lift through prayer.

"We always meet together for a brief pep talk from the coaches right before we wrestle at dual meets and tournaments," the Canton coach said. "The boys just decided before our first meet

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Top gun: Four pins in four matches earned Canton's "I keep finding myself saying Phil Rothwell the outstanding wrestler award.

Whalers sweep Otters



Erie Otfers last weekend for a saves in Friday's win and 20 two more from Nikita Alexeev pair of Ontario Hockey League more of Saturday. Adam and Carlo Colaiacovo, respectivegames. Such trips in the past Munroe started in goal in both ly, to knot the score at 4-apiece. have been roads to disaster, but games for Erie.

4 Friday and 4-3 Saturday.

The two wins pushed Plymouth's record to 18-14-3 (40 Rupp narrowed the gap to 2-1 lected a goal and an assist in the sints), good for third place in with 4:02 left in the first, George victory. he OHL's West Division. The Nistas and Eric Gooldy pushed

It shaping Windsor Spitfires and Sault Ste. Plymouth's lead to 4-1.
up like a Marie Greyhounds are tied for Gooldy finished the period happy holi- first in the West with 46 points. . with a goal and two assists, day - at Erie remained in second place while Nistas and Kurka had a least for the in the OHL's Midwest Division goal and an assist in the period.

Plymouth with a 15-16-1 record (32 points). However, Eric came battling Plymouth with a 15-16-1 record (32 points). Rob Zepp backstopped both back in the second period, get The Whalers traveled to the wins for the Whalers, making 31 ting another goal from Rupp and

Steven Morris got the game On Friday, Plymouth almost winner for the Whalers with The Whalers used fast starts let a 4-1 lead after one period get 13:53 of the third period elapsed; n both games to walk away with away. Stephen Weiss and Tomas assisted by Kris Vernarsky. pair of wins, beating the Otters Kurka put the Whalers up 2-0 Kevin Holdridge's empty-net goal with 51 seconds remaining with 11:34 of the first period elapsed, after Erie's Michael iced the victory. Holdridge col

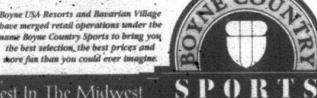


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SC falls to top-ranked Owens

The strategy for Schoolcraft College going into last Saturday's men's basketball game at Owens Community College was clearcut:

Give yourself a chance to win. "I thought (Owens) was a good team. they're well coached and they play hard." said SC coach Carlos Briggs. "But we just didn't do the things we needed to do to beat a

ranked team on the road. "We told the guys going into this game, if you're going to win in their gym, you must

not turn the ball over and you have to make your free throws.". The Ocelots didn't do either one in the first half, which is why they trailed by 13 at the intermission - a deficit too big to overcome

against the top-ranked team in the NJCAA Division II. The final outcome was 80-59 in favor of Owens, which improved to 12-0. SC fell to 6-4. "The effort was there, which was pleasing. to see," said Briggs. "But on the road, you

want to give yourself a chance to win it at the end, and we didn't." The Ocelots committed 13 turnovers in the first half and were just 10-of-22 from the free-throw line, two big reasons Owens led with eight minutes left in the game, but that was as close as it got.

Robert Brown led the Ocelots with 17 13 points and six boards; and Quentin Mitchell had 12 points.

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points. Deandre Bell added 15 and Rodney straight game he has missed.

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Hughes scored 11.

SC finished the game with 23 turnovers (Owens had 18). The Ocelots made 20-of-33 free throws (60 percent) compared to Owens' 24-of-33 (72 percent), and from three-point range SC was just 1-of-13 (7.7 percent) while Owens hit 6-of-14 (42.8 percent).

The Ocelots are now idle until Jan. 3. when they visit Macomb CC.

Crusaders stumble twice

If Madonna University could just overcome this slow-start malady, it might add a few more Ws to its total.

Last weekend's trip to the Kalamazoo Colege Tournament provides a perfect example. In the first half of both their games, the Fighting Crusaders fell behind by substantial margins - they trailed Kalamazoo by 17 at halftime Friday and Huntington by 11 at the half on Saturday

Madonna rallied in the second half bothtimes, but couldn't make up the deficit. The 37-24. SC managed to trim that to 59-52 Crusaders lost to Kalamazoo 88-80 and to Huntington 88-87.

The two losses dropped Madonna to 2-14 overall. Again, the team was without Mike points and 10 rebounds. Lamar Bigby added Massey, who is under suspension for disciplinary reasons until Jan. 2.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

Massey, a sophomore guard, led Madonna Owens was led by Joe Shepherd with 16 in scoring last season. It was the third.

Against Kalamazoo, the Crusaders trailed 39-22 at the half - in part due to the Hornets pinpoint shooting from the perimeter They made 8-of-17 three-point shots in the first half compared to Madonna's 1-of-8.

Dan Kurtinaitis had a solid offensive game, connecting on 5-of-6 from the field and 6-of-7 from the free-throw line to score 16 points. He also had five assists and two steals, but he committed eight turnovers. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) contributed 12 points, and Josh Jensen and Jordan Garrison added nine apiece.

Kalamazoo got 16 points from Brad Phillips, 13 from B.J. Ford and 11 apiece from Dirk Rhinehart and Steve Thwaites.

Poor shooting, particularly from threepoint range, plagued Madonna again. Huntington hit 4-of-13 triples in the first half, while the Crusaders made just 1-qf-7.

edge on the boards and had 15 turnovers compared to 20 for the Crusaders. Kurtinaitis', 15 points topped Madonna; he also had six assists, three steals - and eight

turnovers. Aaron Cox added 13 points and six rebounds, Garrison had 12 points and Jensen scored 11. Huntington got 16 points from Gabe LaGrange, 15 points from Joe Gaff, 14 from

10 from Andy Kurzen. Madonna is now idle until Jan. 5, when it hosts Concordia College.

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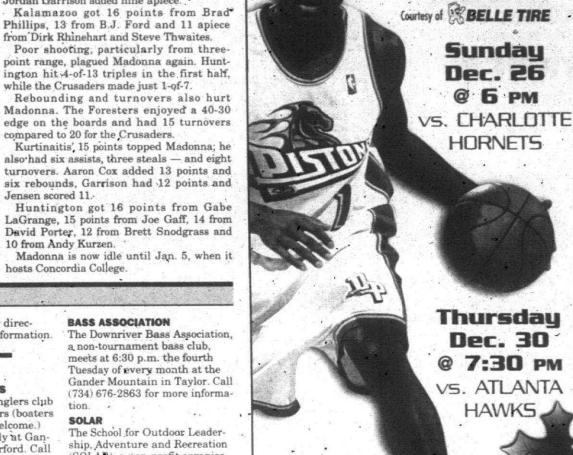
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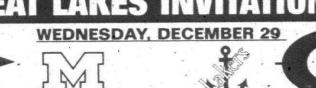
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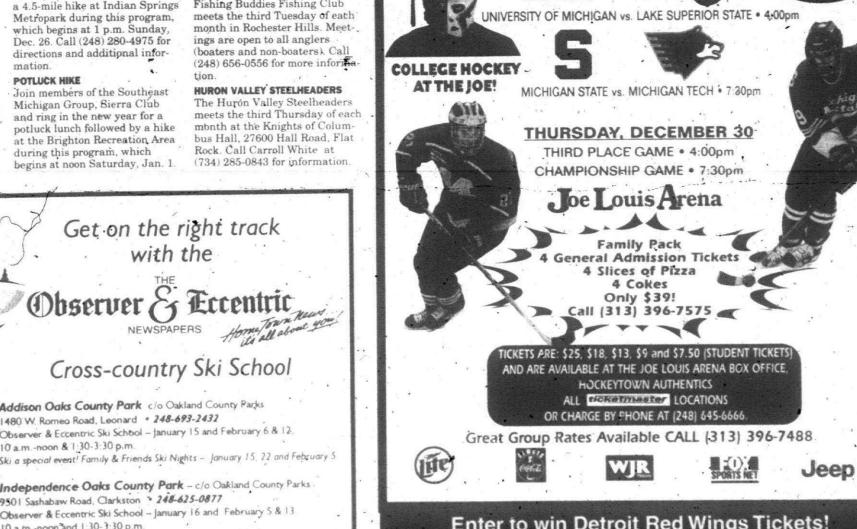
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400-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Eric Linn, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo, Brian Mertens), 3:56.11; 2. North Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Jon Zaid, Adam Farber, Brandon Digia). 3:57.85; 3. Canton, 3:58.33; 4. Stevenson, 4:09.47; 5. Northville, 4:14.84; 6. John Glenn, 4:25.19; 7, Walled Lake, 4:38.28; 8. Herrison, 4:51.80. (Franklin, Churchill DQ).

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Jeff Darby, Brad Buckler, Justin Ketterer, Joe Bublitz), 3:29.89; 2. Salem (Dan Jones, Mark Witthoff, Jim Ross, Ryan Kappler) 3:30.57; 3. North Farmington, 3:47.26; 4. Churchill, 3:53.83; 5. Canton, 4:02.87; 6. Harrison, 4:04.44; 7. Walled Lake, 4:06.88; 8. Franklin, 4:14.49; 9. Northville, 4:14.84; 10. John Glenn, 4:37.54

200 breaststroke relay: 1. Stevenson (Kevin Dalessandro, Mike Nemer, Kevin VanTiem, Eric Dabrowski), 2:04.52; 2. Canton (Jon Heiss, Matt Schacht, Ed Lindow, Dennis Speck), 2:05.82; 3. Salem, 2:08.83; 4. Northville, 2:10.46: 5. Walled Lake, 2:11.08: 6. North Farmington, 2:11.51; 7. Churchill, 2:16.95; 8. Harrison, 2:28.51; 9. Franklin,

200 backstroke relay: 1. Northville (Derek Ohlgren, Dave Whitbeck, Anthony Serge Scott Whitbeck), 1:48.73; 2. Harrison (Robbie Gundlach, Brandon Goad, Dan Price, Devin Hopper), 1:52.95; 3. Salem, 1:55.88; 4. North Farmington, 2:01.48; 5. John Glenn, 2:05.18; 6. Churchill. 2:06.83: 7. Canton, 2:07.86; 8. Stevenson, 2:10.95; 9. Walled Lake, 2:26.79; 10. Frankin, 2:38.30.

200 butterfly relay: 1. Stevenson (Pat Rodemeyer, Geoff Lowes, Rob Cambridge, Brandon Truscott), 1:47.47; 2. Salem (Mike Johnson, Mike Horgan, Kevin Schopleray, Dave Carson), 1:50.43; 3. North Farmington, 1:55.22; 4. Canton, 1:56.75; 5. Harrison, .. DQ). 1:57.51; 6. Walled Lake, 1:57.73; 7.

Churchill, 2:00.30; 8. Northville, 2:00.80; 9: John Glenn, 2:12:39. (Franklin DQ).

Diving relay: 1. Walled Lake (Chris Gawrot ski, Steve Zerber), 320.65; 2. Salem (Blake Brunner, Gerald Bennet), 311.90; 3. John Glenn, 311.80; 4. Northville, 309.00; 5. Franklin 275.80; 6. Stevenson, 258.75; 7. Salem, 243.65; 8. North Farmington, 206.75.

400 medley relay: 1. North Farmington (Craig Paske, John Kern, Farber, Gabriel), 4:04.11; 2. Salem (Dzialo, Adam Sonnanstine Linn, Hugo Alvarez); 3. Stevenson, 4:29.99; 4. Canton, 4:45.96; 5. Churchill, 4:48.64; 6. Northville, 4:49.68; 7. Harrison, 5:10.84; 8, Walled Lake, 5:12.18. (Franklin, John Glenn

500 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Kevin

Stuart, John Moors, S. Whitbeck, D. Whit beck), 4:31,27; 2. Salem (Chris Lamar, Mark Whitthoff, Jim Ross, Mertens), 4:38.03; 3. Canton, 4:41.58; 4. Stevenson, 4:46.98; 5. North Farmington, 4:47.12; 6. Churchill 5:09.85; 7. Walled Lake, 5:13.16; 8. Harrison, 5:29.26; 9. Franklin, 6:06.97; (John Glenn BQ).

200 medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Nemer, Truscott, Brad Buckler). 1:43.60:-2. Salem (Brian Dorogi, Jason Rebarchik, Horgan, Carson), 1:52.64; 3. Canton, 1:56.85; 4. Harrison, 2:02.39; 5. Franklin, 2:10.75; 6. North Farmington, 2:17.28; 7. Northville, 2:20.06; B. Walled Lake, 2:26.56. (Churchill, John Glenn DQ).

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Dave) Woodard, Ryan Kappler, Dan Jones, Johnson), 1:35.40; 2. Harrison (Hopper, Price, Good, Max Suttles), 1:36.50; 3. Walled Lake, 1:39.18; 4. Northville, 1:41.63; 5. Stevenson, 1:46.01; 6: Canton, 1:55.11; 7. North Farmington, 2:00.32; 8. Churchill, 2:05.12; 9. Franklin, 2:17.95. (John Glenn DQ).

Whalers from page B4

Saturday's game was similar, with the Whalers again taking the lead (they never trailed all weekend against Erie) on firstperiod goals by Weiss (his 10th of the season) and Kurka (his 17th). Erie's Rupp narrowed the gap to 2-1 late in the opening period

However, Weiss' second goal of the game - he also had an assist - pushed Plymouth's lead to 3-1 through two periods. Rupp, who scored all three of the Otters' goals in the game and five of their seven over the weekend, trimmed Plymouth's lead to 8-2 with a power-play goal at 3:16 of the third period.

But Jon Billy converted a pass from Nistas at the 10:22 juncture and the Whalers were again up by two, 4-2 - which made Rupp's third goal, scored with just nine seconds left in the game, inconsequential.

The Whalers are now idle until next Tuesday, when they host Erie in a 3 p.m. game. On Thursday, they play the Kitchener Rangers at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Ambassadors win 2

A strong second period saved the Compuware Ambassadors last Friday

Trailing 3-2 after one period, the Ambassadors netted three second-period goals en route to a 5-4 victory over the St. Louis Sting in a North American Hockey League game at Compuware Arena.

Steve Jackson got the eventual game-winner for the Ambassadors and Marc Norrington scored twice.

On Saturday, the Ambassadors improved their home-ice record to 9-3 with an 8-2 triumph over the Sting. Todd Bentscored his first-ever NAHL hattrick; he also had an assist.

Tom Fortunate made 19 stops in collecting his fifth win in goal for Compuware, which stayed atop the NAHL's East Division with a 19-8-1 (39 points), tied with the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians (18-7-3, 39 points).

Those two teams meet in a divisional showdown at 6:35 p.m. tonight at Compuware Arena.



that they would pull aside with whoever wanted to join them after our team meeting, bend down to a knee, and take a moment to pray for each other.'

While divine intervention is always welcome and its effect is indisputable, there is an abundance of talent on this Canton squad. The Chiefs got medals at the tournament in 13 of 14 weight classes, with Kyle Pitt in the 103-pound division, John Pocock at 140 and Phil Rothwell at 189 each taking firsts.

Pitt defeated Pioneer's Adam Kelsey 13-6 in the 103 final; Pocock beat Greg Sheureb of Allen Park with a technical fall, 20-5; and Rothwell pinned Jim VanBuskirk from Crestwood in

2:46 at 189 Rothwell pinned all four of his opponents in a total time of 4:19, a performance that earned him Outstanding Wrestler Award.

Doy Demsick at 119, Greg Musser at 130, Scott McKee at 152 and Derek McWatt at heavyweight all took seconds; Brad Kreger at 112 and Chris Hosey at 125 placed third; and Joe Faraone at 145, Mike Bonner at 160, Derek Miller at 171 and Ozzie Wagner at 215 placed fourth

The Chiefs are now idle until Jan. 6 when they host Western Lakes Activities Association rival Walled Lake Western.

Salem splits

Plymouth Salem traveled to Clio for a double-dual meet last Friday and ended up with a

The Rocks lost to Redford Catholic Central 45-30 and beat Clio 63-12. The win and loss left Salem with a 2-2 dual-meet

Against CC, the Rocks lost at 103 pounds, with the Shamrocks' Adam Stacey pinning Mike Goethe in 3:07, and at 112, with CC's Chris O'Hara pinning Nick Moniedis in 3:39:

Salem then won the next five weight divisions. Ron Thompson pinned Tim Mulroy in 1:20 at 119; Rob Ash pinned Paul Hagan in 4:49 at 125; Lucas Stump pinned Ben Kreucher in 1:07 at 130; Steve Dendrinos edged Nate Rodriguez 10-8 at 135; and Josh Henderson pinned Jeff Wheeler in 4:44 at 140.

But the Rocks' lead didn't last long. CC got wins in six of the remaining seven divisions, with Jay Abshire pinning Mike Pasternak in 4:37 at 145; Sean Bell pinning Andrew Bennett in 5:07 at 152; Ryan Rogowski pinning Phil Portellos in :53 at 160; Mitch Hancock pinning James March in :42 at 171; Matt Williams pinning John Early in 1:21 at, 215; and Aaron Parr beating Zac Jensen 5-1 at heavyweight.

Salem's only win in those final seven divisions came from Mike Popeney, who defeated Andy Conlon 5-3 at 189

Against Clio, Thompson at 119, Ash at 125, Pasternak at 145, Bennett at 160, Portellos at 171 and Popeney at 189 won their matches on pins. Stump at 130, Dendrinos at 135, and heavyweight each won ns, and Goethe at 108, niods at 112 and Henderson were winners on voids.

CC, which beat Clio 58-21, improved to 4-3 with the two

from page B4

Salem is idle until Dec. 30,

Invitational, beginning at 9 a.m. Teams that will be competing are Adrian, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron, Belleville, Brighton, Livonia Churchill, when it will host its 21-team Farmington, Garden City,

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" features the Rockettes. and Santa, 2 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$10 to \$55.50, call (248) 433-1515. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.

SATURDAY

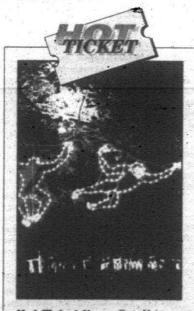


Jason Nesmith (Tim Allen) tries to defend himself from an alien Pig Lizard when he becomes stranded on a hostile planet in "Galaxy Quest," a science fiction action comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SUNDAY



Debbie Lannen, (back row, left to right), Joe Lannen, Ken Haering, Betsy the Cow and Kate Weiss (front center) star in "Jack and the Beanstalk," 2:30 p.m. at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Tickets \$7, call (248) 349-8110.



Hot Ticket Item: Stroll through the "Wild Lights," a colorful holiday display of over 400,000 lights and 70 animal sculptures, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday through Jan. 2 at the Detroit Zoo, intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Admission \$4 adults, \$3 children ages 2-12. All children under age 2 admitted free. Discount for Detroit Zoological Society Members. Parking is free. Call (248) 541-5835 for more information.



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Apprentice"

Bravery: One of seven new segments in "Fantasia 2000," "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" tells the story of a brave toy soldier who saves a beautiful ballerina from the evil clutches of a Jack-in-the-box.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

emember Etch-a-Sketch? While that shake-and-erase board was a beloved toy for some, it proved to be an object of fleeting artwork for all.

Not only does the technique serve as an opening sequence in one piece of "Fantasia 2000," it gives permanence to a project that seemed to have faded away. More than 60 years after work began on the original "Fantasia," this film proves that Walt Disney certainly does keep his

In 1941, after the release of "Fantasia," he announced, "It is our intention to make a new version of 'Fantasia' every year. Its pattern is very flexible and fun to work with — not really a concert, not a vaude-ville, not a revue, but a grand mixture of comedy, fantasy, bal——Nine Nine years in

let, drama, impressionism, color, sound and epic fury."

Roy E. Disney, vice chairman of the Walt Disney Co,, has breathed new life into this work-in-progress Walt Disney referred to as a "concert film." From the first blast of bright.

Apprentice." blue and the sight of that Disney symbol, viewers are drawn into the experience. "Fantasia 2000" caught the attention of celebrities such as Steve Martin, Bette Midler, Itzhak Perlman and Earl Jones who mak and introduce segments of the film with concise humor and intelligence.

Nine years in the making, "Fantasia 2000" marks the return of director James Algar's "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." Serving as the genesis of the original version, Algar's segment of magic-gone-awry remains just as relevant as ever, while providing a visual throw-back to animation efforts of the past. Seven new animated segments have been added to this, the first full-length IMAX feature film. Running 75 minutes, "Fantasia 2000" is also the first Disney film to be made in IMAX (meaning maximum image") format.

"Fantasia" premiered on Nov. 13, 1940, marking not only a partnership between music and animation, but also a muchimproved sound system that required multiple speakers. "Fantasia 2000" is in IMAX, which shows an image 10 times larger than the conventional 35 millimeter frame, for sharpness and clarity, and a sixchannel, multi-speaker sound system. The screen is eight stories wide and six stories

Highlights of "Fantasia 2000" include "Rhapsody in Blue," with animation directed by Eric Goldberg. In a style

reminiscent of caricaturist Al Hirschfeld, viewers see that Etch-a-Sketch-style of Manhattan's cityscape and then are whisked into the lives of several characters leading separate lives during the Jazz Age. Viewers meet a hurried construction worker, a downtrodden, unemployed man, a little girl who is inferior at every sport, and a

wealthy man stifled by his overpowering wife. Following the be-bopping beat of George Gershwin's music, viewers watch individual dreams

The familiar graduation march, "Pomp and Circumstance," is coupled with the story of Noah's Ark, starring Donald Duck. The story sets Donald in charge of herding all of the animals onto the ark - in procession - but he seems to lose track of the

Please see FANTASIA, C6



the making.

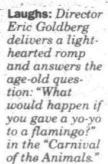
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"Fantasia 2000"

marks the return



Funny man: Ron Gallagher, also known as Gallagher II, will present two shows on New Year's Eve at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.



Ron Gallagher swears he's 'gonna make you laugh,' too

Ron Gallagher, also known as Gallagher II, presents his "Living Sequet Show" at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit." 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Tick ets \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$49.50, available at the Fisher box office, (313) 872 1000, and all Ticketmaster outlets (248) 645-6666.

BY-JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

"My thing is, I'm gonna make you laugh every five seconds, and if I don't, I've failed.

Ron Gallagher, AKA Gallagher II, plans to make good on his self-challenge when he plays two New Year's Eve shows at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. The jovial and genial comedian, who combines intelligent observational humor with outrageous acts on food products, also plans to have con-

siderable help.
"With my show, the whole audience is the stage," he said before a recent appearance at Western Michigan University. "The show spills out into the audience - literally - so they become a part of the show. They all bring plastic, they look at everybody else with their plastic and they all get Gallagherized."

Hold on there. Doesn't that sound like the last-name-only Gallagher from the cable specials, the funny-in-aweird-way guy with the floppy cap, mustache and stringy hair who ends each act with a very interactive - and

Ron is the younger (by six years) brother of the "original" Gallagher. He looks remarkably like his brother, talks like his brother and for the past ten years has been er's act.

messy - pitch for Sledge-a-Matic? So who's this Gallagher doppelganger? The question

opens an old wound, exposing a sibling rivalry perhaps matched only by Cain and Abel. Ron is the younger (by six years) brother of the "original" looks remarkably like his brother.

talks like his brother and for the past ten years has been doing his brother's act. Until recently, he's been doing it with his brother's blessing. Today, the blessing has been removed and a blood feud has ensued.

"I idolized my brother," Ron muses. "Iwould watch all his tapes and I knew

all his routines. He encouraged me to take some of his older stuff and go out on the road with it. I discounted that because at the time I was a successful equipment salesman in Florida, where we grew up."

But Ron got the bug and big brother got him booked. "It was my brother's idea to come up with Gallagher II. It was a joke, like I'm Gallagher, 'too.' He gave me a start and he gave me the act. It really is a great story, unprecedented in show business."

Years of one-nighters in small clubs

Please sec GALLAGHER II. C7

MUSIC

It's not Christmas without Opera Lite

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

David Pulice claims he was singing before he was talking - at least that's what his mother told him. It's a good thing that music is his life.

Whether he's wearing a dragon kimono or festive 1850s-style Christmas regalia, performing Gilbert and Sullivan songs or traditional Christmas carols, he feels right at home. Pulice, a Farmington Hills resident, founded Opera Lite in 1986, as a company of singers actors and dancers from the Metro area and mid-Michigan. Since its start, the group has provided seasonal music for the holidays.

Pulice, a Michigan State University graduate, has performed with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, Plymouth Symphony and Detroit Symphony Orchestras, as well as acted in commercials, industrial films and television. He landed a lead role in an episode of "Unsolved Mysteries" and appeared in the films "Something in Common" and "Hoffa."

Now president and artistic director of Opera Lite, Pulice took time out of his hurried schedule Dec. 14 to talk about his work. Just before taking the stage

with his troupé for a show at Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall, he said it takes a lot of work to keep it going.

From a group of about eight performers, Opera Lite has grown to 45 participants. The group focuses on private or corporate parties and holiday engagements, but also offers programs to area schools. It is all run from an office in Pulice's home.

Perhaps Opera Lite gets most exposure during this, the most festive time of year. The troupe provides entertainment at the Eagle Tavern's holiday din-

Please see OPERA, C7



ROVIES

'Man on the Moon' brings an enigma back to life

The strange, wide-eyed guy seemed totally confused on the small "Saturday Night Live" stage. Speaking in an unfathmable foreign accent ("Tank you beddy mush"), he reached for the small phonograph on a nearby pedestal, placed the needle on a 45 and proceeded to lip-sync the home from "Mighty Mouse." The nce roared.

That was comedian Andy fifman's first appearance on L. In fact, it was the first L: Oct. 11, 1975. It would me apparent soon afterirds that he was neither conged nor foreign. And that's at all we'd ever learn about

enigma, that's what they ed Kaufman. Who better to play him, then, than Jim Carrey, se early stand-up material as manic as Kaufman's was natic? Frankly, no one. in "Man On the Moon," Carrey

As Kaufman. That's comic speak for capturing someone to Consider the challenge. The

Kaufman we saw was never the real Andy. Girlfriend Lynne Margulies,

and range by singer Courtney Love, claims that there wasn't one. A real Andy, that is. He was in a zone all his own, either deep inside one of his characters or in the midst of plotting his next practical joke. Like the bottom layer of a multipart carbon form, he was down there somewhere but impossible to read

"I've got to stay one step ahead of 'em" was his standing order to

When he wasn't naive Latka on "Taxi" he was foul-mouthed Vegas lounge lizard Tony Clifton. He beat on the congas, wrestled women and led kiddie sing-alongs. And if an audience didn't get it, he read "The Great to them. In its entirety. People loved him, and he loved that. But even more people hated him, and he loved that,

So what we're watching here is not an impression. It's Carrey doing the private Kaufman doing the public Kaufman doing Latka. That's acting, folks.

Danny DeVito, who plays Kaufman's manager George Shapiro, partnered with director Milos Forman ("The People vs. Larry Flynt") to make "Man on the Moon." They did so with

shows. DeVito, of course, shared the "Taxi" ride with him for five years, but came away not knowing any more about him than we

The same may be said for the many others in his life who appear on screen.

There's a wonderful, too-brief "Taxi" re-creation with Judd Hirsch, Marilu Henner, Christopher Lloyd, Carol Kane and Jeff Conaway. David Letterman, Lorne Michaels and wrestler Jerry "The King" Lawler also

Paul Giamatti is outstanding as comedian-writer Bob Zmuda, who was Kaufman's writing partner and co-conspirator behind many of his most memo-You may remember the mys-

teries that were generated by and Clifton the same man or not; how much of the wrestling period was planned; and was Kaufman's death in 1984 from a rare form of lung cancer his biggest joke of all. The film resolves two of these mysteries and leaves the third enigmatically open. Somewhere Andy is smiling; the gag



Drama: Lynne Margulies (Courtney Love), is the woman who befriends and eventually falls in love with Andy Kaufman (Jim Carrey) in the "Man on the on the

Holiday video rentals brighten merry season

Tim Allen got the most ho-ho-

holiday film "The Santa Clause." . According to a recent Blockbuster survey, he rated number one The Beverly Hills, Mich., native against the competition, which pertrayed the big guy in the 1994 included Edmund Gwenn and

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Richard Attenborough who both starred as Santa in versions of the classic "Miracle on 34th Street."

Allen rated sixth as "all-time favorite holiday movie character or star," a category won over by none other than Jimmy Stevart whose portrayal of George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life" has become a staple in holiday traditions. Here's a list of the top holiday

1. "It's a Wonderful Life" Famous line: "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings."

2. "The Santa Clause" Famous Santa: Tim Allen in an inlikely predicament. (1994) 3. "A Christmas Story"

Famous gift: Red Ryder BB Gun. 4. "Miracle on 34th Street" Famous beard: Edmund Gwenn's real whiskers. (1947)

5. "Home Alone" Famous scream: Kevin's

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*it's a Wonderful Life' has become a staple in holiday traditions.

(Macaulay Culkin) first encounter with aftershave, (1990)

6. "White Christmas" Famous score by: Irving Berlin. 7. "How the Grinch Stole Christ-

Famous holiday dish: Roast Beast. (1966)

8. "Holiday Inn" Famous faces: Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. (1942)

9. "Scrooged" Famous remake of: Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol."

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Classic story of a young man's extraor dinary journey: Leaving home, finding ove and finding his place in the world. Based on the best-selling novel by John Irving, Stars Tobey Maguire.

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

"RIDE WITH THE DEVIL" Skeet Wrich 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 this time hey find the friendship, loyalty and

sense of family needed to survive during

such desperate times.

that his destiny is become human.

"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY" Drama about a an aging star quarter back 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,

team, Stars Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid. LIBERTY HEIGHTS" A dramatic look at the life and times of a Baltimore family in the mid 1950s which focuses on issues of religion, race and class distinction written and directed by Barry Levinson. Stars Adrien Brody, Bebe Neuwirth and Joe Manteg-

and the ambitious young owner of the

Scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 25 IANSFIELD PARK

Exclusively at the Landmark Maple The atre. Based on the book by Jane Austin the story of a young woman from a poor. family, sent to live with her wealthy. cousins at their estate. The plan is to arrange a marriage that will assure he place in society, but her high spirited nature and ideas about love will make it a difficult proposition. Stars Frances O'Connor and Jonny Lee Miller.

"GALLAXY QUEST" Tim Allen and Sigourney Weaver team up in this sci-fi action comedy about a popular television series. The star and co-stars are abducted by friendly aliens who, after intercepting broadcasts of the TV series, believe that they are real intergalactic fighters.

"THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY" Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Cate Blanchett star in this film about a charming youthful grifter who's issioned by a wealthy industrialist to go to Italy to retrieve his errant play boy son, only to find himself rather fond of the son's lifestyle.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Jan. 12

Ice Cub, Tamala Jones, Justin Pierce, and John Witherspoon star in this seque 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 beating up another guy who's now after him

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 14 "MOLY SMOKE:

A young woman is "rescued" from an Indian guru by her concerned family, and deprogrammer into an all out bettle of the sexes. Stars Kate Winslet, Harvey

Here are current art books that make glorious gifts

when chuckling is the only exer- entertain you as you turn the carefully and simply written Adventure in Art" (Candlewick cause of explaining the science

It's not hard to find wonderful art books to give as holiday gifts. The hard part is deciding which Addams and Peter Arno to Ed book to give. This season, as in past years, the selection is glori-

ously, confusingly varied. To help clarify matters, here's a sampling of the wide range of

BOOKS

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The Art of Craft: Contemporary Works From the Saxe Collection" (Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco-Bulfinch, \$50) by Timothy Anglin Burgard includes background text. But the color reproductions of artworks in close-up are the book's most eye-catching feature, exploring a leading American collection of contemporary crafts.

The gleaming shapes of wood and ceramics, the textures of threads and fiber, the airiness of paper and glass vie for attention Works are by such masters as Dale Chihuly (glass), Peter Voulkos and Michael Lucero (ceramics), and Diane Itter and Kay Sekimachi (textiles).

For devotees of popular art and illustration:

"Norman Rockwell: Pictures for the American People (Abrams, \$35) by Maureen Hart Hennessey and Anne Knutson is the catalog from a traveling exhibition currently on show at the High Museum of Art,

The book reproduces 80 of Rockwell's well-loved paintings, from mischievous barefoot boys to heroic astronauts setting foot on the moon. It also offers a series of essays by curators and art historians, appraising the artist's life and work.

The New Yorker 75th Anniversary Cartoon Collection" (Pocket, \$40), edited by Bob Mankoff, is a book to settle down with after a holiday dinner,

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OCC WRITERS SERIES

Noted author Carla Harryman will be the next speaker in the Oakland Community College Writers Live Series, Tuesday, Jan. 18. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Jones Johnson Theater on the Royal Oak campus. Admission is free and the program is open to the public. Harryman, who has written 10 books in a variety of genres, will read selections from her published poetry, essays, plays and fiction. A question-andanswer session will follow. Call (248) 540-1500 for information. START A JOURNAL

The beginning of a new year is a perfect time for starting a journal or diary. Come to the Plymouth District Library Tuesday, Dec. 28. to learn about keeping a diary. Hear excerpts from some great children's books written in journa form and make a journal of your own to take home. The program is designed for children ages 8 to 12. Registration is required and is now under way. Call (734) 453-0750, or visit the library at 223 S. Main Street.

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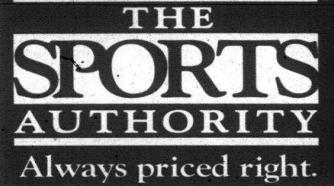
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 14, 1999**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Cantonwas held Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Members Absent: Shefferly

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to adopt the Agenda as amended to add Item C-21, Cancel Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of December 28, 1999 and Authorization of Payment of the Township Bills on December 31, 1999, to strike and delete Item G-7 and add Item G-8 Authorization to Pick Up Liquor License Diamond/Canton Township Co-license. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held jointly with the Charter Townships of Northville and Plymouth on Wednesday, November 17, 1999. Motion carried. Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Absent: Shefferly Abstain: Kirchgatter

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton meeting of November 23, 1999. Motion carried. Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, La Joy, McLaughlin, Yack Absent: Shefferly Abstain: Kirchgatter

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton of December 7, 1999, with the correction changing the arrival time of Supervisor

Yack from 8:12 PM to 7:12 P.M. All ayes present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to approve payment of the bills as

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visor Yack opened the public hearing to consider the final approval of Cherry Hill Village planned development and consider extension of time itation for completion of planned development at 7:08 PM. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

All aves present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution for the final approval for the Cherry Hill Village planned development and extension to time period for completion of construction. Ayes: Bennett; Burdziak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Absent: Shefferly Abstain: Kirchgatter.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget mendment in the Water & Sewer Fund to increase overtime:

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations.					
Overtime	#592-	441-708-0000	\$15,000.00		
Maintenance & Repair-Sewer Lines	#592-441-935-0000		(15,000.00)		
Total			\$	- 0	
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This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Water & Sewer Fund budget. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to appoint the Township Clerk as

the designated officer to execute the 2000 annual permit and other permits for underground utility within the Michigan Department of Transportation rightof-way. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to appoint Ralph Welton, John

Roughley and Gregg King to the Gilmore House Historic District Study Committee. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to reappoint Mary Jane Weidenbach, Susan Wooley and Vera Lieberman to the Canton CDBG Advisory

Council for additional two-year terms from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001. All aves present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Proclamation supporting the Canton Community Census 2000 Complete Count Committee.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt a resolution in support

All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget

amendment in the Community Center Fund for food service income xpenditures Increase Revenues:

#208-000-654-0000 \$179,000 Food Service Contract Increase Appropriations: #208-757-741-6000 \$179.000 Beverage - Banquet This budget amendment increases the Community Fund budget from \$2,996,534 to \$3,175,534.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the removal and re- 2.21 "Sign Specialist" means a person who, as his or her principal occupation, is Township and reinstallation of signs on Highlands, and authorize the Clerk to sign the application, and, further, that the Township will assume sponsibilities for furnishing, installing and maintaining the sign(s). All ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt a resolution for the final approval of the plat for Cherry Blossom Estates Subdivision. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to re-appoint Victor Gustafson, Robert Wade and Sue Dodson to the Canton Township Planning Commission

terms to expire December 31, 2002. All ayes, present. Motion by Bermett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget

amendment in the General Fund to provide additional funding for 1999

Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 .\$ 87,350 Increase Appropriations: #101-200-740-0000 Operating Supplies. Printing & Publishing #101-200-900-0000 32,500 SAD Payments-Township Property 101-200-961-0000 15.500 Capital Outlay-Land Improvements 101-200-971-0000 29.300

Increase Revenues:

\$ 87,359 Total This budget amendment increases the General Government Depart ndget from \$774,848 to \$862,198, and the General Fund Budget from \$18.384.173 to \$18.471,523. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing for the Westfield Estates Street Lighting Special Assessment District for January 11, 2000. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Electrical Ordinance No. 77 (CHo become effective upon that publication on December 22, 1999. All ayes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDINANCE NO. 77 ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE

Amended eff. April 4, 1984; amend.eff. June 6, 1996; April 22, 1999; December 22, 1999

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

SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1.

Ordinance No. 77 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12.001 Section 1. SHORT TITLE; PURPOSE..

This Ordinance may be cited as the "Electrical Ordinance". The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the health, safety and welfare of the Township residents through the regulation of the installation, alteration, repair, service and maintenance of electrical equipment. (Ord. no. 77 amend.eff. April 4, 1984, amend.eff. June 6, 1996)

12.002 Section 2. DEFINITIONS.

Words or terms contained in this Ordinance shall have the meanings as defined in this Ordinance. Any words or terms not defined in this Ordinance shall have the meanings normally ascribed to them, or as they are defined in the Ordinances that are referenced, or as they are defined in other Canton Township Ordinances

2.1 "Apprentice Electrician" means an individual other than an Electrical Contractor, Master Electrician, or Electrical Journeyman, who is engaged in learning about and assisting in the installation or alteration of electrical wiring and equipment under the direct personal supervision of an Electrical Journeyman or Master Electrician. 2.2 "Board" means Township of Canton Electrical Examining and Appeals

2.3 "Department" means Township of Canton Building Department.

2.4 "Electrical equipment" means all electrical devices, in connection with the generation, distribution, communication, and utilization of electrical energy, within or on a building, residence, structure, or properties including fire alarm

and sign devices. 2.5 "Electrical Contractor" means a person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing, servicing or maintaining electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment.

2.6 "Electrical Inspector" means any person who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to inspect all electrical apparatus for compliance with the codes and who shall be the agent or employee of the department designated by the building official as an electrical inspector. Inspectors shall be registered pursuant to Act No. 54 of the Public Acts of 1986, being 338.2301 et seq, of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and known as the Building Officials and Inspectors Registration Act.

2.7 "Electrical Journeyman" means a person other than an Electrical Contractor who, as his or her principal occupation, is engaged in the practical installation or alteration of electrical wiring. An Electrical Contractor or

Master Electrician may also be an Electrical Journeyman. 2.8 "Electric Sign" means fixed, stationary, or portable self-contained electrically illuminated equipment that has words or symbols designed to convey information or attract attention. The term includes outline lighting Electric sign does not include those signs that are indoor or outdoor portable applications or recognized holiday residential signs listed with a recognized electrical testing laboratory and that use a cord cap-110 volt plug as the electrical energizing attachment method.

2.9 "Electrical Wiring" means all wiring, generating equipment, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with the generation, distribution communication, and utilization of electrical energy, within or on a building, esidence, structure, or properties, and including service entrance wiring as

2.10 "Fire Alarm Contractor" means a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing, servicing or maintaining wiring, devices, appliances or equipment of a fire alarm system.

2.11 "Fire Alarm Speciality Apprentice Technician" means an individual other than a Fire Alarm Contractor or a Fire Alarm Speciality Technician who is engaged in learning about and assisting in the installation or alteration of Fire Alarm system wiring and equipment under the direct personal supervision of a

2.12 "Fire Alarm Specialty Licensure" means licensure as a Fire Alarm ractor or a Fire Alarm Specialty or Apprentice Technician. 2.13 "Fire Alarm Specialty Technician" means a person other than a Fire Alarm Contractor who, as his or her principal occupation, is engaged in the

practical installation or alteration of fire alarm system wiring. 2.14 "Fire Alarm System" means a system designed to detect and annunciate the presence of fire, or by-products of fire, installed within a building or structure. Fire Alarm System does not include a single station smoke detector. 2.15 "Jobsite" means the immediate work area within the property lines of asingle construction project, alteration project or maintenance project where electrical construction or alteration of electrical wiring is in progress

2.16 "Master Electrician" means a person having the necessary qualifications training, experience and technical knowledge to supervise the installation of electrical wiring and equipment in accordance with the standard rules and regulations governing that work.

2.17 "Minor repair work" means electrical work such as repairing or replacing flush and snap switches, fuses, lamp sockets or receptacles, replacement o fixtures; repairing or taping bare connections; replacing lamps or the connection of portable electrical equipment to suitable permanently installed receptacles; provided the total value does not exceed \$100.00, as determined by the Board by applying the reasonable market value of material and labor.

2.18 "Municipality" means a city, village or township.

2.19 "Outline lighting" means an arrangement of incandescent lamps or electric discharge tubing which is an integral part of an electrical sign that outlines certain features, such as the shape of a building or the decoration of a window.

2.20 "Owner" means any natural person, firm, partnership, association or corporation and their legal successors. In all proceedings, actions or prosecution hereunder, in which a corporation is the owner of any building. structure or part thereof, or of premises, any of its officers, directors or persons in control or management thereof, as well as the corporation, shall be subject to the provisions of this article.

engaged in the installation, alteration or repair of electric signs

2.22 "Sign Speciality Contractor" means a person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing, installing, maintaining connecting, or epairing electric sign wiring or devices, including wiring that is directly related o electric signs and is electrically dedicated as a sign circuit beginning at the load side of the sign circuit disconnect.

2.23 "Sign Specialty Licensure" means licensure as a Sign Specialist or Sign Specialty Contractor

2.24 Related sign wiring:

(A) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (B), (C), and (D), that portion of the electric sign wiring that originates at the load-side terminals of a disconnecting means located in the vicinity of the electric sign involved but does not include the installation of the disconnecting means, complete with line-side

(B) In the case of electric sign installations having sign transformers installed physically apart from the electric sign, that portion of the electric sign wiring that originates at the load-side terminals of a disconnecting means located in the vicinity of the electric sign involved but does not include the installation of the disconnecting means, complete with line-side connections.

(C) In the case of the free standing electric sign-installations supplied through underground circuit conductors, that portion of the electric sign wiring that originates at a wiring termination point adjacent to, within or immediately above the permanent base for the electric sign but does not include, if the base of the sign structure is suitable for use as a raceway, the installation of bushing. complete with free-length circuit conductors extending through to accommodat

the connection of the related wiring within the sign structure raceway. (D) In the case of electric signs specifically designed to be connected directly to the building wiring raceway or cable supply, that portion of the electric sign wiring raceway or cable at the specifically designed supply location for the electric sign involved but does not include the installation of the building wiring raceway or cable system to the specifically designated point of supply for the electric sign involved, complete with free-length circuit conductors extending through the building wiring raceway or cable to accommodate the connection

he related wiring. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996) 12.063 Section 3. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE.

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, lection 9, (Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 135.1531), the Charter Township of Canton hereby adopts, by reference, the National Electrical Code (N.F.P.A. 70, 1999) as amended, and N.F.P.A. 71, 72, 73 and 74 for fire alarm systems as approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the mendments, rules and regulations set forth hereinafter, as the Electrical Code of the Township. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff April 4, 1984, amend.eff. June 6, 1996; amend, eff. April 22, 1999; amend, eff. December 22, 1999

12.004 Section 4. ELECTRICAL EXAMINING AND APPEALS . AND ELECTRIC INSPECTION.

A. The Electrical Examining and Appeals Board is hereby established consisting of the Electrical Inspector of a municipality other than the Charter Township of Canton (which municipality is located in southeastern Michigan and is also a member of the Reciprocal Electrical Council), a representative of the electrical utility company, a licensed electrical contractor who is also a licensed Master Electrician, a licensed Master Electrician, and an Electrical Engineer. The members of said Board shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, for such terms as shall be designated at the time of appointment.

B. The Electrical Examining and Appeals Board, also referred to in this Ordinance as the "Board", shall have and hereby is given jurisdiction, subject to review as hereinafter provided, over the inspection of all electrical installations, including changes, repairs and additions thereto within the Township of

C. The Board is hereby empowered and it shall be their duty to promulg and recommend such rules and regulations concerning electrical work in the Township of Canton as may be required to properly provide for the situations therein. The rules and regulations so made by the Board shall be effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Canton and the Michigan Construction Code Commission and shall take precedence over plans, cifications and national electrical code rules.

D. The Board of Trustees shall appoint an Electrical Inspector, who shall be licensed as an Electrical Journeyman or Master Electrician, who shall inspect all electrical installations and report to the inspection authority. urisdiction shall apply to the installation of electrical wiring, electrical devices apparatus and equipment for connection to electrical supply systems except as rided in Section 3.2(A)1-7 of Ordinance No.140 of the Charter Township of Canton. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996

12.005 Section 5. FEES FOR INSPECTION. 5.1 When an application is made for a permit, required under the terms of this Ordinance, a fee shall be paid in an amount as prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Canton. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996)

12.006 Section 6. RIGHT OF ACCESS TO BUILDINGS. 6.1 Subject to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Michigan, the Electrical Inspector and/or his or her deputy shall have the right during reasonable hours to enter any building in the discharge of his or her official duties for the purpose of making any inspection or test of the installation of electrical wiring, electrical devices and/or electrical materials contained therein and shall have the authority to cause the turning off of all electrical supply and disconnect, in cases of emergency, any wire where such electrical currents are dangerous to life or property or may interfere with the work of the Fire

ment. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996) 12.007 Section 7. PERMITS.

7.1 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to install, alter, maintain service or repair electrical equipment in or on any building, structure or part thereof, or on premises, or cause or permit therein or thereon the installation, altering, maintaining, servicing or repairing of any electrical equipment without a license or permit having been obtained therefore as provided herein, pursuant to Ordinance No. 140, as amended, of the Charter Township of Canton. Nothing in this section shall be considered as applying to any person engaged in repairing and maintaining electrical appliances.

7.2 Permits shall be issued only to (A) through (D) below:

Licensed Electrical Contractors

B. Licensed Fire Alarm Contractors

Licensed Sign Speciality Contractors A bona fide owner of a single-family residence which is, or will be on completion, his or her own place of residence, and no part of which is used for

rental or commercial purposes nor is now contemplated for such purpose, provided that the owner applies for and secures a permit, pays the fee, does the work (him/her)self in accordance with the provisions hereof, applies for inspections and receives approval thereof. Failure to comply with these requirements will subject the owner's permit to cancellation. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996)

12.008 Section 8. INSPECTION.

8.1 Upon completion of the wiring of any building, it shall be the duty of the person, firm or corporation installing the same to notify the Township of Canton Building and Inspection Services Department, which shall notify the Electrical Inspector to inspect the installation as soon as possible, and if it is found to be fully in compliance with this Ordinance and does not constitute a hazard to life and property, he'she shall issue upon request to such person, firm or corporation for delivery to the owner a certificate of inspection.

8.2 All wires which are to be hidden from view shall be inspected before concealment and any person, firm or corporation installing such wires shall notify the Building and Inspection Services Department, giving sufficient time in which to make the required inspection before such wires are concealed Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996)

12,009 Section 9. RE-INSPECTION.

9.1 The Electrical Inspector may, when specifically authorized by state law or separate municipal Ordinance, make periodically a thorough re-inspection of the installation in buildings of all electrical wiring, electrical devices and lectrical material now installed or that may be reafter be installed, within the Charter Township of Canton. When the installation of any such wiring, devices and/or material is found to be in a dangerous or unsafe condition, the person firm, or corporation owning, using or operating the same shall be notified and shall make the necessary repairs or changes required to place such wiring devices and material in a safe condition and have such work completed within fifteen days, or any longer period specified by the Electrical Inspector in said notice. The Electrical Inspector is hereby empowered to disconnect or order in writing the discontinuance of electrical service to such wiring, devices and/or material found to be defectively installed until the installation of such wiring evices and material has been made safe as directed by the Electrical Inspecto (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996)

12.010 Section 10. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

10.1 No certificate of Inspection shall be issued unless the electrica installation is in strict conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance, the statutes of the State of Michigan, the rules and regulations issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission under regulations issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission under the authority of the state statutes and unless they are in conformity with approved methods of construction for safety to persons and property. The regulations as laid down in the National Electrica Code (N.F.P.A.-70) 1999, the Charter Township of Canton Building Code(s). Ordinance No. 96, as amended, and N.F.P.A.'S: 71, 72, 73 and 74 for fire alarm systems as approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and in the amendments, rules and regulations established as hereinafter provided shall be prima facie evidence of such approved methods. (Ord.no.77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996; amend. eff. April 22, 1999; amend. eff. December 22, 199)

12.011 Section 11. APPROVED MATERIALS.

11.1 It shall be unlawful to install or use any electrical device, apparatus, or equipment designed for attachment to, or installation on any electrical circuit or system for heat, light, power, or fire alarm system that is not of good design and construction and safe and adequate for its intended use. The Electrical Inspector shall have power to disapprove the use or installation of devices not fulfilling these requirements.

11.2 Devices, apparatus and equipment listed by such generally recognized authorities as United States Bureau of Standards, or by qualified electrical testing laboratories such as: Electrical Testing Laboratories (ETL), Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) may be given the approval by the Electrical Inspector unless explicitly disapproved by said authority for reasons of faulty design or poor construction involving danger to persons and/or property. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996)

12.012 Section 12. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.

12.1 The Building and Inspection Services Department of the Township of canton shall keep complete records of all permits issued and inspections made and other official work performed under the provision of this Ordinance. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. June 6, 1996)

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate

r fail to comply with any provision of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted and pursuant thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars r imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days or both, at the discretion of the Court. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. April 4, 1996; amend.eff. June 6, 1996) SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, sub-section, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. (Ord.no.77 amend.eff. April 4, 1984; amend.eff. June 6, 1996) SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed

only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. April 4, 1984; amend.eff. June 6, 1996)

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established, or occurring prior he effective date of this Ordinance as amended. (Ord.no. 77 amend.eff. April 4. 1984, amend.eff. June 6, 1996)

SECTION 6. REFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication as required by law. NOTE: A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 South Canton Center Road, during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Pool Ordinance 110(C) to become effective upon that publication on December 22, 1999. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ORDINANCE NO. 110

(Effective Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997; April 22, 1999;

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARD GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, USE AND REMOVAL OF SWIMMING POOLS: ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION OF POOLS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND THE COLLECTION OF FEES THEREOF: AUTHORIZING INSPECTIONS THEREOF; ESTABLISHING LOCATION, FENCE AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR POOLS: PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 36; PROVIDING FOR THE APPEAL THEREFROM AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF: INCLUDING MENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 110 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE SECTION 17.012, ADDING SECTION 17.019, AMENDING SECTION 17.031, RENUMBERING SECTIONS 17.633-17.036 AND ADDING SUBSECTION 17.051(a) OF ORDINANCE NO. 110: ESTABLISHING DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF SWIMMING POOLS, ABOVE-GROUND/ON-GROUND POOL, BARRIER HOT TUB, IN-GROUND POOL, PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL, (INDOOR AND OUTDOOR), PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SPA; ESTABLISHING THE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS OF POOLS CODE COMMISSION RULES OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, 1999. PROVIDING MINIMUM WATER DEPTHS AND DISTANCES FOR DIVING BOARDS AND PLATFORMS: PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

17.010 Section 1.0 ADMINISTRATION

17.011 1.1 ADMINISTRATION

The Building Official or his authorized representative of the Charter Township of Canton shall administer the requirements of this Ordinance so as to protect the health and safety of the public, bathers and other person. (Ord. No 110 eff. 17.012 1.2 DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATION OF POOLS.

For the purpose of this section, the following terms, phrases, words and their deviations shall have the meanings given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words in the present tense include the future, words used in the singular number including the plural and words used in the plural number ndicate the singular. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely

A. "Above"-ground/on-ground "pool": See definition of private swimming pool. B. "Barrier": A fence, a wall, a building wall or a combination thereof which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming

"Hot tub": A very large tub made of ceramic, acrylic, wood, or another substance and filled with hot water in which one or more bathers may soak.). "In-ground pool": See definition of private swimming pool. Private swimming pool": Any structure that contains water over 24 inches 610 mm) in depth and which is used, or intended to be used, for swimming or recreational bathing in connection with an occupancy in a residential area and which is available only to the family and guests of the householder. This

includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and F "Private swimming pool indoor": Any private swimming pool that is totally contained with a private structure and surrounded on all four sides by walls of said structure.

G. "Private swimming pool, outdoor": Any private swimming pool that is not an indoor pool.

H. "Public swimming pool": Any swimming pool other than a private swimming pool. "Spa": See definition of hot tub. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amended

March 6, 1997) 17.013 1.3 PERMITS

A swimming pool or appurtenances thereto shall not be constructed, installed, enlarged or altered until a permit has been obtained from the Building Official The approval of all Township, County and State authorities having jurisdiction over swimming pools shall be obtained before applying to the Building Official for a permit. Certified copies of these approvals shall be filed as part of the supporting data for the application for the permit. A permit shall not be issued until such time as an approved application to construct a fence in accordance with the provisions of the Fence Ordinance and Section 3.0 (17.030) of this Ordinance is attached to the application for the permit to construct the pool. Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.014 1.4 PERMIT FEES

The permit fee to be paid to the Charter Township of Canton shall from time to

time be determined by resolution of the Township Board. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17.015 1.5 BONDING REQUIREMENTS

A cash bond may be required by the Building Official to insure that the pool is constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and that an approved final inspection is obtained. Said bonding shall be in accordance with rules promulgated by the Building Official. (Ord. No 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.016 1.6 APPLICABLE CONSTRUCTION CODES

All work shall be done in a workmanship like manner and shall comply with all pplicable Building, Electrical and Mechanical Codes of Canton Township which are hereby incorporated by reference. (Ord. No 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.017 1.7 INSPECTION

The permit holder shall notify the Building Official upon completion of the pool construction, installation or modification. The Building Official shall inspect all pools after such notification to confirm that the provisions of all applicable ordinances are satisfied. When necessary, the Building Official or Wayne County Health Department may make additional inspections. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec 17 1981) . 17.018 1.8 STOP WORK ORDER

(a) NOTICE TO OWNER: Upon notice form the Building Official that work on any building or structure is being prosecuted contrary to the provisions of this ordinance in an unsafe and dangerous manner, such work shall mmediately stopped. The stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing work, and shall state the conditions under which work may be

(b) UNLAWFUL CONTINUANCE: Any person who shall continue to work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except uch work as he is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition. shall be liable to a fine of not less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or more than ninety (90) days in jail at the discretion of the court. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec.

17.019 1.9 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

17.021 2.1 POOL CLEARANCE

Swimming and bathing pools shall conform to the requirements of the Charter Township of Canton Building Code, and the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1999, as amended. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997; April 22, 1999; amend. eff. December 22, 1999 17.020 Section 2.0 LOCATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The location and enclosure of any pool shall be such that no hazard exists for the pool users or the public. The minimum distance from the nearest part of the pool structure shall be as follows: (A) Five (5) feet horizontally to any property line except that no pool shall

be located within the front yard and in the case of a corner lot, the pool shall not be located within the required yard space as measured from the lot line which abuts the side street. (B) Four (4) feet to any building wall or non property line fence.

(C) Ten (10) feet horizontally from any overhead electrical or telephone wire to the water's edge or to any diving board or platform. Under no circumstances shall wires of any kind cross over the water surface.

(D) Twenty-five (25) feet horizontally to any private water well or seventyfive (75) feet to any private water well or seventy-five (75) feet to any semipublic water well unless a shorter distance is approved by the Building Official. (E) Three (3) feet horizontally to any sewer, for an inground pool. There shall be ten (10) feet horizontally to a septic tank and tile field or other similar

(F) Underground water, electrical telephone, gas or other pipes and conduits except for parts of the swimming pool system, shall not be closer than three (3) feet from the water's edge and not closer than one (1) foot to the pool structure (G) No pool, parts of the pool, or related equipment shall be located in any easement of record

(H) In a residential subdivision, pool water filtering and heating equipment shall not be located in the side yard or in the case of a corner lot, within the required yard space which abuts the side street. Pool equipment shall not be located within the front yard.

17.030 Section 3.0 FENCE REQUIREMENT 17.031 3.1 SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Every person owning land on which there is situated a swimming pool, which contains twenty-four (24) inches or more of water in depth at any point, shall erect and maintain thereon an adequate enclosure either surrounding the property or pool area, sufficient to make such body of water inaccessible to all children. Such enclosure, including gates therein, must not be less than four (4) feet nor more than six (6) feet above the underlying ground or otherwise made inaccessible from the outside to small children and must meet the requirements of Building Code of the Charter Township of Canton and the

Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1999, as amended (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amended March 6, 1997; amended April 22, 1999; amend. eff. December 22, 1999.

17.032 3.2 SELF FENCING. Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier or enclosure around a

other requirements of Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of

pool, one of the following shall be required: a. All doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and its screen, if present, are opened. The alarm shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds immediately after the door is opened and shall meet all

Michigan, 1999, as amended. b. The pool shall be equipped with an approved power safety cover. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997; April 22, 1999; December 22,

17.033 3.3 SELF-FENCING: ABOVE GROUND POOLS An above-ground pool which has a structure intended to provide self-fencing shall satisfy the fencing requirements of this Ordinance if it provides; (a) A walkway not less than eighteen (18) inches in width completely around

the water's edge and at least three (3) feet above grade. (b) The self-fencing shall be at least three (3) feet high above the walkway and; a minimum of 48" above finished ground level.

(c) Where the means of access is a fixed or removable ladder or steps, the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the requirements of Items 1 through 9 of Section 421.10.1 of the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1999. A removable ladder shall not constitute an acceptable alternative to enclosure requirements

(d) Such enclosure shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height above the underlying ground.

(Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff., March 6, 1997; April 22, 1999 Dec.22,1999

No wading pool shall be left unattended unless it is provided with a substantial

17.041 4.1 HAZARDS AND SHAPE

17.034 3.4 WADING POOLS

cover or is surrounded by a fence as provided in this section. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.035 3.5 TEMPORARY FENCE

A temporary fence, approved by the Building Official, shall be in place from the time of commencement of construction until the permanent fence is erected on all pools constructed below grade. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.036 3.6 COMPLIANCE WITH FENCE REQUIREMENTS AND **EXCEPTIONS THERETO**

(a) No pool shall have water placed in it until the provisions of this section are complied with.

(b) The following shall be exempt from the provisions of this section:

1. A spa or hot tub with an approved safety cover: 2. Fixtures which are drained after each use

(Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997) 17.040 Section 4 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

There shall be no hazardous projections or low over-water construction in the pool or the pool enclosure which could trap or injure bathers. The pool shall be shaped so that all parts of the pool can be observed from a single vantage point on the pool deck. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.042 4.2 LIGHTS Pool areas lights, if provided, shall be shielded so as to direct the light away from adjacent premises (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

17.043 4.2 EQUIPMENT LOCATION Water treatment equipment shall be installed above grade, except that it may be installed in a properly drained residential basement, cellar or other approve

structure. Any accessory building shall comply with applicable requirements of Zoning and Building Codes. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.050 Section 5.0 DIVING BOARDS AND PLATFORMS 17.051 5.1 DIVING BOARD OR PLATFORM.

(a) Minimum water depths and distances for diving boards, platforms, or noppers for pools, based on board height above water, shall comply with table 421 11(1) for public pools and Table 421.11(2) for private pools of the Construction Code Commission Rules of the State of Michigan, 1999, as amended (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; amend. eff. March 6, 1997; April 22 1999; December 22, 1999 (b) There shall be at least eight (8) feet clearance between the end of any living board or platform and each side wall of the pool. The end of the diving

board or platform shall project over the water one (1) foot from the deep end

thirteen (13) feet unobstructed headroom for at least eight (8) feet horizontall

wall. Diving structures shall be securely anchored and shall have at least

over the water surface from all parts of the diving board. There shall be no less than eight (8) feet of water in the diving area. (Ord. No. 110 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.052 5.2 DEPTH MARKINGS If a diving board is installed, there shall be at least one (1) depth marking on

17.060 6.0 MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL 17.061 6.1 GENERAL

feet. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981)

Pools and poll equipment shall be operated and maintained in a manner which will not create health or safety hazards or any public nuisance. (Ord. No. 66 eff. 17.062 6.2 SUPERVISION

The pool shall be so supervised that safety hazards are not created Ord. No. 86 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.063 6.3 RESCUE DEVICES

A rescue pole hook or similar device shall be available within the pool

supply free of cross connections (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981

enclosure. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.064 6.4 WATER RESTRICTIONS The filling of swimming pools from the public water supply shall be regulated the same as lawn sprinkling. All pools shall be provided with a potable water

17.065 6.5 DRAINAGE RESTRICTIONS No swimming pool shall be drained to a sanitary sewer. No surface or roo drainage shall be permitted to enter the pool. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.066 6.6 MAINTENANCE

tablished by this Ordinance, Health Department regulations or Building

Codes shall be placed out of use by the owner after a notice by the Building

Official itemizing the corrections needed. Upon failure to correct the item cited.

Any swimming pool which is not maintained to the minimum standar

the pool may be ordered removed in accordance with Section 6.7 of this. Ordinance (17.067). (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981) 17.067 6.7 POOL REMOVAL Upon discontinuing the use of a pool, the owner thereof shall forthwith remove all water therefrom and shall remove and /or fill the structure or excavation with earth level to grade or otherwise make the premises safe. Ord. No. 66 eff.

17.070 Section 7.0 CONSTRUCTION; NONAPPLICABILITY; APPEALS

This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the ownship and all amendments thereto, provided, however, that where any inconsistency or conflict cannot be avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provision shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals may in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provision taining the intent, in such appealed instance. Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981; 17.080 Section 8.0 PENALTIES

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the rovisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court Every act or violation and every day upon which violation shall occur shall be considered a separate

17.090 Section 9.0 REPEAL All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. Ord.

No. 66 eff. Dec. 17, 1981, amended March 6, 1997; 17.100 Section 10 SEVERABILITY If any particular section of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or

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void, that particular section is severable, and all other sections of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect (Ord No 110 eff Dec 17 1981. amended March 6, 1997) 17.110 Section 11 SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal provided herein shall no abrogate or affect any offense or act mmitted or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending

itigation or prosecution or any right established occurring prior to the effective tate of this Ordinance. (Ord. No. 66 eff. Dec. 17.120 Section 12 EFFECTIVE DATE second publication This Ordinance shall become effective upon

rules are available for public

nspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to table and publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Electrical Ordinance/Administrative Rules (B) to become effective upon that publication date on December 22, 1999 ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN ord. eff. Nov. 16, 1977; amend. eff. April 22, 1999, amend. eff. 12/22/99 Administrative rules as promulgated by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the Charter Township of Canton as provided for in Section 15 of the Electrical

Ordinance. 12.351 Sec. 1. GENERAL

A. DEVIATION FROM REQUIREMENTS. In cases of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship the Flectrical Inspection Authority is hereby granted discretionary powers to permit deviation fro the provisions of this code, provided that such a proposal to deviate is first submitted for proper determination in order that health and safety requirements, as they pertain to electrical equipment, shall be obtained

B. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. A detailed set of plans and specifications shall be submitted with application for building permit for any wiring or alterations to the electrical system in all buildings using over six (6) circuits except single and two-family dwellings. The electrical drawings shall include such details as lighting layout, circuiting, switching, conductor and raceway sizes, wattage schedule, service location, and riser diagram, calculations and proposed method of construction drawn with symbols of a standard form. All conductors are assumed to be copper unless otherwise stated on the plan. Specifications when provided shall also include this information. The section of suitable disconnect and overcurrent devices to provide proper coordination and interruption capacity for a wiring system is the responsibility of the designer. The Electrical Inspection Authority, when approving electrical plans, assumes no responsibility for the design nor any deviations from any applicable codes not explicitly agreed upon at the time of approval of electrical drawings

C. INSTALLATION PROCEDURE. Electrical contractors shall, in no case, install permanent electrical equipment that may be damaged by the roughing in of heating, ventilation and plumbing construction and before the roof is

covered. 1. Accessibility. No installation of plumbing equipment, refrigeration equipment, space heating equipment, duct work, cabinets, partitions or materials shall be made in such a way as to render the wiring in any electrical service equipment, distribution panel, outlet, splice, junction or pull box

D. TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' NOTICE at least shall be given the Electrical ction Authority before inspection is required. E. INSPECTION BEFORE CONCEALING. No person shall conceal or

ause to be concealed any electrical equipment before it has been approved by the Electrical Inspection Authority. F. BLUE PRINTS AVAILABLE ON JOB. Blue prints or plans approved by the Electrical Inspection Authority or a certified copy thereof, where required, shall be available for the use of the Electrical Inspector on the job.

G. REPRESENTATIVE FOR INSPECTION. The Electrical Inspection Authority reserves the right to require a representative of the contractor to be on the job when inspection is made. A licensed electrical journeyman or maste electrician shall be present at all times that electrical construction is in

H. NOTICES OF INSPECTION. Any notice of inspection of electrical ment shall be posted in or on the job by the Electrical Inspector only. I. INSPECTION NOTICES shall not be removed defaced or altered by

anyone except by a representative of the Electrical Inspection Authority

not be responsible for code interpretations or other information relative to

J. CODE INTERPRETATIONS. The Electrical Inspection Authority shall

trical installations given over the telephone. Requests for such information should be made in person or in writing. K. CARNIVALS, CONVENTION DISPLAYS, PRODUCT AND STREET SHOWS ETC. Electrical equipment for such places shall require a permit for inspection and approval must be obtained prior to the time of opening. For special requirements, consult the Electrical Inspection Authority

L. CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION shall be issued on request from the

the installation has been tested with current on wires and all electrical

person or persons to whom permit is issued, but shall not be issued until after

equipment permanently installed, or if this is not possible, until after every outlet has been tested by the applicant or his representatives in the presence of the Inspector and approved by that Inspector. M. ADVERTISING. It shall be unlawful for a person to use any word or words in any sign, display, business form or document, or advertising medium which indicates or tends to indicate, that a person is qualified to supervise, install, repair, replace, remove or service any electrical which requires a permit and/or inspection hereunder from the Department, unless such is uttered, published or displayed by authority of a licensed electrical contractor whose licensed name and license number is included in such media, and such shall be

given prominence at least equal to that of the said advertiser's name. (ord.eff. 12.352 Sec. 2. FILING OF PERMITS.

the deck or wall of the pool above the water line indicating the greatest depth in A. ELECTRICAL PERMITS are required for the installation of all electrical B. TEMPORARY PERMITS must be filed under any of the following

> onstruction purposes, a temporary permit is required for the number of circuit o be used or number of power units to be installed. 2. For connection to permanent service or for installation of temporary iting or power equipment not included on original permit, a separate permit based on the permit fee schedule is required, except that in single or two-family dwellings temporary connection of the permanent service equipment may be included on the original wiring and fixture permit without additional fee

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ovided service is ready for inspection at the time of the first rough inspection 3 For connection to permanent service for heating equipment, a temporary permit will be issued if a regular permit for permanent connection of the heating equipment is issued or is on file at the time the temporary connection is

C. ADDITION TO A PERMIT. After a permit has been issued and the fee eposited, no additional work shall be included. In cases in which additional work is to be installed a new permit shall be secured and the fee paid, except when additional circuits of wiring, additional sockets or fixtures, or additional units for heat or power are installed, and on which inspection has been made on the original call but not included in the permit, the fee for such additional work

 For special inspections required for the investigation of any ordinance iolations (ord. Eff. Nov. 16, 1977) 12.353 Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS, PERMIT REGULATIONS, FEES. A. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of these rules, certain terms used herein ddition to those lawfully adopted from Chapter 1. Article 100 of the

1. If more than one inspection is necessary on any violation notice.

D. ADDITIONAL PERMITS shall be required as follows

ational Electrical Code of 1999 are hereafter defined

Approved means that electrical equipment, method or procedure which Electrical Inspection Authority designates as acceptable having been by onstration and/or test proven workable and safe for its intended purpose Board means Board of Electrical Examiners

devices, appliances, fixtures, apparatus, and the like used as part of, or ir connection with, an electrical installation 4 Emergency Systems shall mean the installation operation and maintenance of circuits, systems and equipment intended to supply umination and sower in the event of failure to the normal supply, or in the

event of accident to elements of a system supplying power and illumination

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essential for safety to life and property as hereinafter required Independent Electrical Contractor means any person, firm, co nership, association or corporation and their legal successor, engaged ndependently in the business of installing, maintaining, repairing, servicing or altering electrical equipment

installing, maintaining, repairing, servicing, or altering electrical equipment, and who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge to supervise the installation of wiring and equipment in accordance with the regulations governing such work 7. Journeyman Klectrician means any person who engages in the

Master Electrician means any person who engages in the trade of

trade of installing, maintaining, repairing, servicing or altering electrical numment as an occupation

8 N.E.C. means the National Electrical Code 1999 Edition. 9 Owner means any natural person, firm, co-partnership, association, or corporation and their legal successors.

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Fantasia from Entertainment front

nost important one of all, Daisy. The film shows a light-hearted look at man's As the lovebirds almost lose hope thinking they might never see mals" by Camille Saint-Saens. each other again, a true Disney ending prevails.

The film shows a light-hearted look at man's relationship with nature in "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens. Viewers meet a group of flamingoes — one of which develops his using vibrant watercolor.

But the most heart-warming partnership of story, "The Steadfast Tin Sol- those emotions. dier." Viewers become captivated

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portion of the movie comes from specific story, "Beethoven's Sym-Hans Christian Andersen's ed to give visual elements to cal notes.

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accompany it. The relationship Butoy brings the beloved toys to between music and animation is skills with a yo-yo. The segment life in a way that causes viewers clarified when the camera focusalso is directed by Goldberg, to hang on the edge of their es on the orchestra pit, between segments. It's become a place Not all of the segments tell a where the animator's drawing board sits among the musical phony No. 5" and "Pines of instruments. Disney used pic-Shostakovich's "Piano Concerto Rome" were made to evoke a tures just as Beethoven, Gersh-No. 2, Allegro, Opus 102" and feeling - and brilliantly animat- win and many others used musi-

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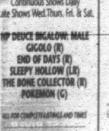
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lem is, big brother's not ready to

"When I was doing smaller clubs I wasn't a threat to him," says Gallagher the Younger. doing the Fisher Theatre he went completely nuts. He said 'I. don't want the competition; As a result, Ron maintains you're invading on my territory.' And I said. You created me, why can't you take credit for me? We're two brothers out there

CD of music from the Eagle Tav-

ern show. Al Jacquez, partner at

worked on the album. "I felt it

deserved to be documented. The

followed. "As soon as I hit the but an inheritor of it. The prob-The audience laughs not only at the joke but for not seeing it that way in the first place. The Gallagher humor is to whack you in the brain, to throw things at you so fast you're going to still "The minute he heard that I was be laughing at the last joke while I tell you the

> Ron Gallagher Comedian

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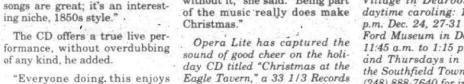
pride in himself. "I use a lot of way in the first place. The Gafmy brother's old stuff that he lagher humor is to whack you in doesn't use anymore because it's the brain, to throw things at you classic," he says. "But I do it in so fast you're going to still be my vein. I encourage everyone to laughing at the last joke while I see his show and then see my tell you the next one." show and see if it's the same. It's

hybrid of George Carlin without "But instead, it's food flying the language and Jerry Seinfeld with props.

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"We just look at the world with Gallagher eyes," Ron explains. "The audience laughs not only at

What can audiences expect on New Year's Eve at the Fisher? "We're going to have our own ers it, the Gallagher humor is a indoor fireworks," Ron promises, through the air. New York City has the ball; I've got the hame mer. And the hammer will drop at midnight." Protective covering is strongly suggested.



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Mosaic's trilogy of short plays, entitled "AM-TV: All Amphib ians, All the Time," will be presented 11 a.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward and I-696, Royal Oak.

The trio of kid-friendly works ncludes "Leave It to Tadpole," "The Case of the Vanishing Amphibians" and the "Jerry Hopper Show," "Leave It to Tadpole," a lively take-off on the 1950 TV classic, teaches metamorphosis. "The Case of the Vanishing Amphibians" is an engaging detective whodunit that uncovers reasons for disappearing amphibians. Lastly, the rollicking "Jerry Hopper Show," features an amphibian and reptile couple as the bickering talkshow guests.

The second play, "Rain Forests of the Ocean," will be presented in the gallery's theater at 1 p.m.



Detroit Zoo: Watch the Mosaic Youth Theatre perform "All Amphibians, All the Time," and follow this detective who solves "The Case of the Vanishing Amphibians."

Saturdays through March 25. concepts important to life on a Characters such as Damsel Fish The play, filled with soap opera coral reef. The actors are staged and Fox Face end the play with drama, introduces basic science as fish pretending to be actors. a lively rap about pollution and

> "We use performing arts at the zoo to make concepts like metamorphosis easy," said Gerry Craig, curator of the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. "Mosaic is such a hip, humorous, high energy troupe that visitors remember the information without any conscious effort."

> A troupe of talented Metro Detroit teens, the Mosaic Youth Theatre has received numerous state and local accolades including the prestigious 1998 Governor's Award for Arts and Cul-

There will not be performances on Christmas and New Year's Day. Two additional plays will be performed Thursdays, Dec. 23 and 30. There is no additional fee for the performances. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Zoo admission is \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 seniors/students, and \$4.50 for children ages 2-12. For more information, call (248)

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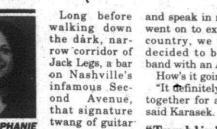
This year's list of gut-wrenching fun includes "Horned Gramma," who invites friends for cookies and chats about Satan. "Die Hard in Under Two Minutes," a short spoof of the Bruce Willis action movie, and Tyson, I Am Not an Animal," which features the boxer getting into more violent mischief. It runs until Sunday, Jan. 2. Call (248) 544-3030 for more dirt.

As if that isn't sick and twisted enough, former Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee is back - and hitting the mike - with a new project, Methods of Mayhem. Collaborating with the likes of Lil' Kim, Kid Rock, Crystal Method, George Clinton and Limp Bizkit's Fred Durst, Lee and rapper TiLo are melding hip-hop, punk, techno and aggression into a sound of their own. The first single, "Get Naked," is heating up MTV as we speak. The album is available

on MCA Records. December marked a comeback for Mr. WHAM himself, George Michael, who announced a North American recording contract with Virgin Music Group. Songs of the Last Century" seeped its way into the states Dec. 14, and features remakes of hits like Nina Simone's "My Baby Just Cares for Me" and a tune made popular by Frank Sinatra, "Wild is the Wind."

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Rooster takes the nonstop to Music City, USA



strings becomes

that Rooster has Long before setting eyes on the to tell this band offers more than what meets the eye.

Rooster is singer/songwriter and rhythm guitarist Jon Kott, lead guitarist Dave Dean, drummer Ken Karasek and bassist John Taminski. Based in rock/Americana quartet has been playing the Michigan club circuit since the mid 1990s, and was once known as Uncle Booby. With a new name and musical direction, the band began reaching across the Eastern and Midwestern United States, touring towns anywhere from Iowa to

The band recorded a stellar debut album - "Solid State" with producer Dave Feeny at Ferndale's Tempermill Studio in March 1998 under that previous moniker. Before the dawn of 2000. Rooster headed south to set down new tracks for a demo. Where else but Nashville could Rooster do it up right.

Stylistically speaking

"We wanted to be more particular, more Americana, whereas the first CD was all over the board with 'Rubber Stamp' and "Witch's Brew," said Dean of the band's musical direction. "All this stuff is more in line." He lounges in a backroom of Nightingale Studio amid framed gold records of country music greats and a muted television

Kott cuts in sarcastically: "It's not a compilation disc." The band shows the visible

result of long hours in the studio and late nights performing as

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walking down went on to explain: "We weren't the dark, nar- country, we weren't rock. We row corridor of decided to be more of a rock Jack Legs, a bar band with an Americana feel." How's it going?

"It definitely shows we've been ond Avenue, together for a couple of years,"

"Tumblin' Down" on a tell-tale sign trying times

This second trip to Music City came with trying circumstances. One of the band's producers, cowboy-attire these guys have Clark John Hagan (Days of the adopted as stage-wear, it's easy New, Ray Stevens, Chet Atkins), was involved in a car accident which caused him to fall into a coma for several days, just before Rooster arrived. "It definitely dampens the mood," said Dean with concern

But the band has kept moving Rochester Hills, the roots ahead, with the help of engineer/producer Jason Stelluto (Randy Travis, Bryan White).

"They're really easy to work with," he said. "Everyone plays their instruments very well, that makes things very easy for me. It's a lot easier when your dealing with people who play all the time. They're really tight."

Making it on "Music Row'

Recording in Nashville has proven quite different from stulios in the Detroit area. Besides the addition of gold records covering'the walls, Nashville stulios are set in the heart of Music Row, an area of town bombarded by major record companies like Capitol. You can't turn a corner without noticing some symbol of power and money in the musi-

"This is a town business down here," said Dean. "You don't see that in Detroit. The town business there is making cars and everybody knows it."

Karasek continued: "Going down the street, you see all of the record companies and publishing houses, it really makes ou think. It inspires us. When, we're in Detroit, who knows

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Reaching out: Clockwise from right, John Taminski, Jon Kott, Ken Karasek and

Dave Dean are Rooster, Rochester Hills boys who've found time to work and play in

The applause, dancing and com-Stelluto was mixing new shopped around to record compapliments of a captured crowd at songs, including "Pick Up the nies. Jack Legs on Friday, Dec. 10 Change," when I visited on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 11. here? It's hard to tell, but "Their music crosses a lot of Band members sat around him, boundaries to me," said Stelluto, eyes staring into space, deep in ly needs a radio hit to get us on who urges them to stay true to concentration, and occasionally the map." what's going to happen. The their music. "My role as productapping their toes or playfully

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people to get picked up right now." said Stelluto. "Just playing music is the best

you can do Welcome Rooster back to their

stomping grounds when the band plays The Alley, inside Mainstreet Billiards in downtown Rochester. Doors open at 8 p.m. Thursday Dec. 30. Bring your best cowboy and cowgirl digs. Call (248) 652-8441.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola Karasek said the band "definitewrites about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at sca

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Madcat & Kane, Mr. B. George Bedard & the Kingpins, and dozens of other performers, fireworks, 6 p.m., in and around Yosilanti's Historic District, \$15 until Dec. 26, \$20, \$5 children ages 6-12. (734) 995-7281/(734) 483-4444

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8 p.m. dinner (7 p.m. hors * d'oeuvres), Haggerty between Five and Six Mile, Northville. \$100, (734) 420-0144

SOKOL DETROIT 8 n.m. dinner followed by dancing to the Joe Tomes Band, at the Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W Warren, Dearborn Heights. \$50. (248) 437-8976/(248) 478-8151

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Moonlight* and *Forbidden Christmas," followed by food, live music and dancing to Ed Wells and Gem Jazz Ensemble, at the Gem Theatre and Century Club, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, (\$225). (313) 963-9800; also an Early-to-Bed celebration 2-6 p.m., \$95, includes performance and

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "A Century of Song: From Vienna to Broadway to Hollywood" featuring Maureen McGovern, 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, and 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 (\$14-\$95), at Orchestra Hall, 3611 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROPOSAL FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPER VEHICLE

The Charter Township of Plymouth is issuing this request for proposal (RFP) for a Fire Department pumper vehicle. Bids must be per the attached

The contact person regarding this RFP is Fire Chief Larry Groth of the Plymouth Community Fire Department. Chief Groth can be contacted at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or 734-354-3221. The response due date for this RFP is Monday, January 31, 2000 at 3:00 P.M. Any proposals received after this date will not be considered

RESPONSES ARE TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Marilyn Massengill, Township Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked

"Sealed Bid for a Fire Department Pumper Vehicle"

Bidders must provide a statement of non-discrimination, affirming that the proposer does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, handicap, arrest record, height or weight in employment, or the provision of services.

#469-900-803-0000

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\$ 411,000

THE TOWNSHIP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT

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12. Portable Electric Sign means a self contained single unit sign, wired in conformity with methods recognized by N.E.C. Such signs are inte indoor use only, employ incandescent lamps, fluorescent lamps or both, but no more than four such lamps; shall weigh not more than 50 pounds; have a voltage between any two conductors or between any conductor and ground, of not more than 150 volts; with provisions made for standing on a horizontal surface or for being suspended, and shall be equipped with not more than 6 feet of flexible cord and an attachment cap. All other signs are considered nonportable and require inspection by the Local Inspection Authority, unless the sign bears a label of approval by a recognized National Testing Laboratory. A connection permit is required for all non-portable signs.

13. Scoreboard (See Electric Sign)

(ord. eff. Nov. 16, 1977; amend. eff. April 22, 1999, December 22, 1999) B. PERMIT REGULATIONS.

1. To Whom and How Permits Are Issued. Permits covering the installation of electrical wiring and/or equipment in the municipality shall be issued only in the names of persons authorized by the Electrical Ordinance to

2. Home Owner's Permit. A bona fide owner of a single-family residence which is, or will be on completion, his own place of residence, and no part of which is used for rental or commercial purposes, nor is now contemplated for such purpose, may do his own work, providing he applies for and secures a permit, pays the fee, does the work himself in accordance with the provisions hereof, applies for inspections and receives approval of his work by the Electrical Inspection Authority. Failure to comply with these requirements will subject the owner's permit to cancellation.

3. Fraudulent Application for Permit Illegal. It shall be unlawful for any person to present any fraudulent information in making application for any permit from the Inspection Authority. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful to use the name of another person in order to secure an electrical permit unless regularly employed by and directly authorized by the holder of such electrical

permit for work contracted for or performed or to be performed by others without specific permission of the Electrical Inspection Authority.

4 Permits Revoked. Any permit issued in violation of the laws of the State of Michigan, these rules or any other ordinances, or as a result of false or fraudulent information, or misinterpretation of conditions, shall be subject to revocation at the direction of the Inspection Authority. The person holding the permit shall be notified to appear and show cause why the permit should not be revoked and failure to appear shall be deemed sufficient to cause the permit to be revoked.

5. Permits Expired. If work for which a permit is issued is not started within six (6) months of the date of issue or if work is abandoned for a period of six (6) months, the permit shall lapse and cease to be in effect. The Inspection Authority may reinstate an expired permit within one (1) year of its date of issue, but such reinstatement shall not be obligatory. Permits which have expired, lapsed, or abandoned one (1) year or more may only be reinstated by ution of the Inspection Authority in each case.

6. Incomplete Installations, Notification of Quitting Installation Required. Should any person to whom a permit has been issued for an installation and inspection of electrical equipment quit the installation for any reason, he shall notify the Inspection Authority.

7. Inspection of Partial Installation Quitted, Required. If an installation has been partially completed, the person upon quitting the installation shall notify the Inspection Authority and request an inspect Acceptance of or violations against the work installed shall be recorded by the tor on the permit record according to the findings of the Inspector. No refund shall be granted to the permit grantee of the permit fee covering electrical equipment installed and inspected.

8. Owner's Notification to the Inspection Authority. If a permit grantee quits an installation after the electrical equipment is installed and fails to notify the Inspection Authority, the owner or his agent may notify the Inspection Authority and request inspection. Upon inspection, the permit grantee shall be sent a notice of any violation. The owner shall be notified that he may secure another licensed contractor to proceed with the work.

Refunds. if no work has been done, a permit grantee shall be entitled to a refund on his permit in accordance with established rules of the municipality.

10. Transfer of Permit from Contractor to Contractor. In case the permit grantee gives written permission or appears in person with another contractor and grants permission, the permit shall be transferred to the latter licensed contractor, provided the latter contractor pays established transfer fee. If permission is not granted by the original permit holder, the contractor who completes the installation shall secure a permit covering the work he does, and the latter contractor shall be responsible in either case for all work done under

11. Transfer of Permit from Owner to Contractor. An owner who secured a permit to make installations of electrical equipment in his resider may transfer his permit to a licensed contractor, providing the owner notific the Inspection Authority of his intention, receives inspection of the work do by him and has his contractor pay the established transfer fee to the Inspect

12. Owner Completing Work Started by Contractor. Before proceeding the any electrical wiring installation which has been started by any other commit grantee, an owner shall request the Inspection Authority to inspect the

performed, and shall also obtain an owner's permit for the remaining part of the stallation. The original permit grantee may, if he desires, transfer his permit to the owner upon the owner's payment to the Inspection Authority of the,

(ord.eff. Nov. 16, 1977)

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication date. aspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours.

publication on December 22, 1999. All ayes present. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

effective December 21, 1977; amend. eff. April 22, 1999; amend. eff. Dec. 22,

OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS

A. Underground 600 volts or less. See Article 230, 1999 N.E.C. Section 230-30

grade shall be protected by a red warning strip of an approved material three by other approved mechanical means. In the event the public utility company supervising installation shall fail or

refuse to exercise the responsibility of inspection and maintenance of the service entrance conductors installed pursuant to this ordinance, then an inspection shall be carried out by the Building Department.

4. Overhead electrical services that are being planned to be converted to underground services in those areas that have existing overhead utilities shall contact the Building Department to determine the new location of the planned underground service. (ord.no. 78 eff. Dec.21, 1977; amend. eff. April 22, 1999,

all other sections shall continue to be in force until specifically declared void through action of the court. (ord.no. 78 eff. Dec.21, 1977)

All previous ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all amendments thereto. of the effective date of this ordinance. (Ord. No. 78 eff. Dec. 21, 1977)

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and are hereby deemed to take effect and be in force upon publication

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget

Increase Revenues **Building Permits**

Maintenance & Repair of Vehicles #101-371-861-0000 \$9,500.00 This budget amendment increases the Building Inspection Services Division budget from \$1,202,997 to \$1,212,497 and the General Fund budget from \$18,374,673 to \$18,384,173. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Construction Fund for the Canton Public

Note: Complete copies of these administrative rules are available for public Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to remove from the table and

ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS; PLACEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 78

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS

Platted subdivision lots serviced by underground electrical conductors shall follow the utility easements to the nearest interior property line in an area no closer than two (2) feet nor further than four (4) away, to a point adjacent to the rear of the house or meter location and then in a straight line to the contact point. This requirement will be followed, regardless of the location of the power pedestal, whether located at the front property line or the rear.

2. Service conductors which are located 24 inches or less from the finished (3) inches wide located directly over and six (6) inches above the conductors or

12.332 Section 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for additional vehicle maintenance/repair expenses in the Building & Inspection Services division of Municipal Services:

Proceeds from Bond Sale #469-000-695-0000 \$ 6,000,000

nstallation for which a permit was granted and also to inspect any work

C. PERMIT FEES. Consult the local municipal offices for permit fees.

12.354 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

publish the Second Reading of the amendments to the Electrical Service Conductors: Placement Ordinance No. 78 (B) to become effective upon

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE LOCATION AND PLACEMENT

B. Installation of underground service conductors.

ting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed as 12.334 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

#101-000-477-0000 \$9,500.00

12.331 Section 1. SERVICE ENTRANCE CONDUCTORS.

3. Unplatted parcels location shall be approved by the Building Department

If any section of this ordinance be declared void by legal actions for any reason,

12.333 Section 3. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.

the execution of documents required by the Michigan Liquor Control
Commission to effect the receipt of the liquor license for the co-licensees
Charter Township of Canton and Diamond Ventures. All ayes present.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

Consultants-Architectural/Eng. **Bond Issuance Costs** #469-900-975-1000 Buildings-Library Equipment-Library #469-900-977-1000 Bond Discount

Total \$ 6,000,000 This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Construction Fund budget from \$5,509,410 to \$11,509,410. All ayes present Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Western Wayne Narcotics Forfeiture Fund:

#469-900-996-0000

#469-900-900-0000

Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #266-000-699-0000 \$274,000 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay #266-333-977-0000

#266-333-708-0000 36,000 Overtime Forfeiture Expenses #266-333-800-0000 88.000 This budget amendment increases the Western Wayne Narcotics budget from

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt a resolution opposing special tax break for utilities. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to cancel the regular Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 28, 1999 and to authorize the payment of the Township's bills on December 31, 1999. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution approving the request for special land use by Schuler Hydroforming. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the creation and filling of Web Designer position in MIS, and, further, to approve the following budget amendment to transfer the funding for this position from the Communications Division budget to the Management Information Systems

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

#101-240-705-0000 \$ (46.800) Salaries-Communications Division Fringe Benefits-Communications Division #101-240-720-0000 (20,200) Salaries-Management Information Systems #101-258-705-0000

Fringe Benefits-Mgtment Inform. Systems #101-258-720-0000 20.200 \$ -0-Total

This budget amendment decreases the Communications Division budget from \$285,837 to \$218,837, and increases the Management Information S Division budget from \$704,748 to \$771,748. All ayes present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to create and fill a Personnel Analyst position in Personnel Services. All ayes present Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to award the bid for de-icing rock salt to the low bidder Cargill, Inc. in the amount of \$28.78 per ton. All ayes

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate additional funds for the 1999 Sidewalk Repair Program:

Increase Revenues: Appropriate from 1999 Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$115.670.00 Increase Appropriations: Maintenance & Repair of Sidewalks #101-441-903-0000 \$115.670.00 This budget amendment increases the Public Works division budget from \$366,307.00 to \$481,977.00 and the General Fund Budget from \$18,364,673.00

to \$18,480,343.00.All ayes present Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to disqualify the low bidder J & E Contracting, Inc. for being unresponsive and irresponsible, as defined in Section 11.3 of the Instructions to Bidders and award the construction contract for the 1999 Sidewalk Repair Program to the second low bidder, Mattioli Cement Co., for \$105,152.50 plus a 10% contingency for a total amount of \$115,670.00.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchase of two (2) vehicles for Building & Inspection Services Division at a cost of \$41,088.00 through the State of Michigan extended purchasing program from Jorgensen Ford. All ayes present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt a resolution authorizing

Motion by Bennett, supported LaJoy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. All The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on December 14, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on January 11, 2000.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

All ayes present.

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The Observer & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1999

"A CLOSE UP LOOK AT LOCAL BUSINESSES" IN C. PRESENTS

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Schoolcraft, Livonia.

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Charter House of Novi The image of nursing homes is changing from permanent nursing care facilities to short-term rehabilitations centers. Nursing facilities are care centers are comprised of "younger aged" persons who need skilled rehabilitation

The focus of Home Health Care is Home. That's where everyone would and nursing care for complex medical conditions. The average length of stay is about 4-12 weeks Charter House of Novi, located at 24500 Meadowbrook, phone can enjoy a comfortable and safe environment while receiving the supervision and programs, many of their residents are returning home sooner and are able to maintain their normal activities of daily living. The staff and residents at Charter House of Home Health Services located at 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 250 in Nevi invite you to call the Admissions Coordinator at 477-2000 to take a tour and

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DINING

Click and go to food.com for meals to go

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For lunch or dinner, hungry people in metro Detroit can click and go to www.food.com to order a meal to go.

Food.com is a personalized Internet service that lets you choose from a number of restaurants in your neighborhood, order something off their menu and have it delivered to your door or be ready for you to pick it up. Restaurants set their own food delivery charge, but there no charge to customers who use food.com to place food orders.

"Food.com partners with restaurants and charges them a nominal fee to create and maintain their menu online," explained account executive Chris Fisher who grew up in Bloomfield Hills. "We are a national company that's now available in Michigan. It helps people simplify their menu selection and food needs from local restaurants."

Fisher describes food.com as "a virtual food court that offers everything from deli fare to Larco's in Troy.

"We offer a way for restaurants to be found," he said. **U.S. Dining Trends**

■ 47 percent of all adults agree they are cooking fewer meals at home than they did two years ago.

38 percent of all consumers consider meals prepared at a restaurant or fast-food place essential to the way they live.

In an average month, 78 percent of U.S. households use some form of carryout or delivery.

Statistics from the National Restaurant Association

"Online you can see the restaurant menu and order."

"Like the telephone, the Internet is fast becoming an everyday tool that people use in both their business and professional lives," said Rich Frank, food.com's chairman and CEO. "We want to make it simple for them to use this tool to order meals — just point, click and eat. That's what food.com provides to consumers

around the country. It's simply a better way to order food, with much greater choice, convenience and control."

Customers accumulate points each time they order from food.com. "The more someone orders, the more points they accumulate," said Fisher. "You can use those points to buy more food. It's an added incentive to use our service. There are a whole lot of features that make food.com well suited for people who are busy."

The Web site has a special section for office meals and college students, and a dining out guide. Eating out isn't just for special occasions anymore. According to the National Restaurant Association, in an average month, 78 percent of U.S. households use some form of carryout or delivery.

For restaurants food.com offers a quick and easy way to get online. Using food.com's patented technology, restaurants receive Internet takeout orders via a special phone automated voice system.

Food.com was founded in 1996 as cybermeals, and is based in San Francisco.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

What's Cooking includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations.

■ Cafe Cortina — Will offer a Christmas Eve dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24. The cost is \$75 per person, strolling musicians will entertain diners. Cafe Cortina welcomes the year 2000 with a six course regional dinner, dancing, party favors and champagne toast, 9:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. The cost is \$150 per person. Seating for dinner at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, regular menu items. Call for information about cancellations for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 dinner seating. Cafe Cortina is at 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. For reservations and information, call (248) 474-3033 or on the

Web www@cafecortina.com

Family New Year's Eve celebration served buffet style 4:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Features homemade lasagna, roasted chicken and beef, potatoes, vegetables, two soups, pizza, salad and dessert bar. Beverages, tax and tip not included. The cost is \$10 adults, \$9.75 senior citizens, \$5.50 children under age 10. Reservations a must. Corsi's is at 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads, (248) 777-4960.

Musashi — Y2K Super Value Dinner, served Monday Thursday, Dec. 27-30, \$19.99 not including tax and tip. Includes salad and miso soup, chef's choice appetizer, choice of selected main dishes. Y2K Eve Gourmet dinner (by reservation only), 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Dinner \$99.99 per person, tax and tip included. Menu features an appetizer, Alaskan King Crab, Lobster tail, choice of Japanese pasta, dessert, open sushi bar and more. The restaurant is at 2000 Town Center,

Suite 98, Southfield. Call (248) 358-1911 for information, or

online www.musashi-intl.com

The Capital Grille — Will
be closed Christmas day. They
will be open for lunch 11:30 a.m.
to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 and 5-8
p.m. for dinner. The restaurant
will serve lunch and dinner during its normal hours and offering
dinner 5-9 p.m. New Year's Day.
Capital Grille in the Somerset
Collection North, 2800 W. Big
Beaver Road, Troy, offers dry
aged steaks, chops and fresh
seafood. Call (248) 649-5300.

■ Golden Mushroom — Is offering two New Year's Eve celebration menus and seating in two dining rooms on Friday, Dec. 31. New Year's Eve celebration, first seating begins at 5 p.m. in the main dining room, cost \$95 per person; second seating begins 6:30 p.m. in the Mushroom Cellar, cost \$90 per person. Millennium Celebration, first seating in the main dining room 10 p.m., cost \$150 per person; Mushroom Cellar first seating begins 9:15 p.m., cost \$145 per person. Call (248) 559-4230 for

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EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

The Intelligent Chicken

— 32431 Northwestern Highway, Farmington-Hills, between
Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road
(248)855-4455. Open: Monday
Friday 11 a.m.→8:30 p.m. Saturday until 3 p.m.; Sunday 4-8:30 p.m.

Menu: Carry-out or deliver and dine-in restaurant featuring natural ingredient marinated, low-fat char-broiled or rotisserie chicken plus fresh salads, sandwiches, side dishes, and soups.

Cost: average \$5-6 per person without soft drink. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Details: All items carry-out. Two-item kid's menu. Catering and corporate lunches.

Cleveland's Gill & Grill—311 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor (directly across from The Ark), (734) 213-2505. Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Lots of seafood, a good selection of steaks, just enough chicken and pasta entrees. Homemade pumpkin pie.

Cost: Moderate to moderately high, lunches range from \$5 to \$10; dinners \$9-\$17. Most dinner items are in the \$11 to \$15 range. Atmosphere: Comfortably bistro, with nautical themes. Mostly non-smoking. Smoking section on second floor.

Credit cards: All major credit cards accepted. Reservations: Recommended for parties over five. Diners may call ahead one hour for a table.

■ Sangria — 401 Lafayette (corner of Fourth Street), Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964. Open: For lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; dinner 4-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; until midnight Friday-Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Crocodile Rock a dueling piano bar and lounge on second floor is open Wednesday through Saturday from 7 p.m. until closing.

Menu: Splendid variety of tapas, Spanish style salads, traditional Spanish entrees, paellas and authentic Spanish desserts. Sandwiches at lunch only. Cost: Lunch \$4-7. Dinner: tapas \$4-7; entrees and paell'as \$11-18. Reservations: Yes. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Details: Full service bar; carryout for all lunch and dinner items.

Lily's Seafood Restaurant & Brewery —410 S. Washington (between Fourth & Fifth Streets), Royal Oak, (248) 591-5459. Open: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and until 11:30 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Grilled, sautéed and steamed fresh seafood, along with sandwiches and a late night menu after 11 p.m. daily.

Cost: Entrees and seafood platters \$14-\$23. Six-item kids menu \$3.25-\$4. Reservations: Call after 5 p.m. to have your name placed on a preferred seating list for desired time that day. Credit cards: All majors accepted

Details: Full service bar, made-on-premise microbrews and handcrafted sodas.



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