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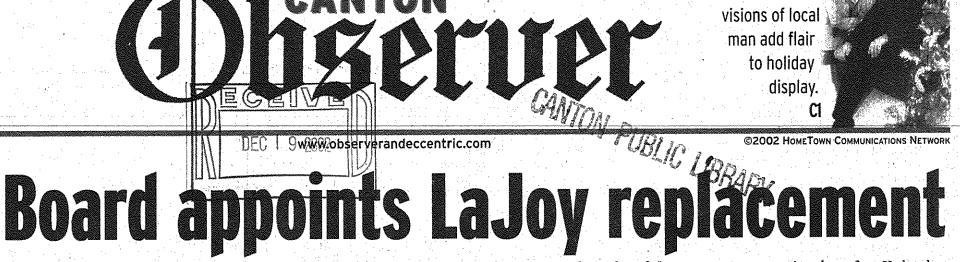
The bridge over the Lower Rouge River is being replaced and widened and was closed while preliminary work was in progress. It will be closed again in

February or March and will remain closed for about four months while the project is completed. For up-to-date project information and detour maps, visit www. waynecounty.com /wayneroads, or call (734) 595-ROAD.

#### Dancing success

Salem High School freshman Amy Calmes of Canton was one of three Americans at the Perth/ Oxford District of the Western Ontario Highland Dance Association competition in Woodstock, Ontario, Dec. I, and she came home a big winner.





BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Planning Commissioner Karl Zarbo was appointed to the Canton Township Board of Trustees Tuesday night to fill the term of Trustee Phil LaJoy, who will take office as state representative from the 21st District in January.

The term expires Nov. 20, 2004.

"To fill the position being vacated by Mr. LaJoy is an incredible honor," Zarbo told the board after he was selected. "It's a bar that has been raised to a level that all I can do is strive to achieve it. I really will dedicate myself to what you folks have done."

Zarbo, 53, a native of Buffalo. N.Y., has lived in Canton since 1986 and has served on the planning commission for 10

years. He has served as vice chairman of the commission for the past three terms. A commercial real estate manager, Zarbo is vice president

of operations for Livonia Mall. He was selected from more than 50 Canton residents who applied for the position.

"I'm really excited," Zarbo said. "When I heard there were 53 people who had applied, I was amazed. I am thrilled

beyond words."

Even Supervisor Tom Yack was surprised by the number of residents who expressed interest in the job.

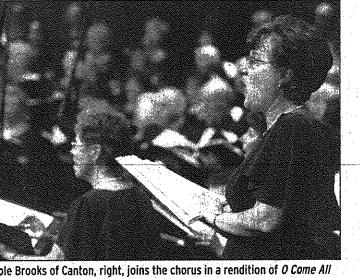
"I don't think anybody anticipated 53 or 54 letters of interest," he told the board and the audience. "But we're glad to see that much interest. And if you're not nominated or chosen this evening, don't go and hide."

Each of the applicants will

receive a letter from Yack, asking them to consider other positions or committee assignments that occur.

Under the selection process, each of the six board members nominated one name from among the applicants. State law prohibited LaJoy from participating in picking his successor. In addition to Zarbo, appli-

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Carole Brooks of Canton, right, joins the chorus in a rendition of O Come All. Ye Faithful.

Chorus about more than just singing



Calmes won four firstplace medals, one secondplace and was part of the "Best in Group" trophy-winning group. She was also named Best Overall Intermediate dancer. Calmes, who has been dančing for four years, now moves up to the level of "Premjer" Highland dancer,

the art's highest level. She will spend the winter practicing and will debut as a premier in April.

She will go on to the regional championships at the Alma Highland Games and Festival in May.

If she finishes in the top three, she qualifies for the national championships in North Carolina in July.

#### 🌃 New Year's bash

Reserve your space now for Canton's New Year's Eve Celebration, presented by Canton Leisure Services. The evening of entertainment lasts from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center and includes hors d'ouvres, individual dinner, deluxe bar, champagne toast and a midnight snack. DJ John Lankford will provide continuous entertainment throughout the evening. Reservations can be made in person at the Banquet Center office from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, or with credit card by calling (734) 394-5480. Cost to attend is \$90 per person. No refunds will be given. You must be 21 years of age to attend. For further details of this year's New Year's Celebration, call the Banquet Center office at (734) 394-5487, or visit www.canton-mi.org. Ring in 2003 with Canton Leisure Services.



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Plymouth Community Chorus Director Michael Gross leads the ensemble through a rendition of Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas, during the group's performance Friday at Northville High School.

#### **Community group** uses performances to give back

#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

For a lot of people, the name "Plymouth Community Chorus" conjures images of a small-town chorus full of people who get together simply to sing.

It's that misconception members of the chorus love to debunk. Their annual performances more closely resembling big-time productions than quaint concerts.

"People are expecting a little community chorus that sings together," said Michael Gross,

the chorus' director the last 24 years. "What they get is a wellproduced show when they come to see us. Not only is the music incredible, but the lighting design, the stage design is all factored into what we take out to the audience.

"It's a choral concert, but it's a production. People aren't expecting that at all."

Not bad for a group that began modestly in 1973 but has since grown to 125 singers drawn from all over southeastern Michigan. Not surprisingly, the bulk of the group's members hail from Plymouth and Canton, but there are also singers from as close as Westland and Farmington Hills and from as far away as Fenton.

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#### Engler puts local resident Schools brace for state budget ax

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials are mulling over the ever-increasing possibility the governor's cuts could result in a \$5 million budget shortfall of their own.

School officials aren't optimistic the state will deliver on a promised \$200per-pupil increase in the state foundation grant next year, and, for Plymouth-Canton Schools, that could mean budget cuts for the 2003-2004 school year.

"We're pretty sure we're not going to get the foundation grant increase," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "If we don't get the \$200 foundation increase, and

the retirement rate goes up another 2 percent, we could be looking at about a \$5 million problem."

The saving grace for Plymouth-Canton continues to be that it's a growing district, and more students mean more. state money. However, even that won't be enough to ward off a looming deficit.

"We need to sit down and be very aggressive so the Board of Education can figure out how much of it we can bank on getting saved with an increase in students next year, determine if we can use any of the fund balance, and then determine what cuts need to be made," said

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## on airport authority

**BY JACK GLADDEN** STAFF WRITER

Canton resident David Treadwell has been appointed by Gov. John Engler to the seven-member Wayne County Airport Authority.

He replaces William T. McCormick, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of CMS

Energy Corp., who resigned because he no longer resides in the area prescribed by the Airport Authority statute.

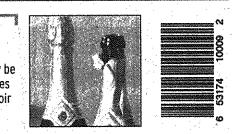
Treadwell is president and CEO of Heritage Development and a member of the board of ASC Inc. He's being appointed to a term expiring Oct. 1, 2008. "The governor called

me and asked if I would be willing to do it," Treadwell said. "I think it's interesting. There's no question the airport is a huge economic generator to Michigan. It's a great opportunity for everybody." Treadwell, who's lived

in the Canton and

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### Library has new DVDs, books McNamara: 'We are not crooks' available to check out BY TONY BRUSCATO

#### **DID YOU KNOW ...**

There are two new Special Multimedia Collections on our Internet Branch that are perfect for the season: December Holidays and Gifts Kids Can Make?

The Walk of Trees in downtown Plymouth runs through Dec. 27?

The "Help Me Make It Through The Day" links on our Internet Branch now include a source for information about school closings?

The library will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25?

Americans exchange about 2.6 billion Christmas cards per year?

#### **WEB WATCH**

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Q & A

Q: "What is the Metric Conversion Act?"

A: On Dec. 23, 1975, the Congress of the U.S. passed Public Law 94-168, known as

Congress has authorized the metric system as a legal system of measurement in the U.S. by an act passed July 28, 1866. In 1875, the U.S. became one of the original signers of the Treaty of the Metre, which established an international metric system. Source: The Teacher's

Calendar, 2002-2003

#### **NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

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Lowery Nixon (fiction)

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🖀 "A Fistful Of Sky" - Nina Kiriki Hoffman (science fiction)

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Mr. Strangelove: A **Biography Of Peter Sellers**" Ed Sikov (biography)

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Mississippi Trial, 1955" - Chris Crowe

🖬 "This Lullaby" - Sarah Dessen "The Divine Wind: a love story" -

STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara admitted to members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club Friday it's "been very trying times the past two weeks. If the FBI is as wrong, as I think they are, I'll have a nice life in the future."

McNamara spoke briefly of the federal investigation into his administration, contracts for Metro Airport, as well as campaign contributions. "We're besieged right now. It's like living in a nightmare," he said. "I think we've tried very, very hard to run a good county."

McNamara, a Plymouth Township resident, noted that, despite claims by government, "we have no campaign reform" and hinted that's partly the reason behind the federal investigation.

"Our sin is that we raised a lot of money," he told the group of 75 Rotarians meeting at the Plymouth Cultural Center. "We've been very, very fair while raising it, in accordance with all the rules.

"When the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office get through, there will be a small story in the obituary page that says 'No cause for action.' That will offset all the headlines at the beginning that have been so disastrous."

After addressing the noontime club, McNamara said the investigation's sole purpose is to taint his administration and the party it runs.

"They want to put an end to the Democratic Party ... we are the Democratic Party," said McNamara. "Everybody named (in the subpoenas) was a Democrat. Everybody on our butt is a Republican, including U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Collins.

We aren't crooks. We may be



Wayne County Executive Director Ed McNamara shakes hands with Rotary member Tom Kennedy after his address to the Plymouth Rotary Friday.

#### 'They want to put an end to the Democratic Party ... we are the Democratic Party.

#### Ed McNamara

Wayne County executive

ried the next time. (Republican Gov.) John Engler says in his book the worst moment in his life was when (President George) Bush lost Michigan." McNamara also noted that recent attacks against Plymouth city commissioner Colleen Pobur, who was once director of concessions for Metro Airport, are unwarranted.

"The criticism of Colleen is very unfair. You can't believe what a process they had to keep honest. They not only had a

about some of his accomplishments during his 16 years as county executive. "When I began, we had a \$135 million deficit, we had bills in shoe boxes, we had no computers. we had to tell employees you can't get paid on Friday, and we were actually contacting large taxpayers to ask them to send in their checks a couple of days , early so we could meet payroll."

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Along with accomplishments in building a Hamtramck jail, a morgue, a youth home, a golf course in Inkster, and a countywide health plan for lowincome workers, McNamara discussed the improvements at ' Metro Airport.'

'Of course there are the renovations of the airport, and we built a new airport terminal, but by far much more important is we put in two new runways," he said of the \$120 million project. "It's been almost 10 years since a major runway has been opened in the United

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## Ficano faces tough budget decisions F

#### **BY HUGH GALLAGHER** STAFF WRITER

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When Robert Ficano is sworn in Jan. 2 as Wayne County's third chief executive, he will face daunting challenges.

The county is looking at an estimated \$50 million deficit, which will require cutting staffing and programs; the area's economy continues to be weak; and federal and state investigators have subpoenaed county records on contracts from the current administration of Edward McNamara.

Still, during an interview last week, Ficano sounded upbeat, even as he battled a cold and the logistics of leaving his job as sheriff and moving into the executive's office.

The transition began in September and October before the general election. Ficano, who lives in Livonia, said that in recent weeks committees have been formed and final reports are due today for final recommendations.

On Nov. 22, the FBI and State police took files from county offices, causing a blip in the process.

"For three, four, five days after subpoenas were served, everything came to dead stop in the building. That meant that any transition that was going on was by institutional memory of people going back and forth." Meanwhile, Ficano, who has served as Wayne County sheriff since 1983, and his staff have been meeting with his replacement, Warren Evans, who was selected by a committee to fill out the last two years of Ficano's term.

#### **BUDGET IS TOP CONCERN**

First up on Ficano's agenda is the budget problem.

Ficano has been meeting with legislators about proposals to change the airport parking tax. An attempt to change the tax last year was narrowly defeated. The 30-percent tax on parking at the airport and at private lots within five miles of

air travel over the last year, Ficano said. He said a reduction in the tax would probably not mean a reduction in parking fees, as many vendors are planning to keep rates the same and pocket the difference. The vendors have been lobbying for the reduction.

"We've been trying to counterbalance that. I had breakfast with the Wayne County delegation, I was up there yesterday (Dec. 10). I was allowed to speak with the Democratic caucus, met with Rick Johnson (the Republican speaker) and we're hopeful of success," Ficano said.

#### **INDIGENT HEALTH CARE**

Ficano is suggesting that if the legislature keeps the tax at 30 percent they could earmark the money for indigent health care in Wayne County.

Administrators at several county hospitals have told him they're concerned about cuts to indigent health care.

"We're going to have a separate conference on indigent health care, because eventually all that problem comes to them at their emergency room. They (indigents) go to their emergency room and that drives up your cost and my cost."

He said if the county can't pay for those services, the state must provide the care at a greater cost to taxpayers.

In addition, the county facesa \$2 million cut in revenuesharing money, with more cuts expected in March when the new governor, Jennifer Granholm, has a chance to review the budget.

#### STREAMLINING

On the other side, Ficano is looking at streamlining county government.

"What we're doing is prioritizing programs and their costs, seeing if there are any duplication. We're looking at what the salaries are for staff, and we're seeing what the cost is of duplication of position and those kind of things. We'll be reduc-



Robert Ficano will be sworn in Jan. 2 as Wayne County's third chief executive.

tracts, which is at the heart of the investigation of the

McNamara administration. Ficano said whether true or not, there is a perception that

things aren't fair in Wayne County. "We want to make sure that even if you bid for a contract that if you don't get it, you walk away and feel you had a fair

shot." — Ficano has been meeting with auto executives to discuss their procurement procedures and has enlisted the aid of the Procurement Association to help him formulate a policy.

He is also looking at partnerships with private companies and other units of government. As an example, he said he's been discussing developing an after school program modeled on the UAW's partnership with the auto companies.

He is also looking at combining buying with some of the county's financially strapped communities to realize savings from an economy of scale.

"Everybody buys cars, tires for cars, things like that. Your buying power's much greater if you do that."

He has also been meeting with other leaders, including Republicans. He said he'll be happy to steal any ideas that have been successful for Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson. He is also lis-

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** At the center of Wayne

County economic development is the county's two airports, which are now under the control of an independent authori-

ty. "We've had several meetings with Wayne Doran, who's the chair of the airport authority. I think he's very sincere about wanting to work with us. He's full of good ideas, great ideas about how he wants to partner with us for economic development."

The executive-elect sees the I-275 and I-94 corridors as vital for county development. He is particularly interested in attracting high-tech companies, many with ties to the alreadyexisting automobile industry.

Ficano said he doesn't see economic development in terms of competing with Oakland and Macomb counties for companies. He said if Oakland county were to get a major tenant, Wayne County could benefit by attracting a supplier to that industry.

<sup>4</sup>A Boeing moving from Seattle to Chicago rarely, rarely occurs. That's why it's big news when it does. Your economic development comes from existing and growing businesses around you."

Ficano said the Pinacle Aeropark project, south of and Willow Run airports. He said the 2006 Super Bowl will also help spur development.

#### ETHICS ISSUES

The sheriff is taking a waitand-see approach to the current McNamara investigation. The FBI has subpoenaed campaign records from many prominent Democrats with ties to McNamara including governor-elect Granholm, County Prosecutor Michael Duggan and Redford Supervisor and congressional candidate Kevin Kelley.

In an interview with a Detroit daily, Ficano has said he is against the county paying legal fees for anyone fighting criminal charges.

Ficano will make some changes to address some of the ethical concerns raised during McNamara's administration.

He said he will appoint an inspector general to look at ethical conflicts. In addition, he said all appointees will be asked to sign an agreement that will prohibit them from taking a job with anyone they procured a contract with for up to a year after leaving office or from joining a lobbying firm that has lobbied their department for up to a year after leaving office.

Ficano said he shares McNamara's concerns about new rules imposed by the county commission on contracting.

"The pendulum has swung almost completely the other way and there is paralysis. I know from my own experience - six months to order toilet paper for the jail. I think there has to be a review. The system has to be perceived as fair, a level playing field."

Ficano is looking forward to his inauguration, which, he says, is the fulfillment of the immigrant dreams of his grandfather and father who came from Italy.

"They would never be able to imagine that this country would be so full of that kind of opportunity, although that's

## Ficano inauguration slate set

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Wayne County Executive Elect Robert Ficano announced last week that Faylene Owen is serving as chairwoman of his Inaugural Celebration Committee.

"I am excited to have someone with Faylene's experience and reputation to guide the planning of our inaugural events," Ficano said.

Owen previously served as a member of the Inaugural Committee for President Bill Clinton and as the head of the Inaugural Committee for Gov. James Blanchard. She currently is the president of Mica Corp.

"Bob Ficano is a superb public servant, and I am proud to serve with so many to plan his inaugural celebration," Owen said.

The Ficano Inaugural Celebration activities include: 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2:

Swearing-in ceremony on the steps of the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit. The swearing-in is open to anyone.

8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3: Ecumenical prayer breakfast at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. Seven Mile, Detroit. Tickets are free to anyone. Admission is by ticket only.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4: Ficano Family Fun-Land event at The Parade Company, 9600 Mount Elliott, Detroit. Tickets are free to anyone. Admission is by ticket only.

Noon Wednesday, Jan. 8: Senior Citizens Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. Tickets are free. Admission is by ticket only.

7:30-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18: Inaugural celebration evening at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. The evening is blacktie optional and is open to the community. Tickets are \$50 each and available from the

the airport has been worth up to \$16 million a year to the county's general fund.

Legislators are looking to cut the tax in half and distribute money to out-state airports, the city of Romulus and Wayne County. The airport parking tax has already been taking in less revenue because of a decline in

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ing some salaries, staff and streamlining."

Ficano said some scheduled salary increases for January will be frozen.

The streamlining blends into other changes Ficano wants to make in county government. He is particularly concerned about the letting of county con-

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tening to a Wayne County Republican leader.

"I've met many times with Tom Yack out in Canton. In fact he's been on some of our transition things, about how he gets results and how he brings family orientation to the community. I'm impressed with how he does that."

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#### LOCAL NEWS

### **Problems force plane to** miss Mettetal runway

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A small plane received substantial damage Sunday after rolling across Joy Road near Mettetal Airport about 1 p.m. No one was injured in the incident.

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Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said a 30-year-old Canton man was piloting the plane that apparently developed electrical problems shortly after takeoff. Mutchler said the pilot started to land but changed his mind because of the electrical problems.

When he was making his third landing approach, he called out a Mayday on his radio but because of the electrical problems he wasn't sure he was being heard," Mutchler said. "He wasn't getting com-

munication back from Mettetal." After calling out the Mayday, the man landed the plane, a 1976 Cessna 172M, but was a little farther down the

runway than normal. working, he was not able to stop it from going off the runway and crossing Joy Road.

The pilot estimated he crossed Joy Road going about 30 miles an hour," Mutchler said. "Luckily there was no traffic on Joy at the time."

The man was not hurt but damage to the Cessna was estimated at between \$3,500 and after hitting the ground.

gated by the FAA.

#### **CAMPUS NEWS**

#### **Schoolcraft College**

The following students from Canton received scholarships from their departments for the winter 2003 term: Staci Boos, mathematics; Carmen Breslawski, art; Lori Brown, practical nursing; Deepak Chawdhory, marketing and applied management; Gregory Davis, communication arts; Grant Dilworth, associate





While the plane's brakes were

\$5,000. The propeller was bent

The accident is being investi-

#### Harold B. "Hal" Smith Services for Harold Smith,

74, of Canton were held Dec. 13 at the Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William C. Moore officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Smith was born Jan. 10, 1928 in Detroit and died Dec. 9 in Canton. He resided in Canton for the past 17 years (previously of Murfreesboro, Tenn., where he lived for four years). He graduated from Wayne State University and worked at Ford Motor Company for 36 years as a process engineer at the Dearborn Assembly Plant, retiring in 1981. He moved to Tennessee to build the Nissan Plant in Smyrna as a project manager, retiring in 1985. He returned to Michigan and helped with the building of the Nissan Research and Development Plant in Farmington Hills, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church for the past 15 years. Previously he was a member of Trinity Baptist Church for 40 years, and a member of Gideon's International. He served in local churches for 50 years. He organized Bible studies in auto plants and churches across the country.

He worked in a prison ministry, and worked with missions

#### **OBITUARIES**

Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 10101 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

#### **Dorothy Bessie East** Services for Dorothy East, 92. of Plymouth were held private-

Mrs. East was born June 7, 1910 and died Dec. 13 at home. She worked all her life as a school teacher.

Survivors include husband, Elmer H. East; daughter, Sally (Gary) Galliers and Polly (Powell) Kingsley; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

#### Grace E. Eising

Services for Grace E. Eising, 93, of Canton Township were held Dec. 16 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Mrs. Eising was born July 31, 1909 and died Dec. 13 at the Plymouth Court Nursing Home in Plymouth Township. She worked in sales at Hudson's Department Store. Survivors include husband, John C. Eising; and sons, Robert W. and Gerald C. Arrangements made by L.J.

Andrews Catholic Church in Detroit and St. Anselm Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. She loved gardening flowers and vegetables. In 2001 she won an award certificate for the beautiful flowers she planted around her home in Dearborn Heights. She loved to cook for her family and enjoyed family gatherings. Her number one hobby was flowers. Mrs. Adams was preceded in death by her husband John, who was retired chief of the **Detroit Fire Department Arson** Division.

Survivors include daughter, Ilene (Zenner) Grzegorek of Media, Pa.; son, John (Carolyn) Adams of Plymouth Township; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

#### **Kevin Michael Riley**

Services for Kevin Riley, 24, of Canton were held Dec. 17 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly and the Rev. Stan Milewski officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Mr. Riley was born Aug. 29, 1978 in Ironton, Ohio and died Dec. 12 in Ann Arbor. He was a sales clerk for Blockbuster Video. He graduated from Plymouth Canton High School

6, 1914 in Mastondon Township, Mich., and died Dec. 14 in Plymouth. He enjoyed living in the Plymouth community for 43 years. He was employed by Burroughs for 18 years and retired from Dunn Steel. He was also selfemployed with the Perlongo Excavating and Cement business. He was a veteran of World War II, and served as a staff sergeant in the Tank and Amphibious Equipment group. In his retirement, he volunteered his services for the food banks and taking friends to doctor and other appointments. His kindness, patience and personal sincerity will be a great loss to all.

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Mr. Perlongo was preceded in death by brothers, James, Herman, Nandino and Dominic.

Survivors include wife of 49 years, Pauline; children, Sharon (David) Pinion of Sparta, Tenn., Debbie (David) Eisenlord of Brooklyn, Donna Duke of Plymouth, Joni (Richard) Moore of Canton, and Greg (Sabrina) Perlongo of Cookeville, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Johns of Gasstra, Mich., Adeline Welch of West Virginia, Jenny Viery of Virginia, Francis Dally of Maion, Ohio, and Stella Bray of Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Angela Hospice.

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## Salem grad chosen for Canton officers attend training sessions

## business conference

Nicole Reitz figured she'd get a chance to hear some of the country's top business executives talk about how they handled tough



Reitz

month. She wasn't disappointed. Reitz, a 1999

times when she

**Business Today** 

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Plymouth Salem High School graduate and a student at Northwestern University, was chosen to attend the conference, which provided an opportunity for accomplished college students and senior executives to debate and discuss the ethical and operational dilemmas that have recently plagued the business community.

Reitz was among 210 students from 92 schools in 16 nations to attend. Sixty of the students selected, including Reitz, were members of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. NSCS is an honors organization recognizing outstanding academic achievement among first and second year college students and encouraging members to develop leadership skills through community service. Among the speakers were Ralph Nader, Joseph Berardino (former CEO Arthur Andersen), and Catherine R. Kinney (president and Co-COO, New York Stock Exchange). According to Reitz, Nader "spoke extremely passionately" about civic responsibility even through troubled economic times, while Berardino "dealt bravely with many questions on the ethical issues" that faced Andersen with the fall of Enron as well as his own personal views of the incident.

And, while those speakers were good, Reitz said her favorite was Chip Perry, president and CEO of

University. The goal of the organization is to bring together the most promising business minds of the future with the most successful business minds of the present. For more information about Business Today, please contact Robert Mulcare by e-mail at rmulcare@princeton.edu. The Business Today website is located at www.businesstoday.org.

Two Canton police sergeants recently completed Eastern Michigan University's Staff and Command School.

The 10-month school, which began in February, focused on personnel management, incident command, organizational behavior and budgeting. Scott Hilden and Mark Schultz participated in this year's school.

"One of the most useful aspects of the course was to meet and talk to people from all the other police agencies," said Hilden, a 10-year Canton veteran.

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"I found it helpful to compare how they do business with how we do business. We had the opportunity to share a lot of real-life experiences with people in the profession."

Schultz said he learned numerous ways to improve himself as a supervisor.

"We also learned that there's no one best way to supervise," he said. Graduation ceremonies were

police dispatching.

held in recently in Ann Arbor. Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, an instructor in the course, was the keynote speaker.

Students spent one week each month attending courses. Officers had home work and a term paper to complete.

Hilden studies how technology and training have reduced the number of officers killed in the line-of-duty. Schultz, a Canton officer for more than 12 years, looked at staffing problems in the are of

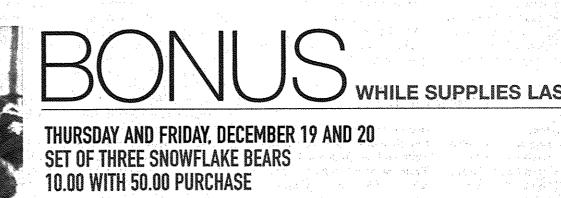
"It's really a national problem," he said. "There are a number of factors. Stress is one.

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The public sector also has a difficult time competing with the private sector in terms of wages and perks."

The program counts as six classes toward a master's degree.

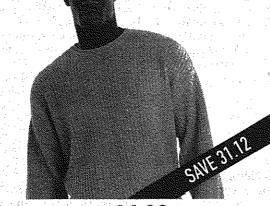
Both Hilden and Schultz plan to complete advanced degrees at Eastern Michigan in interdisciplinary technology with an emphasis in police supervision.



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AutoTrader.com. Perry talked about the qualifications of having a successful "dot com" business, and gave some specifics as to the fall of other Internet-based companies.

"Overall, I felt I gained excellent exposure to new people and ideas throughout the conference," said Reitz, the daughter of Dennis and Cheryl Reitz of Plymouth. "I was afforded networking connections with students and industry leaders that will serve me well in the future."

The conference focused on the issue of corporate leadership under adversity and addressed three main themes: Restoring growth and progress, business ethics and oversight, and managing people. More than 85 senior executives in industries ranging from finance to retail markets were there.

During executive seminars, panel discussions, and keynote addresses, students got a chance to challenge executives on a broad range of issues.

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## Engler will sign books at museum

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Gov. John Engler's last scheduled appearance before he leaves office Dec. 31 will be at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Engler will autograph his book, "John Engler: The Man, the Leader and the Legacy," from 3-5 p.m. Saturday. He'll be accompanied by the author, Gleaves Whitney, who has been Engler's speech writer and historian the past 11 years.

Engler's visit to Plymouth isn't a coincidence, said 20th House District Rep. John Stewart R-Plymouth Township. In fact, it was during recent negotiations over executive order budget cuts that Steward used his influence as a member of the House Appropriations Committee to get Engler to the Historical Museum.

"He (Engler) needed the votes

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of the Appropriations Committee to pass his executive orders to balance the budget," said Stewart, who was among a group of committee members who met with Engler Dec. 4 at the University Club in East Lansing. "He wanted a 5-percent cut in revenue sharing, and I went nose-to-nose with him telling him zero."

Stewart's concerns were the three cities in his district with declining populations -Plymouth, Northville and Wayne - that would get hit the hardest from another revenue-sharing reduction.

"We finally settled at 3-1/2percent. He (Engler) then turned around to calculate the figures, and asked if I thought Plymouth could handle \$36,000; Northville \$17,000; and Plymouth Township \$88,000 in cuts," said Stewart, "I told him that would be acceptable.

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"He then asked me what it would take to get my vote. I told him I wanted him to do a book signing in Plymouth, and he agreed." Engler's book costs \$20, with 20 percent of the day's proceeds going to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

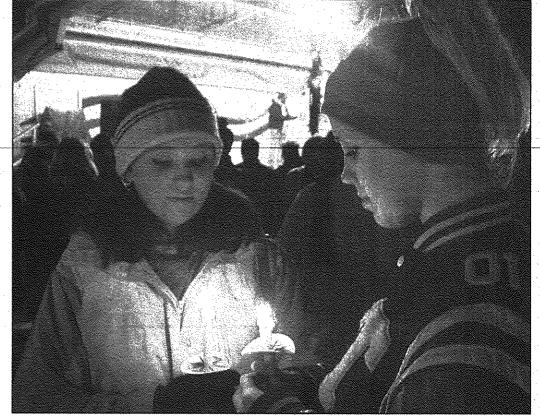
Stewart said Engler almost became one of his constituents. "He looked at moving to Hough Park in Plymouth and was going to send the triplets to Plymouth Christian Academy. Instead, he decided to move to Franklin."

Stewart has been asked by Gov.-elect Jennifer Granholm to be part of her ecumenical and inter-faith service at 8 a.m. Jan. 1 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Lansing.

Stewart chose "Be Thou My Vision" as his solo. "It speaks to praying for God's vision, and, Lord knows, she will need it." Stewart, who has sung with local choirs, knows, in part, why Granholm selected him.

"I'm known around Lansing to have a singing voice. Plus, I'm a moderately conservative Republican, and she'll need my vote."

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#### **Memorial candles**

While Pat O'Donnell (on stage) reads the names of those lost, Lindsay Moyer (left), age 19 of Livonia lights a candle in memory of her cousin during the annual candle-lighting ceremony in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Sunday. Her friend Michelle Bannestea (right), age 19 of Redford, honors the memory of her mother. The local remembrance, in association with International Children's Memorial Day, was organized by Barb Kilgore of Canton, whose son, Mike, a 16-year-old student at Salem High School, died in March 1998 after suffering a massive heart attack. The ceremony is done in partnership with the Livonia chapter of The Compassionate Friends.





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## Ice festival on better financial footing

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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The 21st annual Plymouth **International Ice Sculpture** Spectacular, scheduled for Jan. 15-20, is much better financially than it was at this time last year.

"We're looking way better than we were a year ago," said an upbeat Ron Loiselle, president of Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Inc. "If the merchants get behind us and buy ice sculptures for the front of their businesses, we should be OK."

Loiselle said they have commitments for nearly \$130,000 of the \$155,000 it takes to put on the ice spectacular. Another \$10,000-\$20,000 from merchant support can get them to the top.

While last year's event came dangerously close to being canceled because of the lack of donations resulting from the Sept. 11 attacks, the annual ice show was even closer to extinction about 10 years ago.

"It was nearly canceled because no one had money to support it, but several community members got involved and pulled it all together," said Loiselle. That someone was Don Massey, who Loiselle remembers giving \$50,000 to

'The quality of the carvings are incredible, compared to the past. I remember when someone carved a line in the middle of a block of ice, rounded the corners, and that was supposed to be a refrigerator. Now, with better tools, the carvings are very detailed.'

**Ron Loiselle** Plymouth International Ice Sculpture

save the day. "We've done a lot of refining in putting the event together to make sure we can be successful," he said. Farmer Jack Supermarkets,

which sponsors Fantasyland in The Gathering, is the biggest contributor at \$30,000. Among the other supporters are Standard Federal and Don Massey, each donating \$5,000.

"The quality of the carvings are incredible, compared to the past," Loiselle, recalled. "I

remember when someone carved a line in the middle of a block of ice, rounded the corners, and that was supposed to be a refrigerator. Now, with better tools, the carvings are very detailed."

Ice Spectacular organizer Mike Watts, of Watts-Up, Inc., is attempting to start another tradition and fund-raiser for the Ice Spectacular.

"We had a dinner-dance two years ago, but it didn't seem appropriate to put on last year because of Sept. 11 and the fund-raising that was going on for the victims of the terrorist attacks, which, of course, was more urgent," Watts said. "We'll try it again this year at Northville Hills Country Club. We hope it will become an annual event for the Ice Spectacular."

Watts said the event will be co-chaired by Loiselle and Ron Edwards of Plymouth Township, will cost \$100 per person, and include a silent auction with about a dozen items, including golf at four Plymouth-area courses.

Dancing will be to the tune of Saoco, a Latin-jazz band, of which Loiselle's son is a member. As for the ice sculptures, Watts promises that "even though it's the same time and the same place, everything is

new, there won't be any of the same carvings as a year ago." Fantasyland's theme will be 'Frozen Cinema," a tribute to the American film industry. While Watts won't reveal the exact carvings, he said "don't be surprised to see Harry Potter or King Kong, as well as a few other surprises."

Five carvers from Japan, one more than in the past, will make their annual pilgrimage to Plymouth to show off their expertise and vie in carving competitions. There also will be high school and community college students, who are learning the art of carving, challenging for prizes in competition sanctioned by the American Culinary Association.

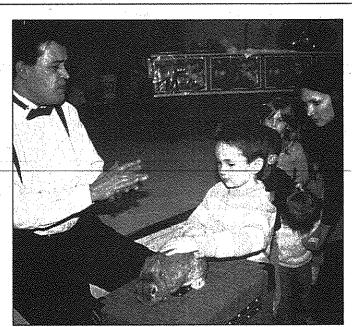
Carvers will be using their technique and tools on blocks of ice that weigh 350 pounds each. "That's why you don't see a lot of young ice carvers," said Watts with a chuckle.

The Ice Spectacular has already ordered nearly 1,000 blocks of ice at a cost of nearly \$21,000 for this year's event.

Watts said he's already ordered the perfect weather. We're looking for the mid-30s during the day and the teens in the evening. If not, we'll certainly deal with it."

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### Kids help kids

Manician Gordon Russ pulled a rabbit out of his hat for youngsters who showed up for the Jump-A-Rama charity event at the Plymouth Cultural Center last week. The Canton-based business raised toys for the Toys for Tots program, using a theme of "Kids Helping Kids." Some 55 kids from the Plymouth-Canton area filled three large bags with toys for the program.







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Lassie, now 1 year old, is

boards many of the animals at

"They're much different at

home. They're very cuddly."

(After having her picture

taken. Lassie leapt back into her

cage, where she was immediate-

It's a typical Saturday at Pet

well-tended pets are walking the

He's brought her animals before.

Smart. Customers with their

aisles. A shabbily dressed man

named Richard approaches

Mezza. She knows him well.

Richard lives in his car and at

over Detroit - some on roofs of

buildings, some in abandoned

houses – to keep the Humane Society from destroying them.

He asks her to follow him out-

one time was hiding dogs all

ly comforted by Lynnie, a feral

cat found behind Ernesto's

restaurant in Plymouth.)

SO MANY ANIMALS

another success story. "She

said Mezza.

her home.

#### LOCAL NEWS

## Group gives animals a second chance AUTHORITY FROM PAGE AI

#### BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

Reggie was found behind a store chained to a garbage Dumpster. An old dog, he had been abused most of his life. Because of starvation and blood loss, he had lost most of his muscle mass and had to be carried up and down the stairs in his foster home.

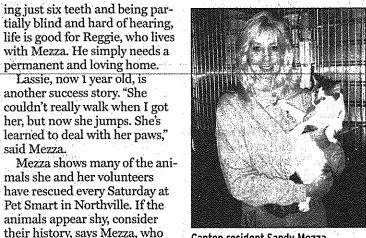
Lassie was a 4-month-old kitten when she was found behind a veterinarian's office. She looked like a skeleton with fur. Worse, someone had broken all the toes of her front paws. She was so close to death her body flipped and quivered uncontrollably when she was approached.

Reggie and Lassie are just two of the countless animals rescued by Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, a group of volunteers that operates under a "no kill" policy.

"We've saved hundreds of animals that other people would have put down," said Guardian Angel founder Sandy Mezza of Canton. "Poor little Reggie. No one would have touched him because of his age. He fought so hard to stay alive. How could I have put him down?"

Because of Mezza and volunteers like Marcia Boone of Westland, Reggie is alive today. He has put on weight, gained some muscle, and runs and plays with toys. In spite of hav-

\$5,25 Kids all shows



Canton resident Sandy Mezza, founder of Guardian Angels Animal Rescue, holds Lassie, who was found at 4 months with all the toes of her front paws broken.

to his car. There are three dogs inside, all of them in need of medical attention. One dog had recently given birth, but Richard says another dog ate the puppies. He also says he's been using Lysol on the dogs' skin infections. Mezza says she'll try to get the dogs some medication.

"We'll take care of it. We'll get the money. We'll take care of it," she says.

Mezza points to "Rosie," Richard's unofficial guard dog who is snarling, and tells Richard she would like take Rosie. Richard hesitates. Rosie is his insurance, he says. He offers Mezza a carrier with two cats, one still a kitten. He doesn't know where he finds these -animals. "They just find me," he-

Back at Pet Smart, Mezza transfers the cats to another carrier, a cleaner one. She starts to cry.

"It's overwhelming," she says. "I've been trying to get Rosie from him for a long time. She's so sick, but I need to find someplace for Reggie."

Besides foster homes for the animals, Mezza needs veterinarians willing to donate their serv-

There is an adoption fee -\$125 for cats and \$150 for dogs - that covers vaccines, fecal tests, sterilization and treatment for various problems, but it's not enough. It's never enough.

by to pet Reggie, who timidly peers out of his cage. She says she wouldn't hesitate to adopt

Animal Rescue League," she says

Harper is not looking to adopt an animal, but her sympathies are with the Guardian Angels. "I hope this works," she says. "You come here and you want to adopt them all."

-Jeff Harms of Ann Arbor spies since we've placed an animal."

get for reduction, and the

things we don't want to touch, before we build the budget." Trustee Tom Wysocki said, "We know we'll have to do something, so as a board we need to work on making intelligent choices. An increase in student growth will make it easier for us, but it's not easy to forecast."

Board treasurer Judy Mardigian reiterated the key to addressing any budget deficit is starting early to give the administration parameters on what to do.

#### AT A GLANCE

**Guardian Angels Animal** Rescue needs food, kitty litter,

beds, vet services and money. Much of the money comes from volunteers' pockets. Owners who want to give up their pets may show the animals on Saturdays at Pet Smart in Northville until the rescue group has room to take in the animals. Foster homes are always needed. Food and vet care is provided by Guardian Angels. Call at (734) 332-9459 or write to Guardian Angels Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 240, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189.

Armani, an orange-colored, long-haired male cat stretched out the length of its cage. It may be love at first sight. "He's just very lovable, very friendly. He'd be a good match for my cat," he says.

He asks Mezza for an application. Mezza tells Harms to find a vet who does laser declawing if he plans to declaw Armani. Harms agrees.

"This has been a good day," says Mezza. "It's been a while

ough deep-dive in the budget.

have the last two years.'

hopes any cuts the board

We'll have to go deeper than we

Last May, the school board

cut \$1.2 million to balance the

2002-2003 budget. Mardigian

makes this year will be short-

lived. "We may have to freeze

hoping it's only a one-year

problem."

some activities for one year. I'm

Personnel cuts would be a last

option on Givens' list, she said.

We want to stay away, as

close as possible, to people cuts

Plymouth area for 18 years, was president and CEO of Prechter

Holdings until that firm was sold in May and June of this vear. He's on the board of directors,

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of Fifth Third Bank, a southeast Michigan regional bank, and served as chairman of ASC just prior to the sale. A former Plymouth

Township resident, he's an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

He and his wife have lived in Canton for seven years. They have three children.

Two attend Plymouth and Salem high schools and the third, a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, attends Kalamazoo College.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack was pleased to learn of the appointment. "I know the people who

know him respect him immensely," Yack said. "I like that appointment."

The airport authority manages Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports.

Of the seven members, four are appointed by the Wayne County executive, one by the Wayne County Commission and two by the governor.

Senate Bill 690, signed by Engler on March 26, established the authority.

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locked into contracts, which gives us a good picture of where we are financially." Mardigian maintained the

board needs to work more closely with state lawmakers, considering the state foundation grant and increases in retirement rates are controlled by the legislature.

"I plan on going to Lansing this spring to make the case for Plymouth-Canton," Mardigian said. "We are a growing districtthat needs to open new facilities and take on increasing expenses."

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Ryan. "We've given the process a lot of thought, but I really haven't thought about specific cuts."

School board members are taking the situation very seriously, and plan to attack the problem early, board president

Consigning Women

Elizabeth Givens said.

'We want to plan now for that potential. That way, any upward change will be to our benefit," said Givens. The school board will begin discussions on next year's budget in February. "We need to look seriously at the budget and

have discussions on our goals.

Then, we'll begin discussions

on specific things we may tar-

ices, or at least give her a discount, and she needs monetary donations.

#### ADOPTION

Susan Harper of Livonia stops

Angels.

an animal from the Guardian "Here you know they have gotten all their shots and have

been spayed. My mom got two kittens from the Michigan



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#### CHORUS FROM PAGE A1

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The chorus plays a two-concert schedule - Christmas and spring - that is more than a little misleading.

Their performances are numerous, including an annual trip to Plymouth's Independence Village, where they played Tuesday night for senior citizens who can't get out.

The group also plays at benefits and other venues, including a trip to Washington, D.C., earlier this year to perform at the National Cathedral.

The group's Christmas concert drew scores of people to Northville High School last week, and audience members were treated to a broad range of Christmas classics and secular music, including an audience-participation portion.

In addition to their singing, chorus members serve the community in other ways. For instance, they've answered phones for public television drives, sung Christmas carols for seniors, and they make donations to the Salvation Army and Hospice.

The community service is one of the things that draws members in.

"We really appreciate the community support," said Eunice Taylor, who joined the chorus 14 years ago and now serves as its publicity director. "We think we should be giving back to the community." Not only is it a feeling, Gross

said, it's more of a mission. "I really believe in community

service," said Gross, who graduated Eastern Michigan University with a degree in

#### REPLACEMENT

FROM PAGE AT

cants who received nominations from the board included Fred Bolden, Greg Greene, Ralph Shufeldt, Greg **Demopoulos and Vic** Gustafson.

members of his family (who Bolden, a former county were in the audience) the mmission candidate and Greene have been active in trustees, township employees many community activities and and the people of Canton for organizations and are well their support. He has served on the board for more than 12 known in the community. Shufeldt is chairman of the years. Downtown Development "This is very bittersweet for me," LaJoy said. "Being a Authority. Gustafson is chairtrustee has been special. It's the man of the planning commisgreatest experience I've had in sion, and Demopoulos serves years. But now I have the on the commission. opportunity to represent our After the six people were nominated, board members community in the House of voted on them until one person Representatives." SAVE IP N' WHERE THE GRILL IS ALWAYS ON! Non-Stop Sports & Trivia Action Award Winning BBQ Ribs, Steaks, Seafood, Chicken, Sandwiches, Salads 👩 World Famous Onion Loaf & Morel Glant Video Screens • Kid' Menu Ë SAV Banquet Facility • Carry-Out **BUY 3 ENTREES, GET 1 FREE!** 2 Receive one free adult entree (max. \$10.00) with the purchase of 3 adult entrees at regular price. N 0 Parties of 2 can receive \$5.00 Off 2 Adult Entrees. Cannot be m combined with any other discounts or offers. Does not include children's menu. Dine-In only. Not valid on Holidays, Valentine's Day or special events. • Expires 3-31-03 With this coupon only. 43750 FORD ROAD, CANTON (734) 207-7427 • Fax: (313) 207-1609 OE08056781 CLIP N' SAVE == = BEFORE/AFTER Christmas Sale Before Ajter Christmas Christmas THURSDAY, DEC. 26 8am-4pm Closed 50-75% OFF Tuesday and THURSDAY, FRIDAY, Wednesday FRIDAY, DEC. 27 SATURDAY, MONDAY 12/24 8 12/25 9am-3pm DEC. 19-23 9am-6pm 60-75% OFF SUNDAY, DEC. 22 11am-5pm Huge selection of Christmas Holiday items • Excludes Dept. 56 Thank you for your patronage! BEAT THE SPRING RUSH: Our Designers work all winter. Call for an appointment to plan your spring landscape project. LYMOUTH NURSERY 734-453-5500 Christmas in the Country www.plymouthnursery.net 9900 Ann Arbor Rd./Plymouth Rd. STORE CLOSED Dec. 28-Feb. 28 7 Miles West of 1:275 + 1 1/2 Miles South of M 14 OPEN MARCH 1, 2003 Corner of Gotfredson Rd.

"There's a tremendous camaraderie in that group. I think they try very hard to more than that. It has to be. You make people feel welcome, yet also understand there's a standard that's expected. I think people want to be part of something that's better than they could have done them-1978. Gross knew the group had selves."

Peter DeLong, Greg Fuchs and Matthew Ilas perform Wonderful Counselor, accompanied on guitar.

How devoted are the people to the group? They pay an annual dues that covers 40 percent of the group's annual budget. It takes \$85,000 to \$95,000 to finance the chorus. Forty percent of the revenue comes from ticket sales, and another 20 percent comes from patrons, who donate in various amounts.

The rest of it comes from the members themselves. Taylor recalls the group needing additional seated risers and members coming up with \$6,500 to buy them.

"It's very expensive, and it's totally self-supporting," said Taylor, the 14-year veteran. "I think it shows the dedication of the people in the chorus."

The group has enjoyed tremendous success, and Gross said he feels lucky to have been a part of it for so long. "It's a mixture of wonderful, multi-talented people. I've been very, very blessed."

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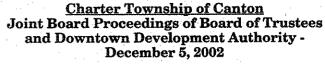
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A Board Planning Session of the Downtown Development Authority and Board of Trustees was held Thursday, December 5, 2002 at the EMU Eagle Crest Conference Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan. DDA Board Chairman, Ralph Shufeldt called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

**Present:** Township Board of Trustees: Melissa McLaughlin, Thomas Yack, Terry Bennett, Elaine Kirchgatter, John Burdziak DDA Board of Directors: Catherine Foege, Tim Ford, Tom Gerou, Greg Greene, Dave Khoury, Dave Griffin, Ralph Shufeldt, Staff: Kathleen Salla, Christine Popoff, Beckett & Raeder:

John Iacoangeli, Cindy Helinski, Christy Summers Strategic Edge: Joan Primo, Jay Wedeven

The DDA Board engaged the services of consulting firms Beckett & Reader, Inc. and Th Strategic Edge to develop a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Canton DDA District. Mr. John Iacoangeli from Beckett & Reader reviewed the process being used to develop the plan:

•Review of Existing Plans •Visioning Workshops •Building & Site Assessment •Market Analysis •Board Planning Session •Preliminary Strategic Plan •Implemention Strategy & Final Strategic Plan • Final Report to Trustees & Public Presentation.

Significant issues of physical assessment were brought out. Findings of the review of the land use assessment was presented. A review of the following previous documents was conducted: Summary of Township Comprehensive Master Plan
 Summary of Ford Road Strategic Plan •Summary of Zoning Ordinance •Summary of DDA Development/TIF Plan •1993 Amendment to Development/TIF Plan •1996 Amendment to DDA District. A comprehensive report of the market analysis will be a part of the final presentation at the completion of the project. Some of the categories discussed in the market analysis were: •Weaknesses •Opportunities •Threats •Recommended Strategy: A summary of the visioning sessions was presented: •Land Use & Economic Development Issues •Business Recruitment •Appearance and Design •Transportation and Infrastructure. The consultants facilitated continued discussion on the following topics: •Create access management program. •Amend zoning ordinance to require shared access and interior connections in new development site plans. •Create incentives program, in coordination with MDOT, to pro-actively improve existing situation through innovative designs and funding. •Amend zoning ordinance (Section 6.07, Site Development Standards for DDA District; Section 27.04, Planned Development) and create DDA overlay zone provisions. Amendment to Comprehensive Plan, first, may be necessary. Utilize Corporate Overlay District as a model. •Reduce off-street parking requirements for individual uses, particularly retail stores, standard restaurant, restaurant/bar, restaurant drive-thru, ice cream parlor, office business/professional, and financial institution. •Establish standard for maximum off-street parking. •Allow further reduction in required parking via shared parking among uses, whether uses are within same or different buildings. •Require shared and coordinated access with adjoining sites, per Comprehensive Plan. •Reduce 85 foot front yard setback to allow building placement closer to sidewalk. •Allow more flexibility in Planned Development District (Sec.27.04), such as in density and mixed uses, and reduce or eliminate the constraints of meeting requirements of the underlying zoning district. Planned Development is currently permitted in all of the commercial zones within the DDA District. •Amend Section 6.07, Site Development Standards for DDA District, to address certain site development issues. •Amend Section 17.04 (Planned Development) to allow greater flexibility in the regulation of land development. •Create overlay zone in DDA District to address other issues of parking, building setback, mixed uses. The Board's Priorities were: •Create a positive environment for development. •Bury overhead utilities B very costly; would require a bond. •Extend decorative streetlights through the entire DDA. •Refer to the District as something that identifies it as a Acentral business area". •Encourage mixed use development where possible. •Improve the eastern end of the DDA District. •Clean up I-275. •Work with a developer to create a lifestyle center. •Market the DDA to developers (Developers Breakfast or Roundtable). •Create additional overlay requirements for development west of I-275. •Work with private property owners to create an impact appearance in DDA. •Establish a public art program in the DDA. •Consider sign condemnation where appropriate. •More street trees. •Intelligent traffic lights to control traffic. •Brand issues - "Who are we? •Upscale office space needs. Over the next several weeks, the consultants will review these discussions and incorporate them into a Strategic Preliminary Plan, which will be presented to the DDA Board sometime after the first of the year The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Publish: December 19, 2002

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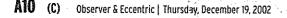


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### **OUR VIEWS** Don't take holiday drinks on the road

We say the same thing every year about this time, and we always hope someone's paying attention:

If you celebrate this holiday season with a drink in your hand, don't take it on the road.

We join with voices from organizations like AAA of Michigan, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the University of Michigan's physicians and Mothers Against Drunk Driving - but is anyone listening?

According to SEMCOG, in Southeast Michigan, alcohol was involved in 37 percent of all traffic deaths in 2001. more than in 2000. Alcohol was a factor in 184 deaths, up from 156 in 2000, and 679 severe injuries.

Traffic crashes involving alcohol are highest in December. Last year, 21 alcohol-related crashes happened. each day of the month in this part of the state. That's nearly one every hour.

You think it can't happen to you, of course. You know it can't, because you're not a drunk driver. But consider this:

Four drinks will elevate blood-alcohol level of a 160pound man to 0.09, which is legally drunk in some states and close to it in Michigan. That's four, 12ounce beers. Four glasses of wine. Four shots of hard liquor. A 140-pound woman hits the same level with just three drinks.

We're not saying adults shouldn't drink. What we're saying is that those who choose to drink should drink responsibly, and they shouldn't drive after they've been drinking.

And we'll keep saying it until we're sure everybody's listening.

## Have a merry little **Christmas now**

Once again as in olden days Happy golden days of yore Faithful friends who are dear to us Will be near to us once more



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Outgoing Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara gestures during a luncheon at the Plymouth Rotary Friday. McNamara called the federal investigation into the actions of his appointees "wrong."

#### **Goodfellows should stop**

I really wish the Goodfellows would stop hawking papers in the streets. People are supposed to use the crosswalk to get from one side of the street to the other.

It's not a designated "safe area" for people to walk around in bothering motorists. Yes, I do mean bothering. I remember being bothered in the same manner downtown by the guy who tried to wash my windows every time I entered I-375 from Jefferson. When I read that Nancy Spencer, the president of Goodfellows, called last year's turnout of

17 paper hawkers disappointing, I couldn't help but think: That's because no one wants to get run over by a car!

#### votes in support of this folly.

What we have here is a directionless federal agency overriding the wishes, dreams and desires of the local population. The people of Romulus simply don't want the well.

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Besides that it is to be located at the conjunction of the Metro Airport, a major railroad line, an airline fuel depot, near Sunoco natural gas operations, Interstate 94 and in a densely populated area. It is a security risk.

High-pressure wells have failed around the nation, and we all know that Canton continues to distribute water that has not been properly filtered.

The EPA has accepted studies conducted by EDS, and the studies have holes in them that are larger than the two they

#### Gore no more

The good news is Al Gore won't run for president in 2004. The bad news is some other liberal who believes that tax cuts hurt the economy will vie for the presidency.

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Gore's recent decision does make good sense. His proclamation that he had discovered the Internet, his suggestion that we all give up our automobiles and hike in the woods, his insistence that we join with Kyotans, agree to decrease gas emissions even though China and India will make no such commitment, thereby wrecking our economy, seemed foreclosures on any possibility that he would utter anything sensible and useful in the present day. But now we can all smile and be happy. Gore is no more.

Through the years, we all will be together If the fates allow

Until then, we'll have to muddle through somehow So have yourself a merry little Christmas now

#### - Hugh Martin-Ralph Blane

As we prepare to celebrate another Christmas, wars and rumors of wars continue to make Peace on Earth still a wistful and distant hope.

The very site of Christ's birth is once again a place of contention and violence.

Even here in the world's most prosperous country, many are in need as the economy continues to struggle. Local charities report a decline in contributions and an increase in requests for help.

Each year we rouse ourselves during this holiday season to listen to the better angels of our nature. We reach out to others during this special time and promise to carry our concern forward into the new year. Sometimes we do and sometimes we get caught up again in our own, too busy lives.

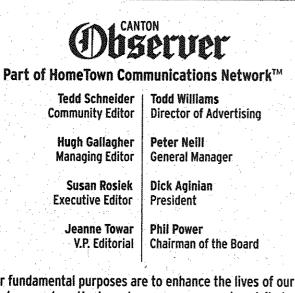
Perhaps we expect too much of Christmas for the world and for ourselves. It is probably better to remember the holiday's small gifts through all the rush, commercialism and outpourings of charity.

For Christians, the year end time has been appropriated to celebrate the birth of Jesus, a savior who came to the world not as a great king but as a baby born to humble parents in a stable. The circumstances of Jesus' birth give profound weight to his later message of love and human kindness.

Pilgrims in early America thought the meaning of Jesus' birth so immense that they banned the frivolity of feasting and gift giving on Dec. 25 as somehow not in keeping with the day's importance.

For most of us, once we get past the colored lights and glittery packages, Christmas is about family, friends, home and love. As in the song that Judy Garland first sang so plaintively in Meet Me in St. Louis, we all long to be together "if the fates allow." We know that separations will come, troubles will come, but until we can have that perfect Christmas together "we'll have to muddle through somehow."

Sometimes merry little Christmases are the best kind. We hope yours fulfills your every expectation.



Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Then I read that the Goodfellows already receive generous donations from Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Bob Evans and Holiday Market. I know every charitable organization can use just another dollar or two, but at what cost? I feel so guilty when I drive by those paper hawkers. I want to tell them, "It's not because I don't care or support what you're doing, in fact I think you're very brave if not a little bit crazy, too, for standing in the middle of traffic on a cold winter day," but I don't want to fuel the fire by continuing to give.

It's like the ice cream man. Why would I encourage my children to run into the street to buy ice cream from someone I don't know in a white van? If no one in our neighborhood buys ice cream from them, maybe they'll go away.

Please don't take offense at this letter. I know the Goodfellows are trying to raise money for a good cause and because I support their efforts, I am sending a check today to the address wisely printed at the end of the article. Show your support in a sensible way: Mail or drop off your donation, but please, don't continue to feed the cause by handing out change through your car window.

**Catherine Withrow** 

Canton

#### Christmas spirit - not!

The Christmas spirit is alive and well in Canton. A thief loved Mr. and Mrs. Claus sitting on my porch bench so much that he stole Santa and also tried to grab Mrs. Claus, but she was tied down.

My grandchildren cried over the loss, and I hope that, whoever you are, it made your Christmas!

> **R. Beasley** Canton

#### Well not wanted

On Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Detroit, 8000 Merriman, Romulus, there is going to be a meeting sponsored by the **Environmental Protection Agency. They** are going to announce the reasons why they are going to allow a company named EDS to operate a high-pressure injection well that will allow the pumping of toxic waste into the earth underneath Romulus.

Particulars of the operation can be accessed at the Romulus library or at www.epa.gov/ region5/ water/ uic/ pubpdf/ factsheet.pdf

Bruce Patterson has in the past cast

plan to stick into our Michigan soil. Come to the meeting and participate in democracy in action - the people of Romulus need your help and assistance. Contact local representatives and let them know that they should express their opposition officially.

**Alfred Brock** 

Canton

#### CC has advantage

It seems odd that someone would state an analogy as deficient and then move on to create a worse analogy, but Mr. Vendittelli has done just that (Letters, Dec. 12). He implies that it's difficult for Catholic Central to field a team because student-athletes have to pay large sums of money to attend the school whereas student-athletes in Plymouth-Canton do not.

He continues to infer about the hardships the Shamrocks face because they do. not have the "far-superior" facilities that other schools use for practices and games. It still remains, when you have shown a successful private school athletic program, you will continue to draw topquality athletes from the neighboring communities.

This will happen without recruiting. If a public school builds a successful program, it's hard to argue that families 40 miles away will place for-sale signs in their yard so that their child can compete for Canton football. While there are instances of this happening, it is not commonplace in the public school system. But it is common to find students enrolled and participating in athletics at Detroit Catholic Central who live in Monroe and stretch all the way north to Brighton.

No matter the difference in training facilities or the financial hardships placed upon the upper-middle-class parents through tuition payments, when you have ability to draw from such a wide region, Detroit Catholic Central will have the advantage.

Recruitment or not, this is what causes the inequality in the programs. The real reason this is an issue today is the misquotes and poor professionalism of Observer writer Paul Beaudry. The vast majority of public school athletic programs respect Catholic Central, their coaches and their players, including Canton Football Coach Tim Baechler. Mr. Beaudry should apologize to Mr. Baechler and to the readers for his actions and writings following Catholic Central's win over Canton.

Darrin Silvester

**Neil Goodbred** Livonia

#### Downturn not so shallow

Now that Sen. Trent Lott has put his foot in the Republican party's mouth, it would be interesting to know how his colleague from Mississippi, such as Sen. Thad Cochran, and Alabama Sens. Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions, as well as others, feel about his apparent philosophy. Too many senators are conspicuous by their silence on these racist remarks, by this shortly-to-become Senate majority leader.

Now to another subject. Recently President Bush introduced two new appointees, John Snow as secretary of the treasury and Stephen Fieldman to serve as his chief economics advisor. It was interesting to me that when they were introduced, each stated that "This has been the shortest and shallowest economic downturn in history." Now I don't know about others, but it certainly has not been shallow, at least as far as I am concerned. In August of 2000, I invested almost \$30,000 in a variable annuity. Earlier this week I ask my representatives what its value was and he said \$11,000. Wow! How many others have had the same results in this "short, shallow economic downturn?"

> William Craft Northville

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#### **OTHER OPINIONS**

## Deficit this big no time for business as usual

w Gov.-elect Jennifer Granholm handles Michigan's enormous looming deficit will go a long way to determine her success or failure over the next four years.

The numbers are truly daunting. Even after the cuts put through by current Gov. John Engler to get this fiscal year's budget balanced, the best estimate is that the deficit for the fiscal year beginning next October is as much as \$1.8



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billion. That's 20 percent of the \$9 billion in total state discretionary spending!

Granholm is talking tough, emphasizing cutting the budget rather than increasing taxes. "There's fat in any organization; there is fat in government," she told the *Detroit Free Press* in an interview last week. "I think of Lee Iacocca, who used to say if he can't find 5 percent to cut in any budget

Power who used to say if he can 5 percent to cut in any bu in a given year, then they should move him on."

In last week's column, I argued the terrible budget situation provided the Granholm administration with a great opportunity to conduct a fundamental and sweeping review of the operations and costs of state government. For instance:

Fix out of control health care costs. Medicaid, a rigid and rule-driven federally defined benefit plan, now consumes around one-quarter of the state budget. Long-term fixes will have to come from Washington. But in the short run, Michigan could curb costs by promoting home- and community-based care instead of expensive hospitals and eliminating coverage for optional services. Granholm is already talking about getting Midwestern states together to save money by buying prescription drugs in large quantities to sell through Medicare.

Sell unneeded capital assets. The state already plans on closing the Northville Psychiatric Hospital and selling off the buildings and land. A thorough inventory of state-owned buildings and property would turn up all kinds of unneeded and overlooked capital assets that could be turned into cash. For example, the state owns literally hundreds of thousands of acres of forest land. Some of this land could be sold, subject to conservation easements requiring public access, for controlled timbering, thereby providing jobs in the forest industry and putting the land back on local tax rolls.

■ Use technology to cut costs. The private sector is already experiencing remarkable productivity increases and cost savings by use of information technology. It's time to use these The numbers are truly daunting. Even after the cuts put through by current Gov. John Engler to get this fiscal year's budget balanced, the best estimate is that the deficit for the fiscal year beginning next October is as much as \$1.8 billion. That's 20 percent of the \$9 billion in total state discretionary spending!

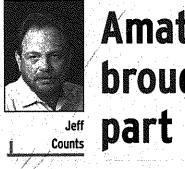
tools in government. State attempts to utilize computers and IT have been hamstrung for years by out of date and inflexible purchasing rules; a far-reaching review is in order.

Fund outcomes; cut poorly performing programs. For many years, the bane of budget cutting has been that various programs are started and funded but never killed when they don't pan out. How come? But by the time people start looking carefully at the actual outcomes and their costs, the various interests that benefit from the expenditure rally round and lobby against cuts. I've always thought that a simple solution would be to sunset — a nice word meaning "kill" — any government program after it runs for 20 years, regardless of outcome or constituency cries. If a program is really worthwhile, a majority can always be found to reintroduce it with contemporary improvements.

Streamline education. In some states, only half of every dollar appropriated for education ever makes it into the classroom. Why? There are lots of reasons, but one is the very high perpupil costs run up by small school districts to provide their own bus services, IT, food and security programs and financial record keeping. Frankly, I doubt if the political will exists to consolidate some of Michigan's small and inefficient school districts. But significant economies of scale could be achieved by consolidating these support functions into regional service centers serving a number of districts.

Some will shrink from this list as too radical. But when you're facing a budget deficit as serious as this, it's no time for business as usual.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



## Amateur ice carvers brought 'King' to life as part of Plymouth festival

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here were Elvis sightings in more than a Kalamazoo Burger King.

During the mid-1990s, two Plymouth Observer staff members, staff writer Kevin Brown and photographer Bill Bresler, brought "The King" to life in an icy form in Kellogg Park during the annual ice festivals.

It may have been an odd reincarnation for a Mississippi boy, but hey, it's America and who cares if we take a southerner and cast him in ice? Grits would have been more appropriate, or maybe fried peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches, a white trash delicacy and one of the King's favorites.

The genesis of Elvis in ice came out of the fertile mind of Bresler and Brown. Both had been covering the festival for years and decided to cross the journalistic line of non-involvement and start carving.

But what would be a proper subject? Almost everything had been done. It was a post-modern dilemma. The answer was "retro." And Elvis came to mind. For Brown, it was an obvious choice. Reporting was Kevin's day job; at night he was a country-and-western musician playing with several bands in the Detroit and Ann Arbor areas.

So, Brown and Bresler decided to tackle the King. The first year they opted for the subtle Elvis' guitar, which, to the delight of Bresler, ended up on footage filmed by CNN.

"They showed our sculpture and ignored the ones carved by Japanese carvers who had come all the way to Plymouth. We were pretty proud of it," Bresler said.

After that effort came a year of planning for the next artistic project. The pair had confidence now and were ready to tackle a full figure of Elvis, lock, stock and ducktail hair-do.

But a controversy raged between the two amateur carvers. Should it be the early Elvis with thin hips or the later, bloated version in a jump suit used to cover a couple extra pounds accumulated by eating those fried peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches?

About that time, the U.S. post office was engaged in a similar debate. Would the commemorative Elvis stamp bear the image of a thin, vital, sexy ex-truck driver from Tupelo, or the entertainer from Vegas who carried around 10 pounds of rhinestones on his clothing?

The Bresler-Brown team eventually opted for a more svelte Elvis – one with the raw, hungry power in his voice that only a kid from rural Mississippi can have.

That year, the Observer team had help from

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a professional carver who was there to assist in doing a ful-figure sculpture.

"He was supposed to help us, but we wanted to do it ourselves, so we sent him over to the Box Bar to have a bourbon and we did it ourselves," Bresler said.

The following year, Elvis' stage run in Kellogg Park ended, but the boys kept up the rock 'n' roll theme with a carving of Jerry Garcia's hand, the one that had the middle finger missing due to a childhood accident.

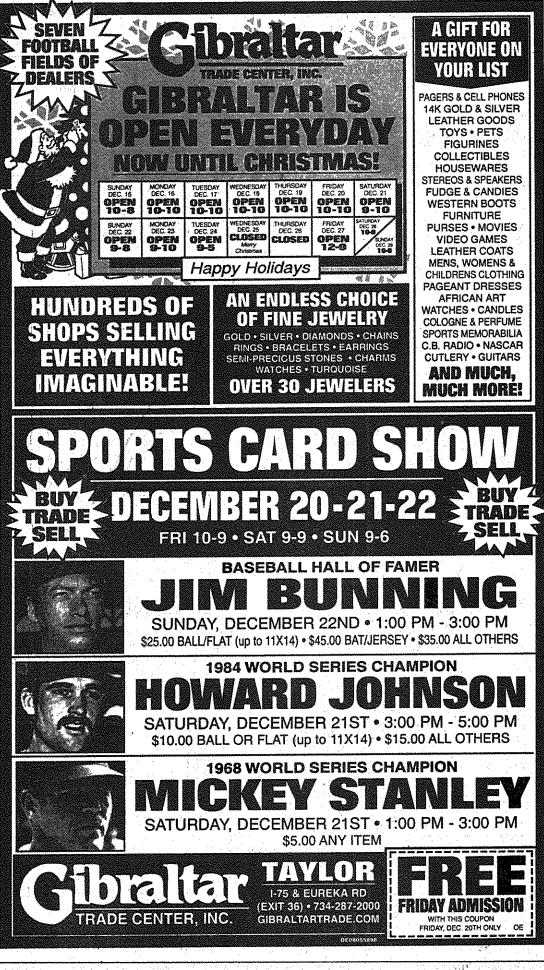
According to Bresler, the Grateful Dead musician lost the finger when it was chopped off by his brother at the age of 12. It was one of the major factors behind his unique style of guitar playing.

"That was the year Garcia died, but I don't think a lot of people got it," Bresler said.

But to true artists like Brown and Bresler, the rewards aren't always in the public appreciation of your art form – the rewards are in the knowledge you've created something that challenges the minds of festival-goers.

Both are now "retired" from carving and following pursuits in other communities, but both fondly remember their days as rock 'n rollice artists.

Jeff Counts is a former editor of the Plymouth Observer who is now semi-retired and spends much of his time in the eastern Upper Peninsula where's there's plenty of ice and snow. He doesn't carve it, and thinks the only use for ice is to pour bourbon over.



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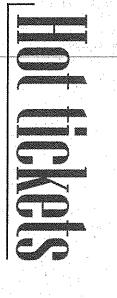
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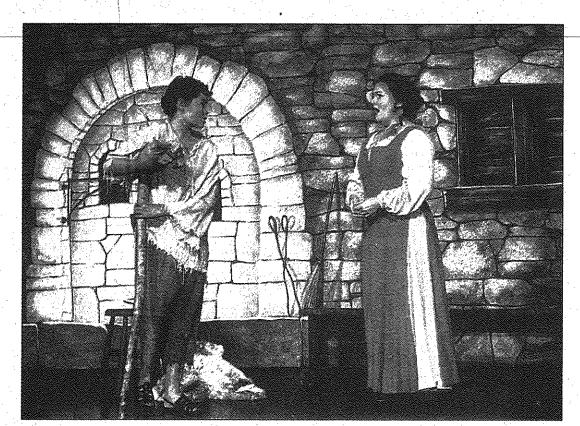
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brings her dark humor to the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21. Tickets range from \$9-\$13. (734) 996-9080.

#### 🖉 Local singers

Michigan singer-songwriter Joel Mabus headlines at Mama's Coffee House on



Mary Callaghan Lynch and Matthew Rybak sing the lead roles in "Amahl & the Night Visitors." The holiday classic is the inaugural production of the Motor City Lyric Opera.

## Family-friendly opera New company hits high note with holiday classic

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

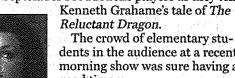
he phone never stops ringing as Mary Callaghan Lynch nears the opening of the Motor City Lyric Opera's inaugural production. Usually, all the Bloomfield Hills soprano has to do is show up and perform her role, but producing Amahl & the Night Visitors requires



### Celebrate the holidays at Henry Ford Museum

hat do you get when you put together a green dragon and a slayer who don't want to fight each other? A fun-filled afternoon for

children of all ages. But the musical comedy is just one of the ways to celebrate the holidays at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Visitors can enjoy the annual train display, and listen to the sounds of Christmas before and after laughing at the antics of the September Productions players as they tell



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The crowd of elementary students in the audience at a recent morning show was sure having a good time.

"It's a lot of fun," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington. Hanley plays the dragon who'd rather read poetry and paint than hurt anyone. Hanley performed at Detroit's Second City until last summer and before that starred in Adventures of a Frog Prince, a Hartland Theatre Co. production which ran at the museum during the 2001 holiday season. "It's a

fun story about preconceived notions. I always call him a bit of a dandy. For me it was a great chance to learn new dance steps and I even learned how to salsa. There are five dance numbers in 45 minutes. We get lots of families on weekends. It works on a couple of levels. Adults won't be bored."

I can testify to that. Slapstick by slightly offbeat characters together with music and effects by percussionist Brian Golden and keyboard player Martin Mendalbaum make for an enjoyable experience.

With the music and sound effects, I'm adding a dimension to the production that makes it more like a cartoon," said Golden of Farmington. This is

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#### **HOLIDAY EXPRESS**

What: Musical and dramatic presentations, sing-alongs, hands-on activities, holiday decorations and a 640-square-foot model train display

When: Continues to Wednesday, Jan. 1. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Dec. 25 Where: Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn Admission: \$8.50-\$13.50, children under age 5 and members free. For information, call (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, (313) 271-1570

Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, at Lone Pine, in Bloomfield Hills. Patricia Pettinga and Bill Willging open. Performances start at 8 p.m., after an open mic at 7:15 p.m. Admission is \$10; \$8 for senior citizens and people 16 and younger. Call (248) 569-0965 for more information and (248) 626-4650 to reserve an open mic slot.

#### 🔍 Choral fest

More than 150 singers will lift their voices during the second Dearborn Holiday Choral Festival, Friday, Dec. 20, in the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn. The holiday event begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, in the center, at Michigan Avenue and Greenfield in Dearborn. Performers include the Jubellation Handbell Choir from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia and the Dearborn **Community Chorus. Tickets** are \$14, \$11 and \$8. (313) 943-2345.

#### Cool cartoons

See 25 new cartoons. including Happy Tree Friends (pictured) and a few old favorites at the 10th annual Spike and Mike's Twisted. Animation Festival, 9:30 p.m. today (Thursday, Dec. 19); 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday, Dec. 26-30; and 9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday Jan. 1-2 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Tickets are \$7. (248) 544-3030.



attention to behind-the scenes details like lighting, publicity and programs.

Lynch realized when she founded the Motor City Lyric Opera it was going to take hundreds of hours to coordinate principals and chorus members before a final dress rehearsal with the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings and the Rochester-based Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, but now time is running out. The production opens today and runs through Sunday at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

Lynch performs the role of the mother who steals gold from the three kings Kaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, who are played by University of Michigan School of Music professors Steve Lussman and Daniel Washington, and Canadian tenor John Mac Master. Matthew Rybak and Brandon LePage alternate in the role of Amahl, the young boy unable to walk without a crutch.

"It's been all-consuming but it's also energizing," says Lynch. "It's very creative. It's a brandnew company and I'm very passionate about this piece.

It's not like Lynch hasn't produced Amahl before founding her company. She presented the opera three years ago in Monroe and the last two years at Music Hall. Still it's no easy task to orchestrate eight principals, five dancers and form the 16-voice Motor City Lyric Opera Chorus under the direction of Brazeal Dennard.

"I felt it was the right time to start a company that did opera in English," says Lynch. "Our mission is to make it accessible and affordable for families. The biggest challenge was finding funding and I'm grateful to Chrysler Jeep Superstores and DaimlerChrysler. Other than funding, it's the nuts and bolts of putting a company together, the day-in-and-day-out."

The phone rings and it's a chorus member who's misplaced her music. It rings again. Paula Tutman, a reporter at WDIV Channel 4, is calling with questions about producing a 15minute documentary to be shown before the curtain rises at each of the performances. Last year, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Gian Carlo Menotti opera that debuted on the Hallmark Hall of Fame Series in 1951, Lynch asked the composer to direct the Detroit production. Like the live production, it aired every Christmas Eve until 1967, Lynch hopes the Motor City Lyric Opera's Amahl becomes a Detroit holiday tradition.

'It's my most cherished childhood memory. We watched it on TV every Christmas Eve," says Lynch. "It's about a child and I was watching as

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Mary Callaghan Lynch founded the company to make opera accessible and affordable for families.

#### AMAHL & THE **NIGHT VISITORS**

What: Motor City Lyric Opera presents Gian Carlo Menotti's opera about a physicallychallenged young boy

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22

Where: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, across from the Gem and Century theaters, Detroit

Tickets: \$20, \$10 children and students. Call (313) 963-2366

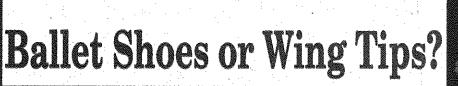
#### Highlight

September Productions presents the musical comedy The Reluctant Dragon in the Anderson Theater inside the museum 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 21-22, and Friday-Monday, Dec. 27-30. Tickets are \$8, \$7 children. For advance tickets and reservations, call (313) 982-6001

> Kirk Hanley plays the lead role in September **Productions'** The Reluctant Dragon." The musical comedy continues to Dec. 30 at Henry Ford Museum.



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a child. The documentary includes an interview with Menotti. We're recreating his story. This is a Menotti production.

"It's really special. I want to get children away from video, want them to experience live theater and sound. Opera there's nothing like it."

Michael Atchoo was only 10 vears old when he first saw Amahl & the Night Visitors at Music Hall last year. Today, he steps onto the Detroit stage as a member of the children's chorus.

The Troy student has never sung opera before and couldn't wait for the first rehearsal in Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, where Lynch's brother, Ed Callaghan, is president.

Friends and family have come together to help with the production in any way they can. Mary Ann Atchoo, Michael's mother, agreed to let her son

audition not only because of her friendship with Lynch but because of the opportunity for Michael to sing in an opera company with professionals like Lynch, who has performed in numerous roles with Michigan Opera Theatre, Dayton Opera and Toledo Opera since graduating with a bachelor's degree in theater from Marygrove College.

"It's given him a different appreciation for music when someone shows an interest in you like Mary," says Atchoo. "I'm so excited. Michael's fairly interested in piano and has won awards. I think it's so nice for him to be well-rounded, and it gives him an appreciation for the arts. Theater is one my passions and the symphony. We took the kids to see it last year. I just loved it. It was only 50 minutes long and in English."

A student at St. Regis Catholic School in Birmingham, Michael thought the "music and story were great," so even though he really didn't expect to pass the audition, the 11-year old wanted to try out for the chorus.

"My favorite part is when



Steve Lussman, John Mac Masters and Daniel Washington play the three kings following a star that will take them to a special child for whom they bear gifts.

Amahl gives the crutch to the wise men and then he can walk," says Michael.

The message of Amahl & the Night Visitors — that it is in the giving that we receive - is what makes the story important for Sara Rottman this holiday season. The mother of a 20-month-old and with another child on the way auditioned for the chorus after hearing about the production from a fellow member of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church Choir in Bloomfield Hills.

"It's geared toward kids and getting kids interested in music, and being a Christmas

(must be 21 or over to attend)

opera it's great for the holidays," says Rottman, a Waterford resident. "I've never done opera before but was always in choral groups in Pennsylvania and Grand Rapids. I auditioned for it because it was something different. It's been fun. It's been very fast. Rehearsals began at the end of November and we go on Dec. 19."

This is the second year for members of the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble. Artistic director and founder Laurie Eisenhower choreographed the dance last year under the watchful eye of Menotti. Like Atchoo and Rottman, it was

Eisenhower's first opera but not her first collaboration. **Eisenhower Dance Ensemble** frequently brings in guest choreographers for its five-concert season. She's currently working with the Southfield-based Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings and the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival for a June 28 performance of Stravinsky's The Soldier's Tale at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills.

"Frankly, I was a little nervous about the project with Menotti coming last year," says Eisenhower. "It's a very short dance by the peasants for the three kings and I incorporate some of the chorus people. That was my biggest task because Menotti didn't want it to feel separate from the production."

Lynch attributes the success of the production to artists like Eisenhower and board members like Tutman, Martha Reeves and Frank D. Stella, who are willing to devote time to bring opera to a larger audience. The 2003-2004 season offers a spring production of Little Women in addition to the holiday classic Amahl & the Night Visitors, but before then-Lynch and Reeves plan to take the art into metropolitan Detroit classrooms with an Opera on Wheels program.

We're just getting it off the ground," says Lynch. "It's really so gratifying to talk to kids about opera. I was in a thirdgrade classroom in West Bloomfield and was amazed how none of them had been to a real opera. You want to hook them young. I took my daughter Caitlin at age 2 1/2 to see me sing the role of Yum-Yum in The Mikado at Michigan Opera Theatre. I taught voice and she came to choir with me and now she's entering the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music for a master's degree in fall after graduating with a degree in vocal performance from University of Michigan. My son Paddy was 4 years old when I was Musetta in La Boheme. He sat there for the entire three acts and didn't move. They just grew up with it. It's been part of their lives.

"With the company I want to present family-friendly opera, to make it accessible, very costfriendly. The idea was for them to be able to go and experience a piece of theater. Amahl is a perfect introduction into the world of opera for audience members for whom this might be their first opera. We're hoping to reach families. I feel grateful to make a difference in children's and families' lives."

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## Time to enjoy a holiday movie

#### **BY BRENDA DOMINICK** STAFF WRITER

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Curl up with a blanket, grab some eggnog, and pop that holiday movie in the DVD player or VCR.

**Oakland Community** College film instructor Tom Kegel says there's aren't necessarily many holidaythemed movies in theaters this year, but plenty of movie rentals that are popular for seasonal viewing.

At Video Palace in Rochester Hills, Manager Linda Georgoes agrees.

"For the holiday, we are getting Unfaithful, (Richard Gere), Minority Report (Tom Cruise) and K\*19: The Widowmaker, (Harrison Ford/Liam Neeson)" Georgoes said.

But there are some 'stand-bys' that are not going 'good-bye'.

"It's mostly National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (Chevy Chase) and Santa Clause (Tim Allen) are still the hottest movies," she said.

At Thomas Video and DVD in Clawson, manager Jim Olenski says the oldies will always be the goodies for the season.

"Miracle on 34th Street and White Christmas still go out," he said. "Other ones are the original How the Grinch Stole Christmas and It's a Wonderful Life.

"The big Christmas movies are still going to be more of the classics, the different versions of A Christmas Carol, which can be the one with Reginal Owen. But maybe the Allister Sin one from the '50s is the most popular. Then they like that one which is the singing one with Albert Finney called

directed by Bob Clark," he said.

And what about the voungsters?

"Stuart Little 2, Lilo & Stitch, and Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron are the hottest cartoons that just came out," Georgoes said.

Because this year's Christmas holiday includes longer vacations, there has been more movie watching in the theaters versus rentals.

"It's a long one, because it's in the middle of the week," Kegel said.

But for some that were 'out.' they are now 'in.'

"Jack Frost was a big flop as an original release," he said.

Nevertheless, Frost seems to be more favored on cable these days.

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"There's a lot of people who don't have cable or at least don't have premium station. So, they can watch the classics, but not all the classics are available at all times. TNT (Turner Network Television) might have a package from Warner Brothers, but they're not showing every movie you want to see, even if you've got the direct satellite TV or whatever." Overall, Georgoes has

noticed sales for this year have declined 15-20 percent compared to last year's holiday season.

"It's very slow, I guess, because people are busy shopping," she said.

Though the public felt a lower sense of safety last season, which prompted high rental sales, it's different case this year.

"I would say the scare is

## Jazz musicians come together to help eradicate polio

**BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER** 

Jazz lovers seem to agree that Venture Records has a hit on its hands with the release of it's latest CD. Detroit Jazz not only spotlights a variety of big band, Dixieland, vocal, and straight ahead jazz but proceeds go to help eradicate polio worldwide.

Of course, that's what record producer George Bednar and Dearborn Rotary Club president John McDonald had in mind when they decided to put out a CD to raise funds for the cause.

Bednar, a Canton resident, was no stranger to the music business. He started Venture **Records in Dearborn Heights** in 1995 to primarily showcase blues groups like Mudpuppy and The Alligators as well as a collection of artists like Alberta Adams and Jim McCarty on his Uncut Detroit recordings.

"I didn't know a lot of jazz musicians because I'd primarily worked with blues groups," said Bednar, vice president of Adray appliance and camera stores in Dearborn, Canton and Troy. "Then a friend put me in touch with Midge Ellis. Thank God for Midge. She was a tremendous help in putting this together. She called back that same day and already had much of the music taken off CDs and we recorded the rest.

"I contacted JBL Sound, makers of acoustic speakers, and they underwrote the recording. We've already raised \$15,000 and the best is yet to come. It's really standards, old music people like and enjoy listening to. Bobby Brew of Windsor was recorded at a Rotary event. The Eastside Brigade is made up of musicians primarily from the east side of Detroit, and Sounds Incorporated played at Vargo's on Six Mile in Livonia for years.

"All of the proceeds go to a Polio Eradication Program. A lot of people have forgot about

The Detroit Jazz CD spotlights herself. "I didn't do anything. I

Hospital's Cranio-Facial Institute and First Step (the Plymouth-based shelter for abused women and children.) "I'm so pleased and excited about the artists doing this for us that we're considering doing

Detroit Jazz 2? Ellis and artists like Matt Michaels, Johnny Trudell and Larry Nozero donated their time and talent to making the CD a success. The Michigan Jazz Festival lent its logo to accompany Anna Narusheva's red and black artwork on the cover. Ellis is on the committee which produces the annual free jazz festival at Schoolcraft College in Livonia every July.

Known as Mama Jazz, the Livonia resident has been bringing big band and all styles of jazz to the area since the 1960s.

"The CD makes a good stocking stuffer," said Ellis when asked about her contributions

"I enjoy being on the Detroit Jazz CD and being with good people like Johnny Trudell and up and comer Barbara Ware. Vibraphonist Jack Brokensha is a legend in town," said Michaels. "Part of why I did it is it's a very good cause, plus it was going national.

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"I like the diversity. There's Dixieland; not one type of jazz, a fellow that sings like Frank Sinatra. You don't have to be a jazz lover to enjoy the album. There's big band, something you don't hear that often."

Dale Grisa, a Livonia pianist, is another one of the up and comers and a former student of Michaels. He and drummer Alex Trajano and bass player Chuck Hall provide two of the cuts including an original written for Grisa's 3-year old daughter Chloe. Favela was a

favorite with crowds at Sweet Lorraine's in Livonia where they played a long standing engagement on Tuesday nights. In addition to leading his own group, Grisa frequently plays with other musicians. He spent most of last year traveling with the Michael King Band. This year saw him performing a concert in Mexico with flutist Alexander Zonjic and Angela Bofill after joining the Bacon Brothers on stage for Fash Bash, a fund-raiser for the Detroit Institute of Arts at the Fox

Theatre. "I thought the Detroit Jazz CD was a good cause," said Grisa. "I have a friend who has polio so the disease has touched me personally although secondhand. I saw how it affected him so I wanted to contribute what I could to help get rid of it."

The Detroit Jazz CD costs \$14. All proceeds go to Dearborn Rotary and Rotary International to help eradicate polio worldwide. The CD is available at most independent record stores, Adray Camera in Troy and Canton, Adray Appliance in Dearborn, Streetcorner Music, Birmingham, through the Dearborn Rotary or by calling Venture Records at (313) 438-2700.



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McKenzie (Farmington Hills).

Over the years, members of the

trio have performed with Stan

Temptations among others. They

shortly plan to release their first

two CDs Matt Michaels Trio and

Kenton, Stan Getz and The

also goes to Providence just called some musicians and rounded them up. Everybody said yes. It's a good cause and exposure for jazz. It's a good mix - big band, vocal, trios."



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#### **PROFESSIONAL THEATER**

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Century Theatre 8-Track: The Sounds of the '70s 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 1:20 p.m. limited Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

Detroit Repertory Theatre What Next? Through Sunday, Dec. 29, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$17. (313) 868-1347 Fox Theatre

B.B. King with special guest, Bobby Blue Bland; 8 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Fox Theatre, Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$29.50-\$49.50. (313) 471-3279 Gem Theatre

*Shear Madness*, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$24.50 to \$34.50. (313) 963-9800 **Fisher Theatre** 

Some Like it Hot with Tony Curtis, through Dec. 22, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$35-\$70, information (313) 872-1000, tickets, (248) 645-6666

Jewish Ensemble Theatre Visiting Mr. Green continues to Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. \$18-\$30 with discounts for seniors and students, \$50 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 performance (Gala New Year's Eve). (248) 788-2900

#### Magic Bag

Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Animation Festival runs to Jan. 2 at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$7. (248) 544-3030

Meadow Brook Theatre A Christmas Carol, through Sunday, Dec. 22, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Call (248) 377-3300 for times, dates and ticket prices. Children under 5 will not be



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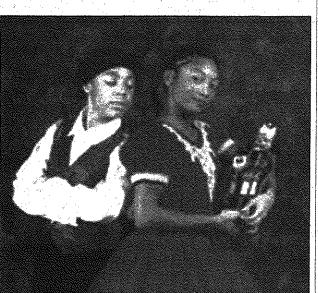
Juliane Steenkamer, Kathy Defever, Karen Garver, Pam Hawkins, Karen Besek, Ilene Patterson, Gina Mathews, Kristen Komlen and Rochelle Addison are rehearsing Goin' on a Sleighride for their upcoming Farmington Community Chorus holiday concert 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21, at Mercy High School Auditorium on the corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10. Call (810) 632-4067. "Yule Cheer" includes everything from classical to traditional, gospel with a clapping, swaying and swinging 0 Holy Night, a jazzy Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas to a Welsh Iullaby plus I Have a Little Dreidel, I Love Those Jingle Bells and Do You Hear What I Hear.

\$8-\$14 Call (313) 943-2354.
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 Nightnotes: Refreshments 8
 p.m.; performance 8:30 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 20. Tickets:
 \$19/adults; \$10/children under 12.
 (248) 559-2095
 Detroit Opera House

The Jazz Gospel Messiah, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, The Detroit Opera House, (313) 237-7464, or Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666. **Detroit Symphony Orchestra** Holiday Pops concerts with the Livonia-based Classical Bells Handbell Ensemble, Madrigal Chorale of Southfield, and the Highland Park Baptist Church Chancel Choir of Southfield 1:30 music by Diane Dignan and Diann Dupuis at the Newburg Church, join the Livonia Civic Chorus in singing carols at the Friends Meeting House where hot cocoa and cookies await; \$5, \$2 student. For reservations, call (248) 477-7375. Proceeds benefit historic Greenmead, located on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

#### Italian Cultural Center

Italian Cultural Center Country Christmas Celebration Dance hosted by the Blackberry Creek Dancers at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at 28111 Imperial Drive, Warren, potluck. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, soft drinks and coffee will be provided, \$10. (313) 526-9432 The Marguis Theatre



Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415

#### WORLD MUSIC

#### Pat McDunn Duke Humphries, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Rochester Hills, no cover, (248) 601-1100

#### DANCE

Artistry in Motion Dance School Presents *The Nutcracker*, 2 and 6 p.m. Dec. 21-22 at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt in Livonia. Advance tickets S12, S15 at the door. Call (248) 223-1011. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the dance school scholarship fund.

Michigan Ballet Theatre Along with guest artists from American Ballet Theatre, present *The Nutcracker* Dec. 21-22 at the Avondale High School Performing Arts Center, 2800 Waukeegan, Auburn Hills. \$12 adults; \$10 seniors and children under 12, available at Rochester School of Dance, 1800 S. Livernois. Call (248) 652-3117 for performance times.

#### SOCIAL DANCING

Dance Elite Ballroom Studio Ballroom/Latin dance party 9 p.m. to midnight, DJ, open to the public, Friday-Saturday, Maple at Haggerty (inside Bloomfield Avenue Shoppe II), West Bloomfield, \$10, \$9, Michigan Swing Dance Association, singles welcome, (248) 926-8522. Italian Cultural Center New Year's Eve Dance, doors open 6 p.m., cocktails/dinner at 7:30 p.m., country/ western dancing to DJ music from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31; Open bar-champagne toast at midnight - \$35 per person - advance ticket sales only, call Marcie Hauler at (586) 731-8337. Moon-Dusters Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30

writing comedy, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

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#### **MUSEUMS AND TOURS**

**Detroit Institute of Arts** Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. With admission \$4, \$1 children, no charge for Founders Society members. Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (3l3) 833-7900 for general information or visit the Web site at www. dia. org. Detroit Science Center **Digital Dome Planetarium show** continues on weekends, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, 5020 John R, Detroit. (313) 577-8400, www. detroitsciencecenter, org. Detroit Zoo

Kids will love The Arctic Ring of Life, which features a 70-foot see-through acrylic tunnel where polar bears swim around visitors. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www. detroitzoo. org. Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The zoo is at 8450 W. 10 Mile at I-696 and Woodward, Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingsepp at (248) 541-5717.

Henry Ford Museum Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629) Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk Tours continue to

Dec. 22, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last admittance at 4 p.m.) Monday-Sunday, until 9 p.m. Tuesday (last admittance at 8 p.m.), at

the hall on Oakland University's campus, Rochester, \$12.50, \$6 children under age 12 except for index age 3 free (289) 370-3140

under age 2 free. (248) 370-3140 or www. meadowbrookhall. org.

Plymouth Historical Museum New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit. Images of

allowed in the auditorium. Performance Network Man of La Mancha, through Sunday, Dec. 22, 120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, (734) 663-0681.

#### HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

#### A Classical Christmas

Rebekah Walker sings classical, sacred and popular holiday music 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, in the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18200 Merriman, one half mile north of Six Mile, Livonia, \$8 advance, \$10 at door, (734) 422-0010, (248) 427-2122 or (248) 477-7720.

Dearborn Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Holiday Choral Festival 8 p.m. Dec. 20 at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Greenfield Road in Dearborn, Tickets from

Dancers at the Barre (c. 1900) is one of than 120 works in Degas and the Dance continuing through Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The exhibition is the first to explore the artist's drawings, paintings and sculpture on the Paris Ballet in the 19th century. Timed tickets are \$16 Tuesday-Friday, \$18 Saturday-Sunday, \$8 ages 6-17, children under age 5 free. Call (313) 866-Degastix. Special walk-up, same day price for seniors age 65 and older with ID \$10 at the DIA box office 2-6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday.

19, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$55. (313) 576-5111

p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec.

Young People's Concert Series continues with the Southfield choirs 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. \$10-\$26. Farmington Community Chorus Yule Cheer, 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21, Mercy High School Auditorium, corner of 11 Mile Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, \$10, (810) 632-4067.

Greenmead Historical Village Christmas tours of the six village building decorated for the holidays 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, \$2, \$1 students, Tickets sold in advance, Christmas Candlelight Tours of village

buildings begin at 6 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, Dec. 26-27,

Velveteen Rabbit, through Jan. 19 at 135 E. Main, downtown Northville, \$7.50. No children under age 3, (248) 349-8110. Also playing: Christmas On Main Street, old and new tunes for the family 7 p.m. Dec. 20 -21. **Motor City Lyric Opera** Amahl and the Night Visitors 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$20 adults, \$10 students, (313) 963-2366 or online at www. ticketmaster.com.

Second City "Armen Shaomian's Christmas Spectacular." Every Monday and Tuesday through Dec. 30 at The Second City on Woodward in Detroit. Tickets \$10. Call box office for times and tickets, (313)

965-2222. Also showing: *It's a Wonderful Life*, 2 p.m. Dec. 21-22. **The Writer's Voice** 

A Holiday Evening of Performance Poetry & Music: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at The Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth, (313) 831-1250. Free

#### BENEFITS

Plymouth Symphony The League and Trailwood Garden Club are sponsoring fundraisers now until Tuesday, Dec. 24. Items included this year are Luminaria Kits, cost \$4 for a set of 10 candles and bags; seventh annual limited edition pewter Christmas ornaments depicting the Gazebo in Old Village for \$8; and 2003 Entertainment Books at \$30. All proceeds benefit the Plymouth Symphony. Call (734) 451-2112 for information '70s Bash

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering special holiday pricing on tickets for its annual dinner/dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

Purchase tickets before Jan 1, 2003, and save \$10 per person or \$15 per person for a table of 10. After Jan 1, all tickets are \$75 each. "Passions of the Past: A '70s Bash" is the theme of this year's event that raises money

The award winning African American youth cast from Artistry in Motion Dance School present *The Nutcracker Ballet* 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 21-22, at Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance, and available by calling, (248) 223-1011. Premium seating is \$25.

for the PCAC's educational and community arts programming. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278

#### JAZZ/BLUES

Absolut Jazz Series Joey DeFrancesco, 9 and 11 p.m. Dec. 20-21 at Bird of Paradise Inc., 312 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 662-8310. Cover \$25; \$15/students. Larry Nozero Jazz Quintet Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit www. larrynozero. com. Southfield Public Library "Bluesman, Robert B. Jones" performs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen. The program is free, space limitedfirst come, first served, (248) 948-0470 Vince James Trio

Compari's, 8-11 p.m. Wednesday, 350 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100

#### MAKING CONTACT:

Please submit items for publication in Going Places to **Linda Chomin** two weeks in advance of event. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279 Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile, \$5, (248) 967-1428. Rhythm 'N' Shoes

p.m. Saturday, Livonia Civic

Weekly ballroom/ Latin dance party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m.

Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, \$7, \$6 members, (248) 334-0299. Sunday Dance Parties.

Ballroom dancing 8-11 p.m. every Sunday, White Heather Club, 150 Vester, Ferndale, \$6 before 8 p.m., \$7 after, (313) 521-6564.

#### COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase Elvira Kurt, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Dec. 19, 20 and 21. Tickets \$9-\$13. Bill Hildebrandt, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Dec. 26, 27, and 28. Tickets \$5-\$10. Call (734) 996-9080 Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, includes lock of Lincoln's hair cut from his wound the night of the assassination, a life mask and casts of Lincoln's hands sculpted in 1860 by Leonard Volk, life-size wax figures of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln in their second inaugural period clothing, 36-foot mural of the second inaugural ball from 1865, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers.



These are the final days to see Dickens' holiday classic *A Christmas Carol* at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester. The show continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 19-20, and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, in the theater on the campus of Oakland University. For tickets, call (248) 377-3300.

#### FOLK

Brown Bag Lecture Windfolk Meets Rock, noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Information Technology Lecture Hall, Building 49E on the Oakland County campus at 1200 N.

D.C. Malone, 8 and 10:30 p.m. (10:30 show includes party favors and a split of champagne at midnight) Dec. 31. Tickets: \$25.50 at 8 p.m.; \$29.50 at 10:30 p.m. (734) 996-9080 **Detroit Opera House** George Carlin with guest Dennis Blair 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, \$34.50-\$42.50 at CC.com, the Opera House box office and all Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 645-6666. Joey's Comedy Club/Livonia Every Tuesday night is open mic night. The club also offers a stand-up comedy class for those

Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. \$5, \$3 children, students and seniors. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit the Web site at www. rochesterhills. org/ museum. htm.



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## Star Trek: Nemesis allows crew to go out in style

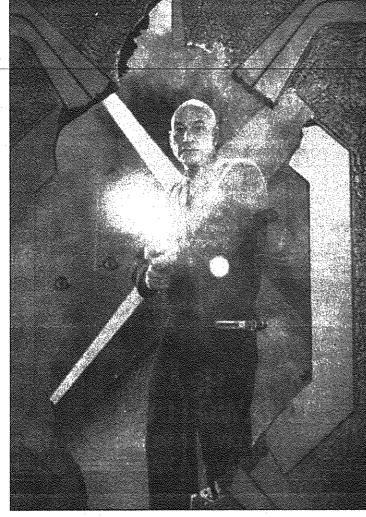
#### **BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG** CORRESPONDENT

The movie's tagline reads: "A generation takes its final journey."

If that is true, then the cast of Star Trek: The Next Generation (which has been around for 15 years) couldn't have had a better send-off than Star Trek: Nemesis, which is the 10th movie (the fourth featuring "TNG" who carry the baton passed from Kirk and Spock) in the sci-fi franchise, that has spanned more than 35 years and, in addition to the 10 movies, has had five different series set in the late Gene Roddenberry's vision of the future.

The movie opens with the debonair Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) toasting the marriage of his first officer Commander William Riker (Jonathan Frakes) and Counselor Deanna Troi (Marina Sirtis). After 15 years, Riker finally gets promoted to captain and takes command of his own ship, the Titan, and finally marries his beloved Deanna. About time on both counts!

Die-hard Trek fans (I heard it's politically incorrect to call them "trekkies") will like this scene as it features cameo appearances from former members of the TNG" series (which ran from 1987-94), Guinan (Whoopi Goldberg) and Wesley Crusher (Wil Wheaton). They'll also appreciate the scene where Picard gets his orders from the newly-promoted Admiral Janeway (Kate Mulgrew, the lead in Star Trek: Voyager, which ended in 2001). There's also a mention of William Shatner's Captain Kirk, who has a battle tactic named after him.



Patrick Stewart is Captain Jean-Luc Picard in Star Trek: Nemesis.

#### **TREK VILLAIN**

En route to Deanna's home planet for another wedding ceremony, the crew of the Enterprise cross paths - and swords - with the Remans, the planetary neighbors of the classic Trek villains, the Romulans. Under the leadership of Shinzon (Tom Hardy, TV's Band of Brothers), a clone of Picard from a covert Romulan plot that never came to fruition, along with his viceroy (Ron Perlman, Blade 2),

the Remans plan to destroy Earth.

Interestingly enough, the Romulans - under the leadership of Commander Donatra (Dina Meyer, Starship Troopers, TV's Birds of Prey) approach Picard as allies and not enemies, aiding in the struggle against Shinzon in the hopes of ending their centurieslong feud between themselves and Starfleet. This is similar to the 1991's Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (and the last featuring the cast of the

original series - or most of them, anyway), where the Klingons ended their long-running feud with Starfleet. In fact, John Logan

(Gladiator), who penned the screenplay, wanted to include the Romulans in this installment, which is directed by Stuart Baird (Executive Decision). Logan, along with Rick Berman - who picked up where Roddenberry left off upon his death in 1991 and Commander Data himself, Brent Spiner, came up with the story concept.

#### **TV SHOW OR MOVIE?**

Although the movie is good, it's not as good as it could have been. Slow-moving in parts, it can't seem to make up its mind whether it's an episode of "TNG" you paid \$8 for or a movie. It finally decides it's a movie in the end with a space battle that would make Star Wars creator George Lucas green with envy, especially the spectacular way Data makes it aboard Shinzon's ship.

Also, Geordi LaForge (LeVar Burton), Dr. Crusher (Gates McFadden) and Worf (Michael Dorn) have bit parts in Nemesis, as if they're thrown in for the fun of it, especially the latter two.

Then again, that's the trouble of taking a TV show and turning it into a movie: There's too many characters jockeying for screen-time in a two-hour flick rather than the course of a 22episode season. In fact, a member of the "TNG" crew dies in this movie. Take heart, however, there's a backdoor to bring this character back.

Let's hope they don't. Why, you may ask? These characters have run their course and I think this movie is an appropriate curtain call for Picard, Data, and company. Further, do Star Trek: Deep

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Space 9 and Voyager have enough of a fan-base as "TNG" does to warrant a big-budget movie, soldiering on in "TNG's" stead?

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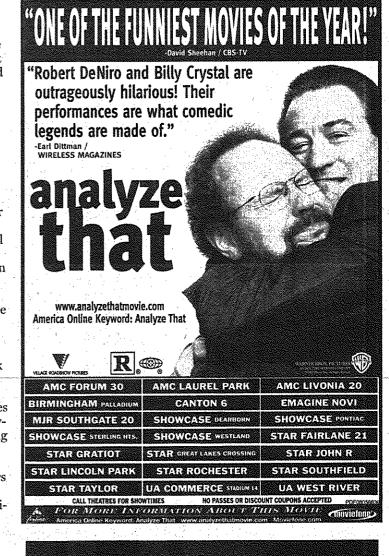
Let it end here. Cliché as it may sound, all good things come to an end. Let this crew of the Enterprise go out on top and not get stale like some stupid horror movie franchise such as Halloween and Friday the 13th.

However, that decision is not up to me to make. That's ultimately up to the amount of

money it grosses in its opening weekend as it takes on some real nemeses, particularly Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (which opened Wednesday, Dec. 18), and the two Leonardo DiCaprio films – Gangs of New York (opening Friday, Dec. 20) and Catch Me If You Can costarring Tom Hanks (opening Christmas Day - in the highlycompetitive holiday movie season.

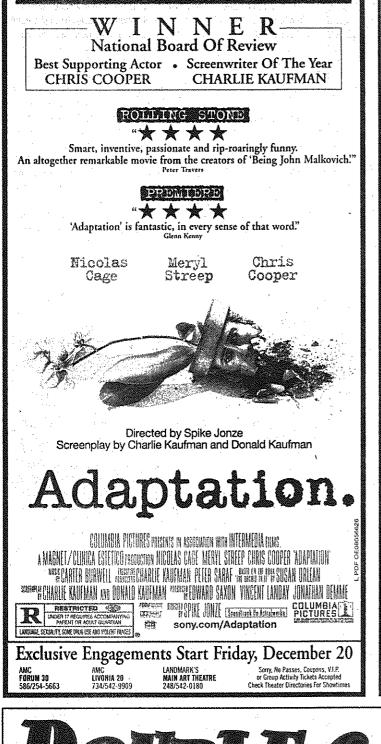
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RATED: PG-13; violence. RATING: 7 (out of 10)





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#### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

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#### **OPENED** WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

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LORD OF THE RINGS: TWO TOWERS The sequel to LORD OF THE RINGS: THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING follows the continuing quest of Frodo Baggins and the Fellowship that has joined together to destroy the One Ring and stand against the Leader of the dark lord Sauron. The fellowship has divided and now find themselves taking different paths to defeating Sauron and his allies. Their destinies now lie at two towers: Orthanc Tower in Isengard, where the corrupted wizard Saruman waits, and Sauron's fortress at Baraddur, deep within the dark lands of Mordor. (New Line) Not yet rated.

#### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, DEC. 20

#### **TWO WEEKS NOTICE** Sandra Bullock is a brilliant but neurotic attorney and Hugh Grant is her

charming, irresponsible and fabulously wealthy client in this story about

whether or not it's ever too late to say "I love you." Stars Sandra Bullock. Hugh Grant, Alicia Witt, Mark Feuerstein, Robert Klein, Directed by Marc Lawrence (II). (Warner Bros.) Running time: 100 minutes. WILD THORNBERRYS The premise of the TV show upon

which it's based is that the Thornberrys are a family that travels the world making nature documentaries. The thing is, their daughter Eliza has the amazing ability to speak to animals... this movie finds her traveling to Africa's Serengheti. Stars (Voice cast) Lacey Chabert, Brenda Blethyn, Jodi Carlisle, Tim Curry, Rupert Everett, Flea, Danielle Harris, Tom Kane, Lynn Redgrave, Marisa Tomei, Alfre Woodard. Directed by Jeff McGrath. (Paramount Pictures.) **GANGS OF NEW YORK** 

Set in the period from 1846 to 1863, this is the story of how Irish and Italian gangs got started in New York City in that time of Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed. The two gangs at the heart of this film are the Dead Rabbits

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and the Native Americans. Amsterdam Vallon is the son of the Rabbits' murdered leader, and he vows vengeance on the man who killed him. Bill "The Butcher" Poole. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Cameron Diaz, Daniel Day-Lewis , Jim Broadbent, Brendan Gleeson, Devon Murray, Liam Neeson, Pete Postlethwaite, John C. Reilly, Henry Thomas, Liam Carney, Ford Keirnan. Directed by Martin Scorsese. (Miramax Films) Rating R. **ABOUT SCHMIDT** 

Jack Nicholson stars as Warren Schmidt, a man who is set adrift following retirement and the sudden death of his wife. Uncertain about his future as well as his past, Warren packs up his 30-foot Winnebago to set out on a journey across the Nebraska plains to attend his daughter's wedding to a waterbed salesman. But every step he takes seems wrong, and Warren seems destined to end his life as he lived it: A failure. But along the way, Warren recounts his journey and shares his observations with an unexpected friend - a poor Tanzanian boy



Debbie, Eliza and Donnie find adventure in The Wild Thornberrys Movie. The film opens Friday, Dec. 20.

minutes.

**ANTWONE FISHER** 

Antwone Fisher, a young sailor, is

ordered to see a Navy psychiatrist to

control his anger after fighting with

a life of crime before he joined the

tity is revealed. Featured players

include newcomer Derek Luke as

Antwone and Denzel (Training Day)

Washington as the psychiatrist. Denzel

Washington directed the drama, mark-

ing his feature directorial debut. (Fox-

Frank Abagnale (Leonardo Di Caprio),

Jr. worked as a doctor, a lawyer and as

a co-pilot for a major airline, all before

his 18th birthday. A master of decep-

tion, he was also a brilliant forger,

whose skill gave him his first real

claim to fame: At the age of 17, he

became the most successful bank rob-

ber in the history of the United States. FBI Agent Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks)

had made it his prime mission to cap-

ture Frank and bring him to justice, but

Frank is always one step ahead of him,

baiting him to continue the chase. Steven Spielberg directed the

real-life crime drama. (Dreamworks

Set in the wilds of Africa, the feature

follows the heroic journey of Simba, a

lion cub who is forced into exile by his

evil uncle after the death of his father,

the King. Growing up in the jungle

with the help of some unlikely com-

warthog named Pumbas and a fast-

tiny and returns to claim his right

talking meerkat named Timon), Simba

comes to learn the meaning of his des-

panions (including a dim-witted-

THE LION KING (LARGE FORMAT)

SKG) Rated PG-13

Searchlight) Rated PG-13.

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shipmates. That anger also led him to

Navy. After therapy, Antwone sets out

to find the family that abandoned him

as a child, and the mystery of his iden-

he is sponsoring for 73 cents a day. In his long letters to the boy, Warren begins to see himself and the life he has lived with new eyes. Also featured in the drama are Kathy (Dragonfly) Bates, Dermot (My Best Friend's Wedding) Mulroney and Hope (Mumford) Davis as Warren's daughter. (New Line) Rated R.

#### ADAPTATION

The story centers on screenwriter Charlie Kaufman's attempt to adapt The Orchid Thief a best-selling novel by Susan Orlean about a dealer of rare orchids, into a movie. The plant dealer clones the orchids and then sells them to collectors at outrageous prices. Of the story: "We see the action of the book as we see Kaufman struggle to adapt it into a movie." Features players include Nicolas Cage as Charlie Kaufman, Meryl Streep as Susan Orlean and Chris Cooper as John Laroche, the orchid thief. Spike Jonze directed the comedy. (Sony Pictures) Rated R.

#### SCHEDULED TO OPEN WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

#### PINOCCHIO

Set in the 1880s, this is the classic Italian fairy tale of Geppetto, a toymaker, and Pinocchio, the wooden puppet who wants to be a real boy. Stars Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi, Carlo Giuffre, Bruno Arena, Peppe Barra, Mino Bellei, Alessandro Bergonzoni, Lando Buzzanca . Max Cavallari, Luis Molteni, Kim Rossi Stuart. Directed by Roberto Benigni. (Miramax Films) Rated G. Running time; 110 minutes.

#### **RABBIT-PROOF FENCE**

What if the government kidnapped your daughter? It happened every

the Douglas family; Kirk Douglas as a top corporate lawyer coming to terms with suffering a stroke, Diana Douglas as his wife, Michael Douglas as his son and Cameron Douglas as the grandson. Fred Schepisi directed the comedy, marking his first since completing Last Orders in 2001. (MGM/UA) Not yet rated.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY (Tentative for this date)

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens, the story centers on a boy's struggle to survive and find happiness in a hostile and unfeeling world by building a new and unconventional family. He is helped and hindered on his way by a host of superbly evoked and well. known characters: From his ruthless uncle to the hilarious and theatrical Crummies family and the cruel-hearted Wackford Squeers. Featured among the ensemble are Jamie (Billy Elliof) Bell, Jim Broadbent, Tom (Last Orders) Courtenay, Alan (The Anniversary Party) Cumming, Charlie (Abandon) Hunnam and Anne (The Princess Diaries) Hathaway. (MGM/UA) Not yet rated.

#### CHICAGO

Set in the roaring 20s, this is the story of Chicago chorus girl Roxie Hart, who shoots her unfaithful lover. Landing in jail, she meets Velma Kelly, another chorus girl and murderess, currently enjoying media attention and legal manipulation, care of her attorney, Billy Flynn, king of the old "Razzle Dazzle." Soon enough, however, Flynn takes Roxie's case as well, and Velma finds herself old news as Roxie is now the most famous murderess in town, on her way to getting out of jail and becoming a star. The two go through a series of attempts atgetting what they both want (often conflicting): Freedom and fame. Stars Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta- Jones, Richard Gere, Christine Baranski, Taye Diggs, Colm Feore, Queen Latifah, Lucy Liu, Mya, John C. Reilly, Dominic West, Mark Calamia, Deidre Goodwin, Sebastian La Cause, Mary Ann Lamb, Chita Rivera (cameo). Directed by Rob Marshall. (Miramax Films) Rated PG-13.

#### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 3, 2003

#### INTACTO

There are those among us who are preternaturally lucky. They are the survivors of the plane crash that kills. everyone else, the ones who escape being victims of war and terror, the gamblers who win high-stake games and even life itself. Their gift is not only being lucky, however; it includes the power to rob others of their luck and leave them helpless in the face of

misfortune. Frederico has been robbed

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week in Australia between 1905 and 1971, as half-caste Aboriginal girls were forcibly and permanently removed from their outback families and transported up to 1,000 miles to be trained as domestic servants. Rabbit-Proof Fence tells the true story of three young girls who refused to accept this fate--and instead mounted one of the all-time great escapes-following the rabbit-proof fence that bisects the Australian continent -- with the authorities in hot pursuit. Stars Everlyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury, Kenneth Branagh, Jason Clarke, David Gulpilil. Directed by Phillip Noyce. (Miramax) Rated PG. Running time: 90

#### DRAGON FROM PAGE B1

the musician's second year with

September Productions. Golden's also acted in community theater with Stagecrafters and Avon Players. "They feel my effects because they're subliminal. It adds a sense of comedy to the visual."

Jim Charles provides plenty of razzle and dazzle as he darts back and forth across the stage trying to make his character look smart, but rarely does. The West Bloomfield resident plays Lucius, manager of St. George the Dragon Slayer. St. George is summoned by the villagers to rid them of the dragon they fear will burn their village and eat them. Dragons, after all, have reputations that precede them.

"Lucius thinks he's the brains of the organization," said Charles, who earlier this year played the prosecutor in the Theatre Guild of Livonia-**Redford production of Berl** Falbaum's No Comment. "Some of the cast said why don't you play it like Danny DeVito in Taxi, so I did. The kids love the schtick of running into each other.

"I like the singing. I'm happy to be in it. It's a musical. Kids need to be opened up to live theater and ticket prices are reasonable."

Stacey Griffin is having as much fun as Charles, but while he's only wearing the fancy hat of St. George's sidekick, she's tackling a number of jobs. The Garden City resident serves as producer, director and stage manager in addition to playing the role of Carl, the town buf-

place as "King of the Beasts." Singer/songwriter Elton John collaborated with Academy Award-winning lyricist Tim (Aladdin) Rice on the music for this allegorical adventure. (Walt **Disney Pictures) Rated PG.** 

#### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, DEC. 27

#### A FEW GOOD YEARS

Billed as a black comedy, the story tells of three generations of a dysfunctional family living in New York who attempt to reconcile differences. Featured among the ensemble are three generations of

foon. Griffin studied theater at Oakland University in Rochester and now brings an after-school drama program to students in Garden City Schools.

"It's been a challenge being in it and being behind the curtain," Griffin said, "but we want to be able to provide quality family entertainment with slapstick and a few jokes for the parents as well."

Neil Pike might not know much about dragons and making audiences laugh, but he entertains them just the same with a model train display he's set up in the museum for more than 20 years. Children and adults enjoy watching the eight engines, cars and caboose chugging along separate tracks.

"We started Oct. 7 to get ready by the Friday after Thanksgiving," said Pike of Garden City. "It's never the same. It changes every year."

**Bugs Bunny and Yosemite** Sam hitch a ride on one of the trains running on the O-gauge track. Pike admits the candyland buildings were conceived with children in mind. The outhouse provides a chuckle for adults.

"It's geared to the kids," said Pike, who received his first train at age 6 and still puts it under his Christmas tree every year. He's lived in Garden City since 1966, but grew up in Livonia on a dairy farm where Schoolcraft College now sits.

"All the village buildings are by Betty Boren," he said. "There's a tunnel, farmstead and even a memorial park monument for names of volun-

teers who've died. The project

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of his luck and believes that Tomas, the survivor of a plane crash, will be the instrument of his vengeance. The two men embark on a voyage of initiation, a series of trials challenging others that will lead them to the summitof chance, but they must avoid the scrutiny of policewoman Sara, herself a survivor, to finally meet Sam, the master of the domain from which only one person will emerge intact. Stars Leonardo Sbaraglia, Eusebio Poncela, Monica Lopez, Antonio Dechent, Max Von Sydow. Directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo. (Lions Gate) Rated R. Running time: 108 minutes.

control and others to answer questions."

A building with the sign Neal Pike Farm Tractors pays tribute to the chief engineer who restores antique tractors as a hobby. Pike has a way with motors that comes in handy when setting up the 640square-foot train display with 500 feet of track.

'Carousels turn counter clockwise," said Pike, pointing to the spinning carved horses on one end of the display. "I had a hard time finding a motor because all of the motors turn clockwise. I had to take it apart and put it together so it would run backwards. It was a lot of work, but I enjoy every minute of it including wiring the 3,200 blue and white lights lining the tracks."

"We have all kinds of lights and poinsettias decorating the museum for the holidays," museum publicist Kim Johnson said. "There's the 25-foot Christmas tree that took five volunteers nearly two weeks to put up, Santa's caboose where kids can meet Santa, and for the first time this year we have trees and wreaths for sale. We're hoping it becomes a holiday tradition for people to buy their greenery here and then come in and visit the museum. On weekends we have the Sounds of Christmas, a dramatic and musical presentation and you can sing-a-long to holiday favorites. And starting Christmas Day they can watch Disney's The Lion King in the IMAX Theatre."

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call Observer & Eccentric arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net

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## **Bowling to square dancing:** Different ways to ring in '03

**BY MARY QUINLEY** CORRESPONDENT

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If you're tired of celebrating New Year's Eve at the neighborhood tavern or crowded banquet hall why not try something different this year?

There's still time to make plans and buy tickets for a variety of non-traditional options:

- The Gem and Century Theatres and Century Club restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, are offering a variety of theater/dinner packages. Shear Madness and 8-Track, The Sounds of the 70's will be showing. A sample package includes theater, dinner, dancing, champagne toast and party favors for \$100 per person. Call (313) 963-9800 or visit: www.gemtheatre.com for times and more info.

- Kids of all ages are welcome to Michigan's first indoor water park for a Splash Bash at the Best Western Sterling Inn Banquet & Conference Center, on the southwest corner of Van Dyke and 15 Mile in Sterling Heights. The family package includes accommodations and water park entry for four people, pizza, hot dogs, soft drinks, entertainment and favors. Cost is \$395.50. For more info call (586) 979-1400 or check the web at: www.sterlinginn.com.

- Sit back and listen to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Ave. in Detroit, perform a concert of Viennese waltzes and American songs. Champagne toasts, dessert buffet and dancing on the stage will follow the performance. Tickets range from \$40 to \$100. Box seats, which include hors d'oeuvres and open bar, are \$195. Call (313) 576-5111 or visit the web at: www.detroitsymphony.com.

- Ring in the New Year with family and friends at First Room rates run from \$169 to Night Birmingham 2003. The \$219 plus 14 percent tax. For celebration offers puppet and information call (734) 464-1300. magic shows, contra-dancing lessons, mask making, face Swing your partner at a painting, live music and lots country western dance at the Italian Cultural Center, 2811 more. Tickets cost \$5 or \$10 per person depending on the Imperial Drive south of 12 Mile event. Before Dec. 31 buy tickand east of Hoover in Warren. ets at TechnoMasters, 725 S. Advance ticket sales only by Adams, Birmingham. On Dec. calling (586) 731-8337. Cost is 31 tickets will be available at \$35 per person. Open bar, the door of each performance champagne toast, dinner and venue. Cash or check only. dancing will be provided. – The Holiday Inn Livonia, Hockeytown fans will 17123 Laurel Park Drive will cheer for the home team at Joe Louis Arena when the Detroit host a family fun night. The Red Wings play the St. Louis package includes children's entertainment, board games Blues at 7 p.m. Call (313) 396and Holidome fun until 1 a.m. 7544 for ticket information. "ACTION, INTENSITY AND LOADS OF FUN!" "MORE THAN JUST A GREAT 'STAR TREK' FILM -IT'S JUST A GREAT FILM!" \*EXCITING! INVENTIVE TWIST — plus the unexpected shoot sparks of surprise throughout the pix **'A TREMENDOUS CHRISTMAS TREAT."** PROBABLY THE ISTREE IN 1.811NRATH OF KHAN AS STARTER HEN ST GUUL A DARKER AND EDGIER 'TREK' PG-13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED StarTrek.com  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ CI-FI ACTION VIOLENCE & PCRU & A SCENE OF SEXUAL CONTENT PLAY THE LATEST ACTIVISION "STAR TREK" GAME, STARFLEET COMMAND 3 AMC FORUM 30 NOW SHOWING! AMC LAUREL PARK **BEACON EAST AMC LIVONIA 20** BIRMINGHAM PALLADIUM NOVI TOWN CTR. 8 CANTON 6 MJR SOUTHGATE 20 PHOENIX AT BEL AIR CTR. SHOWCASE DEARBORN SHOWCASE PONTIAC **STAR FAIRLANE 21** SHOWCASE STERLING HTS. SHOWCASE WESTLAND

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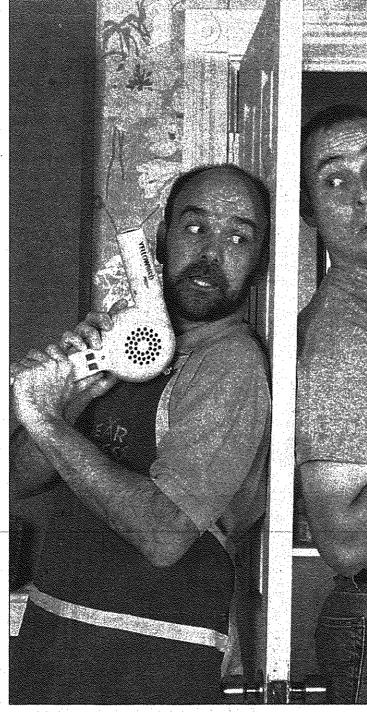
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## Win tickets to see Cats

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in cooperation with the Fisher Theatre will send 10 families to see the musical Cats, which plays Feb. 4-23, 2003 at the theater.

To win a four-pack for your family, tell us about the strange and unusual things that have happened to your cat or something that your cat has done.

We'll pick 10 winners. Mail, email or send your "Cat Tales" (no more than 50 words please) to Cathy Young (cyoung@oe.homecomm.net), 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax it Attention: C. Young to (734) 953-2232

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tournament from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for \$40 per couple. Door prizes, party favors and pizza included. Or, rent-a-lane for two hours anytime between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. The cost of \$40 per lane includes a max of four bowlers per lane, party favors and one large pizza. Advance reservations are required for both events by calling (734) 422-7420.

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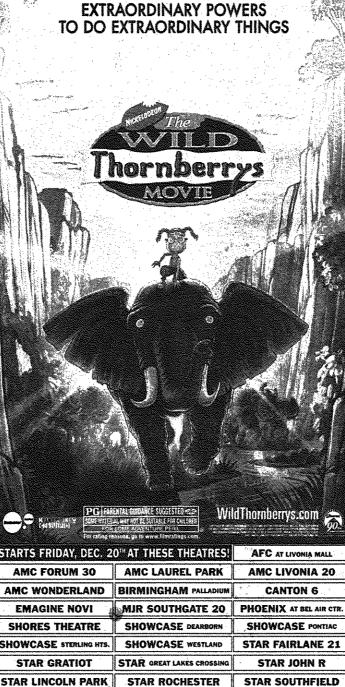
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#### BY MARY QUINLEY CORRESPONDENT

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When Joe Danna decided to open his fourth restaurant he needed a chef who had expertise in home-cooked Italian cuisine. His friend, Bendetto Cracolici, was the ideal candidate.

"Bendetto is from Italy. He owned a restaurant there and he has worked at several fourand five-star restaurants," said Danna, owner of Tirami Su' in Farmington Hills.

Danna also owns eateries with the same name in Clinton Township, Shelby Township and Northville.

Tirami Su' features a delightful combo of northern and southern dishes.

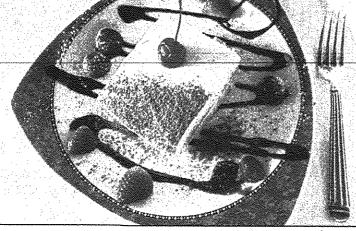
"I'm Italian and I wanted to give people a little piece of the true taste of Italy," said Danna, who was born in Sicily.

Typically, he said, northern recipes are made with whipped cream whereas the southern dishes contain tomatoes with added spices like garlic and oregano.

One feature that makes the restaurant unique, he said, is that each order is cooked "fresh" when it arrives in the kitchen.

Another important element for the success of the business is customer satisfaction. "I teach my employees to

serve the customers the way



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Tirami Su' presents its namesake. The wonderful flavors are enhanced by the fine presentation.

they would want to be served," said Danna.

On a recent Friday evening the establishment was abuzz with laughter, smiling faces and happy activity — a family celebrating an 84th birthday, couples chatting and friends conversing.

Pam O'Neil and her husband, Chip, have dined at the restaurant four or five times. They enjoy the atmosphere, the food and the attentive wait staff.

"We've made friends here," said O'Neil of Farmington Hills, who refers to the eatery as "our little joint."

O'Neil often works on the

east side and likes to take clients to the Tirami Su' in Shelby Township. She's excited that Danna has opened a restaurant "closer to home."

O'Neil, who is partial to seafood, has high praise for the calamari because it's lightly breaded and not greasy.

And, she said, the Linguine Pescatore (\$18.95) is the best Italian dish she's ever tasted. The linguine entrée is made with a combo of shrimp, calamari, scallops, clams and mussels, sautéed in a light red sauce that is flavored with white wine and a touch of spice. It's served over pasta or rice. The filet mignon ranks as Jinia Demers' favorite dinner item.

"I love the mushroom sauce that's served with the filet," said Demers of Farmington Hills, who recently celebrated a wedding anniversary at the eatery with her husband, Paul.

Everything we've ordered has been wonderful, Demers said, from the Penne Lobster, Paul's favorite, to the Tirami Su', the restaurant's signature dessert.

The Penne Lobster (\$24.95), the most popular item on the menu, is one of the house specialties. The dish contains morsels of lobster and a lobster tail in a tomato cream sauce.

Other dinner selections include Chicken Piccante (\$16.95) prepared with sautéed mushrooms and capers in a light white wine and butter sauce, Pollo Calabrese (\$16.95), a chicken breast sautéed with red peppers, black olives, capers, hot banana peppers and spinach, and several other chicken dishes.

Fish lovers can choose Salmone al Cartoccio (\$19.95), a salmon sautéed with artichokes, asparagus and capers in a light lemon sauce, Sautéed Perch (\$20.95), White Fish Siciliana (\$17.95), a lightly breaded filet, or, one of the shrimp entrees.

An assortment of veal and steak options is also available. Meat, chicken, veal and fish

#### TIRAMI SU'

Location: 30005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 932-9999 Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week

-Menu: A selection of northern and southern Italian dishes is served.-Lunch includes salads, soups, sandwiches, pasta, veal, chicken, fish and vegetarian choices. The dinner selection is more extensive with appetizers, soups, salads, pasta, chicken, fish, veal, steaks and dozens of house specialties. A kids' menu includes chicken strips, ravioli and French fries.

**Cost:** Lunch prices range from \$7.95 to \$9.95. Dinner entrees run from \$12.95 to \$26.95 with the exception of Surf and Turf for \$36.95. **Credit cards:** All major credit cards are accepted.

**Reservations:** Recommended, however, walk-ins are welcome. **Other locations:** 43080 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, (586) 263-5353; 5TI95 Schoenherr, Shelby Township, (586) 731-6161; 146 Centre St., Northville, (248) 735-0101

entrees are served with Italian bread, a side of pasta and soup or salad. Soup choices include Chicken Tortellini, Minestrone and a soup of the day.

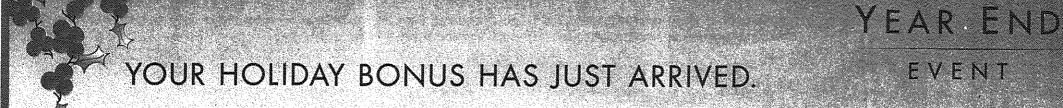
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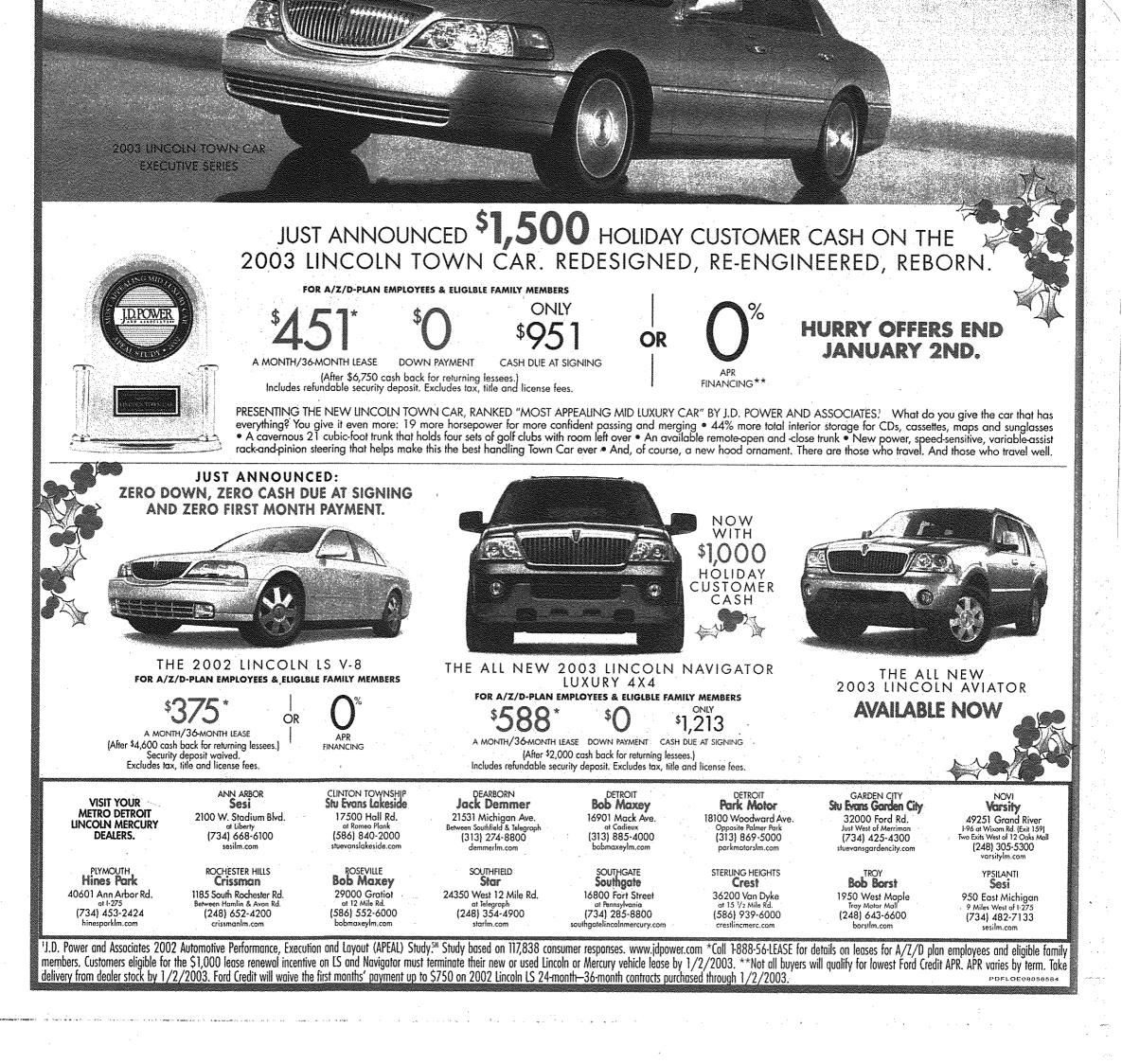
The Tirami Su', prepared daily in the restaurant's kitchen, is made with layers of ladyfingers that have been dipped in Kahlua, espresso and regular coffee. The delectable, light dessert is topped with whipped marscapone cheese and then sprinkled with cocoa powder. The Italian word tiramisu, explained Danna, means "lift me up or pull me up."

Chocolate mousse, spumoni, crème brulee and gelato, an Italian ice cream, are other dessert possibilities.

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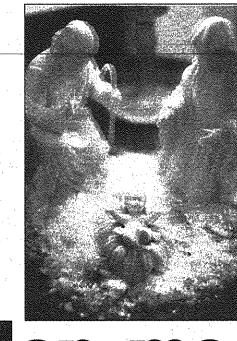
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The Michigan Humane Society offers the following tips to keep your pets safe during the busy holiday sea-SOD:

Holiday plants that can be harmful or toxic to your pets include mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, Japanese yew and Jerusalem cherry. So can the hulhs of the amaryllis plant

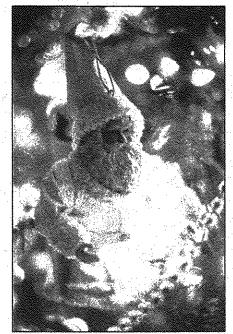


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## Man-made holiday His decorative visions make for a Christmas masterpiece

winkling lights: 1,300. Jewel-colored ornaments: 500. Hours of labor: 10. And that's just his, yes his, Christmas tree. William Barlage, a native of Livonia, takes charge of his and wife Jean's East English Village home come December. There, the Christmas tree, rather than macho holiday reticence, grounds the man of the house at year's end.



The tree is also the focal point of what might be best described as Masterpiece Christmas, a cozy rosecolored living room turned sumptuous elegant holiday retreat thanks to Barlage's disciplined orchestration of such elements as fresh greens, fake snow broken cry red beads, candlelight and china figurines.



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Couple gives clothes

and food to the

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Above, William and Jean Barlage sit between the fireplace and Christmas tree in their East English Village home. William, who grew up in Livonia and still decorates his parents' home there, used fresh greens, pepper berries and chandellers to decorate the mantle. The tree, which has 1,300 lights and 500 ornaments, takes 10 hours to trim. Top, every one of William Barlage's Christmas displays is created with love and precision. Barlage brings this grouping of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus to life with crystals and fake snow.

for a party because everything has next year in Novi. Barlage has no to look perfect," says Barlage's wife Jean. "He has this vision of how everything should look.'

formal design training. "I just sort of gather it together." And he does so from scratch; the Christmas decor in the Barlage home changes every year.

Contact your veterinarian if your pet is vomiting, lethargic or foaming at the mouth.

Keep pets away from holiday decorations and never leave pets unsupervised around the tree. Tinsel, ribbons and angel hair can cause intestinal blockages if -swallowed. Glass balls may be "fetched" off the tree and break.

Also, ingested pine needles can puncture your pet's intestines; vacuum around the tree frequently.

Preservatives, aspirin or sugar used to prolong a tree's life may harm your pet if the water is ingested. Aspirin is especially deadly for cats.

Make sure lights and electrical cords are out of reach. Besides the risk of electrocution, the whole tree may top-'ple over.

Keep pets away from ribbons and bows. Cats find them fascinating; however, they are a serious choking hazard.

Make sure pets are secure while you are entertaining. More guests mean more chances for your pet to slip out unnoticed; be sure your pet is wearing a collar and ID tag in case of escape.

Make sure pets aren't forgotten in all the activity, but provide them with a quiet retreat when the festivities get too stressful.

Resist giving your pets fatty foods like gravy and poultry skin, which can cause severe gastrointestinal upset. Likewise, don't give them

poultry or steak bones, which can splinter or lodge in the throat, stomach or intestinal tract.

Chocolate is poisonous to dogs and can even be fatal. depending on the animal's size and the amount and type of chocolate ingested. The safest rule of thumb is to keep all chocolate out of your dog's reach.

Among William Barlage's antique and vintage Christmas tree ornaments is a rosy-cheeked Saint Nick dressed in white.

Barlage's holiday decorating philosophy is demanding: Less is more, but it's Christmas, so the cheer must be visible everywhere.

"Wherever you sit, you need to see something, even if it's just beads in a vase," says Barlage, 43, turning to face a Waterford vase overflowing with tiny, scarlet beads.

"I like for each piece to stand out independently," he adds, his eyes focusing on the fireplace.

There, the mantle is laden with fresh greens, dotted with red pepper berries and lit with two tall lamps in perfect balance. Above is a matching wreath that Barlage, who works in the retail furnishing industry, made by hand.

Across the room, an army of red poinsettias picks up the pepper berries' hue. Nearby, an arrangement of sugared plum-colored berries rises out of a marble urn, echoing red, but also drawing in the living room's Ralph Lauren rose walls.

"Some days it's a little stressful, especially when we're getting ready

Though she retains final approval rights, Jean describes her role as "the little helper." the assistant who unwraps the ornaments and places them in the hands of the master decorator.

Bill placed every single ornament on the tree," she says. "Everything you see is Bill."

So engrossed is Barlage in holiday decorating, he frequently refers to completed projects as work "we," rather than "I," did.

He's talking about himself and that other voice, his creativity, he admits, adding, "That sounds sort of crazy."

By the way, Barlage decks the halls at both his parents' and sister's homes in Livonia, assists friends and neighbors with their holiday decorations and trims at least two Hagopian rugs retail stores every December. "And consultations there's a lot of them."

Currently, general manager of a Roche Bobois store slated to open

Off-season, he attends garage and estate sales in hopes of adding to his collection of tree ornaments, most of which are antique or vintage. "I'm awful. I'll go to an estate sale, and that's all I'll do hunt for ornaments."

Closer to Christmas, he and his wife "wander around," Jean says. "And he'll see something that he likes, and it all happens from there."

But Barlage's decorating amour has been in the making for a long time. As a child, he always helped with the Christmas decorations at home. "And then - I hate to use the term - I kind of took over."

His first job after high school: Christmas-trim stock boy at what was then Hudson's. "The next year, I was Christmas-trim manager." And the rest is holiday history.

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## Holiday collectibles take many forms

#### **BY BRENDA DOMINICK** STAFF WRITER

Canton residents Joe and Georgia Hartluck collect angels and Santa Clauses.

"It would probably have to do with my Polish heritage, with St. Nick and all that," Joe said. "I picked up things from around the world; we're travelers."

Joe's personal collection includes about 60 or 70 Santa Clauses. Georgia has 30 to 40 angels, which she displays on top of cupboards, window sills and china cabinets.

"I just like to decorate," Georgia said. "I have the Thomas Kincade, Seraphim Angels and Dreamsicle Santa Clauses."

The Hartlucks have three children and seven grandchildren and said they like to make sure they include the religious aspect of Christmas into their gathering. On Christmas Day, the children sing Happy Birthday to baby Jesus in the Nativity set.

"I guess it's just things we like," Georgia said. "It seems to make the holiday complete. Even though we go to Florida every winter, I still feel I have to put them up."

Every year their Christmas card is from a different part of the world they have visited, including China,

Greece and Italy.

"We take a picture from there and then make it into a Christmas card," Georgia said. "This year is from Japan. The photo is taken in Kyoto, where they had the Festival of Ages. It was taken with four different Japanese warriors wearing period costumes."

The couple took this trip in 2000.

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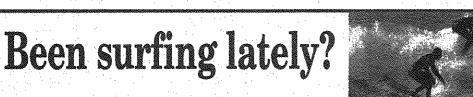
Joyce Weigel of Farmington collects vacation souvenirs and uses them as Christmas ornaments.

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Here are some of the bells collected by Deb Wasiloff. She has been collecting bells for 15 years and keeps them on display in a curio cabinet all year.

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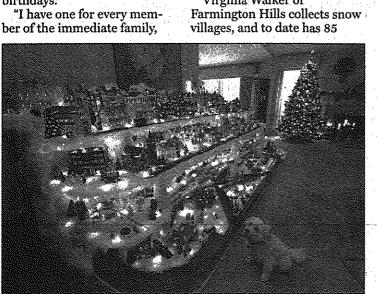
"Every time we go on a trip somewhere, I always try to get a souvenir," she said. "When we went to Branson, we got a boot ornament from there.

"This year, I won a trip to Niagara Falls from a local radio station. One of the attractions we took in was going under the falls. To do so, we had to wear yellow plastic rain parkas. In the gift shop after, we found a small Teddy bear wearing the same raincoat. He will be hanging on our tree this year.

"It's just a remembrance of our vacation spot."

Some memorabilia are to remember the past ("I have one that looks like a little Amish buggy") and some are from home sweet home ("We used to live in Wisconsin, so that one is special").

Weigel has other varieties of sentimental ornaments, including one for each anniversary and one for their birthdays.



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The huge Christmas village display reaches from the condo's foyer to the far. side of the living room. Louise Clark's dog CeCe stands guard.

#### HOME CALENDAR

**Visit from Santa** Santa Claus will visit the Kids Castle at Art Van Furniture, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, to greet children and pass out special treats. Parents may bring their cameras.

Kwanzaa celebration

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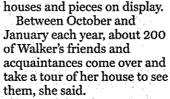
Linda Sutton holds one of her recently mounted puzzles as she stands next to her favorite, a Norman Rockwell Santa puzzle.

and a couple German ones," she said.

One of these German ornaments is white with red print that says Frohliche Weihnachten, which means Merry Christmas.

#### **SNOW VILLAGES**

Virginia Walker of



"I entertain a lot; a group from church, friends, the sports parties and people from my sing-a-longs, Walker said. Walker found out what

many collectors come to realize: items grow as time flies.

"I started in 1986, when I lived in another condo," Walker said. "When I moved here, it seemed to get bigger." She explained how it all

began. "I went away for a weekend with several friends to Frankenmuth, and I just liked the villages they had all over, and the snow village I saw," she said.

"Then I bought a three-piece village.

They all found a home at Walker's 1,800-square-foot residence. The five-level villages, connected in an L shape, run along her living room wall, into the dining room and over the staircase of the living room

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A moving angel figurine is the centerpiece among a variety of collectible Santas, angels and other Christmas ornamentation in the home of Joe and Georgia Hartluck of Canton.

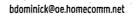
(about 15 by 25 feet dimension).

"It took six of us 4 1/2 hours to bring the boxes up from the basement, unload them and put them wherever we could put them," Walker said. "Then take the empty boxes back down, 'cause they each have their own boxes.

"I have a lot of (village) people and accessories."

In addition to Frankenmuth, Walker found these creations from Hallmark and The Plate Lady, and some were given as gifts from friends.

Other holiday token collectors include Linda Sutton of Plymouth, who collects Christmas puzzles and frames them on her wall, and Deb Wasiloff, who collects an elaborate variety of bells.





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Louise Clark designed and assembled the Christmas village for friend Virginia Walker.

### Stores add sophistication to wrapping

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

These days, everything is rushed, it seems. The fastpaced society has us rushing through U-Scan supermarket Tavormina said. "Today there's gift bags small enough for jewelry and large enough for a bicycle." (A customer requested the latter.)

Add tissue paper in a bold color to the inside of a pat-

presentation is as important as the gift itself."

Jeweled grapes, silk-screen ribbon and flower-infused handmade paper sold at stores like Festivities in Birmingham make it possible for gift givers

gift itself. At Festivities, bags are made of heavy fabric and touched with intricate beaded trims and jewels.

For an even more creative touch, Winkworth said the store's popular red and black handbags with faux fur have been used as gift bags also. Susan Sivak of Barbara's Paper Bag in Birmingham says classic holiday patterns like holly and stars remain popular in their individually sold paper sheets. Snowmen are good sellers too. We also sell a great deal of ribbon by the yard," Sivak said. Solid colors in organdy fabric. It's easy to tie and very beautiful. At Barbara's Paper Bag, the trend is about color coordination. Shoppers can buy individual sheets of tissue and wrapping paper and just the right amount of ribbon to make a perfect package. At Festivities, employees will help shoppers choose the paper and accessories and then will wrap the gifts for them, if needed. At Misty's, some people still want simplicity. "I have one customer who still wraps his grandchildren's gifts the old-fashioned way ... with the Sunday funnies," Tavormina said. "And he comes here for the cards and bows.'

The Storytellers will visit with guests to share stories about African-American heritage and the celebration of Kwanzaa 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia.

They will also demonstrate ethnic musical instruments. This enthusiastic duo performs lively presentations and encourages the participation of the children attending.

#### **How-to clinics**

Area Home Depot stores offer free how-to clinics for do-it-yourselfers every week. The clinics last about 30 Painting, 7 p.m. Tuesdays; How to Install Ceiling Tile, 7 p.m. Thursdays; How to Install Pergo, 11 a.m. Saturdays: How to Install an Interior Door, 10 a.m. Sundays; and How to Install Ceramic Tile, 11 a.m. Sundays.

Kempf House Museum Kempf House, 312 S. Division in Ann Arbor, is decorated in a traditional German Christmas theme during December. The Greek Revival house was built in 1853.

Admission to the house is \$1, free for under age 12. For more information, call (734) 994-4898.

lines, sending e-cards instead of sending cards through regular mail, and even rushing through the process of wrapping gifts.

We simply don't have the time or patience, it seems, to make our own bows by hand and wrap seamless gifts. However, Pete Tavormina of Misty's Cards and Gifts in Garden City says that doesn't mean the wrapped gift cannot be beautiful.

Just choose an elegant gift bag. Currently they reign in popularity over all other wrappings.

"Eight years ago, that would have been unheard of."

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terned bag, put in the gift, and customers are ready to go, he said. People today are more pressed for time, especially when buying gifts for co-work-

ers. Gift bags are elegant, can be reused and are convenient, but that doesn't mean we've completely lost the slow, warm holiday spirit.

"For more personal gifts, people still like to wrap," Tavormina said. "But even there, ribbons aren't as popular as before ... maybe just a premade bow on top.'

Specialty gift wrap stores in the area have given a stronger meaning to the saying, "The

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to personalize every present for every occasion.

Right now, the trend is all about accessories.

"Gift attachments added to the package at the ribbon are very hot," said Mary Beth Winkworth, Festivities owner. "Floral bunches with beaded fruit, silver snowflake charms and hand-dyed ribbon are very popular."

Festivities specializes in high end, designer gift wrapping. In demand right now is paper created by designer Roger LaBorde and illustrated by Laura Stoddard. The papers have images of very tall, thin figures that may be gardening, cooking or getting married.

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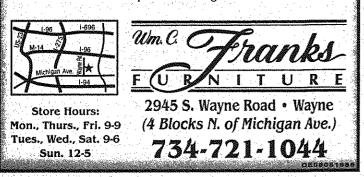
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## Jewel-toned flowers sparkle for holiday

f you haven't decorated your home for the holidays, you might want to join a number of people who are using bright flowers in deep shades instead of the traditional ones.

The coming year will see jewel tones used in home decor, so why not get ahead of the game and choose flowers in

those colors?

This is also a good

way to introduce a

new palette of color,

For instance, royal

purple, cerise (bright



in a small way so that you can see the way they work in your surroundings before you bring in a more permanent new color.

Marty Figley

#### red with a pinkish tinge) and red jewel tones are strong. Perhaps you have noticed them in ornaments, beads and vases that are now offered in

stores Ruby red, deep purple and strong pink are contenders. Any of these colors are wonderful used with silver or gold bowls filled with a jewel-tone flower, and plum blooms and glass balls will complement such an arrangement.

Try a mixture of purple or cobalt blue with chartreuse for a different look.

Candles reflect the glow of ornaments and flowers and add a quiet glow to a room. Set in front of, or on, a mirror, the effect is stunning.

Take a trip to your favorite florist (or try a new one), and let your imagination wander. Here you can see just what they have to offer, because they keep up with trends. This is also a good way to get ideas for your own home.

Look for deeper shades of red for this year's theme. But remember, pink and white will add another dimension when combined with the jewel tones. Here are some plants you may wish to use

#### POINSETTIA

When buying poinsettias, choose a plant with tightly clustered, small central flowers with crisp, bright foliage. Green foliage down to the sod line indicates the plant has active, healthy roots.

Water thoroughly only when the surface soil is dry to the touch. Let the water run into the saucer and discard the excess. A window with six hours of light is a perfect place to help retain the color.

#### **CHRISTMAS CACTUS**

The Christmas cactus is another plant with regal-toned flowers. When the tubular blooms appear, the foliage takes a background role.

The stunning flowers run the gamut of colors, from delicate salmon

to white with a faint whisper of apple blossom pink, shocking magenta and suave, deep red. The bright green stems of the Christmas cactus are arching and drooping, spineless, but scalloped. A cache pot the color of the bloom will give it more oomph.

Keep the rich, porous soil moist, but not soggy; fertilize weekly when the plants are growing with an allpurpose product. They like a cool, bright window.

To keep the Christmas cactus blooming successfully year after year, it needs specific resting and growing periods during the year. Ask your nurseryman, or check out a good houseplant book.

#### AMARYLLIS

One single pot of amaryllis used as a focal point, or a whole group of these popular flowers, makes a spectacular show.

Pink, white, large red blooms striped with white, and gorgeous bright red are colors from which to choose. Surround the red ones with white bulbs or candles or use gold accents for an updated look.

If you choose to give an amaryllis for a gift, please include a care tag with it. If the bulb needs to be potted, here's how:

Pot each single bulb into containers 1 inch larger than the diameter of the bulb, with no more than a third of the bulb below the soil line. The planting



White flowers (roses here) and mirrors reflect light and add sparkle.

medium should be moist, well drained and rich in organic matter.

When the bulb is in place, press the soil firmly to get rid of air pockets. Water thoroughly at this time. Then water sparingly until the bulb appears to be in active growth, such as green showing, then increase the watering schedule.

These beauties need as much sun as ossible, and fertilization on a regular basis.

After flowering, the foliage will reach its mature size and stay that way until fall. Remove the bloom stalk to allow the bulb to store energy so they will bloom again the following year.

#### ROSEMARY

This year I am seeing rosemary trained in a pyramidal shape.

Although they are beautiful and a rich green, I shudder to guess just how many will last more than a month or so.

Rosemary needs specific care when grown as a houseplant because it is very fussy.

Too much water will cause leaf tips to brown or entire leaves to dry and drop.

Yellowing leaves indicate a lack of fertilizer or that the plant is potbound and needs repotting.

Fertilize potted rosemary plants every three weeks with a complete fertilizer formula such as a 20-10-20. and good luck!

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

## **Upper Michigan wreath making strong**

Nestled in the North Country, the art of handcrafting holiday wreaths is booming.

Whether you are in Marquette or a quaint, out-ofthe-way resort area like DeTour Village, you'll find the cottage industry of wreathmaking bustling with activity at this time of year.

Upper Michigan is ideally suited for the seasonal wreathmaking business, says Michael Soczek of The Up North Co. in DeTour Village, a mail-order marketer of holiday wreaths.

With its vast evergreen plantations and forests, the natural Empire. Originally, wreaths (or "diadems," as they were called back then) took the form of fabric headbands that were sometimes adorned with jewels.

Beginning in 776 B.C., wreaths of laurel leaves were used to crown victors of the Olympic Games.

Today, wreaths are a universal sign of hospitality. They are commonly used to dress up interior and exterior doors. They can also accent walls. door frames and arches.

Balsam fir is the traditional wreath-making bough used across the north woods, Soczek said. Its abundance and flexi-

Balsam boughs are trimmed from managed forests and cultured tree plantations.

Trimming the boughs can improve the tree's health by making it more resistant to diseases and environmental stress. Other popular boughs are

white cedar and white pine. Wreath making is more art than science. After the boughs are harvested, they are generally brought indoors and trimmed to size. Once the boughs are sized properly and matched with boughs similar in color and density, they are ready to be made into a wreath.

bracket against the boughs.

boughs. The wreath is then generally accented with a red velvet bow and pine cones.

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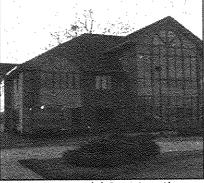
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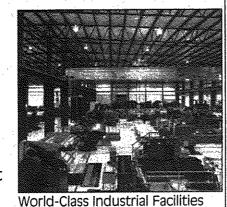
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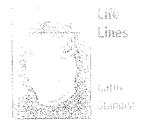


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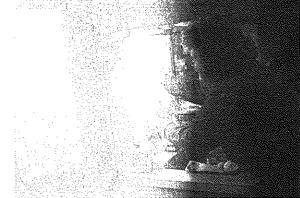
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### HOUSE

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and a can of tomato soup. In 1983, Carl prayed for guidance in what he and his wife should do to help spread God's word. Seven years later, Audrey said she was reading the Bible when she was struck by a passage calling for God's people to share their good fortunes.

She took a can of soup and went to a Detroit housing project that has since closed.

"There was a man by the road looking down on the ground," she explained. "I drove around and when I came back he was still there."

Describing her fear, Audrey stopped the man and said: "Sir, I have a soup can and I'm giving it in the name of Jesus."

The man was overwhelmed and told Audrey he was thinking about returning to the ministry and was hoping for a sign. Together they prayed in thanksgiving for the blessing each believed they had been given. "From then on we began hav-

#### DONORS

#### **FROM PAGE C4**

organizations have met or failed to meet, to give donors an idea which groups are using their donations in the best ways.

"It's a comprehensive evaluation looking at numbers, fundraising practices and accuracy of appeals," said Bennett Weiner, chief operating officer of BBB Wise Giving Alliance. "Our standards are in-depth evaluations and not just a surface check of numbers."

The Alliance is a merger of the National Charities Information Bureau and the **Council of Better Business** Bureau's Foundation and it's Philanthropic Advisory Service.

Surprisingly, some relatively obscure charities, like the American Leprosy Foundation/Leonard Wood Memorial, met the standards and other, revered organizations, such as the American Red Cross, failed. BBB Wise Giving Alliance concerns were based on

ing this vision to go out and help people," Audrey said. They didn't think they'd do it for long, but more than a decade later Audrey and Carl have passed out load after load of food, literally tons of clothing, blankets, household furniture and countless other new and used items that have been donated.

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Sometimes Carl travels the alleys looking for people eating out of Dumpsters and offers them a fresh meal.

"These people aren't trash," Audrey said. "I think sometimes, we startle them. Sometimes we leave crying and thinking, 'Why can't we do. more?"

#### **JA-NOAH HOUSE**

Their project, a non-profitorganization they call Ja-Noah House after a city in the Old Testament, has taken over their lives. Their house, motor home and two pick-up trucks are filled with things others have given them to give away.

"We need a building," Audrey



LOCAL NEWS

Carl and Audrey Mattson inside their mobile home passing out smiles, food and warm clothing to Cass Corridor residents.

said. "At Christmas time we give turkeys without asking for one. 200 to 250 kids nice gifts in pillow cases filled with new and used items. I save things from all year long."

Last year from Thanksgiving to Christmas they collected 37

Earlier that Wednesday, the Mattsons picked up turkeys and potatoes from a man named Keith who gives them the same generous donation every year. "We don't advertise," Audrey

said, explaining that an occasional story will generate calls from donors who clip the articles and sometimes call years later asking if they're still collecting goods for the poor.

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"We're Christians and we're not just saying it by name," Audrey said. "We live this. We live a life where we want to please the Lord."

In return, they've received immeasurable joy. They tell stories about the many people they've helped and how happy that makes them feel.

Carl, a soft-spoken man, tells about a man named James, who was drunk when he approached them years ago. They prayed with him and asked why he was drinking. James explained that he was tortured by the memory of watching his mother being killed.

Carl asked James if he knew Jesus Christ and told him he needed to forgive the man who murdered his mother. Moments later, the people who had gathered were amazed that James suddenly had a beautiful

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smile and had immediately sobered up. It wasn't long after, Carl said,

that a woman came running up to their mobile home. She wanted to tell them James remained sober, read the Bible regularly and had recently died.

Audrey and Carl have lots of similar stories and they seemed buoyed by remembering the impact they've made.

They referred to some of the people receiving gifts that Wednesday by their first names. Others, they're just getting to know. Some hold onto, their anonymity and the Mattsons will never know them by name.

"We're not perfect — if you want to, see our faults," Audrey said. "We're thankful to do a little part to touch someone's life. We're nothing, though. There's bigger stories to write about."

Another man was at the window. Audrey gave him a bag of food and clothes, but he seemed too shy to ask for any-

thing specific. "I appreciate it," he said.

"I appreciate anything."

#### **FROM PAGE C4**

me and froze me with one statement. "Get rid of the cat! The cat's gotta go."

I nodded and went back to my day, but I had this feeling he wasn't nearly as serious as he sounded.

Later on that evening, after I had filled the bowl with food and replenished the water in the basement, it all changed. As I gathered up the toys and books and games that Santa had brought to our good little boys, I found a letter in the toe of the Christmas stocking belonging to our son. In a child's scrawl, it read:

Dear Santa:

- Thank U for our Kitty.
- Your friends
- Justin and Andrew

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the Plymouth Observer. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate19

#### reviewed at least every two years, Weiner said.

"We are objective evaluators includes a list of criteria that the of the national charities that we review and we don't lean anymore toward an organization because it's well-established," he added. "If we find concerns, we will report them."

#### **TOUGH TIME FOR CHARITIES**

This is an especially tough time for charities that have felt a double whammy from their own involvement in the declining stock market and by donors who are lowering their donations, because they also lost money from failed investments. Another resource, Giving Philanthropy for Everyone, might help some people decide whether to make donations and which organizations to choose. It was co-written by Troy resident Russell K. Jalbert, whose business, Quadrant Financial Group Inc. in Southfield, provides private investment advice.

The book explains not only why people donate to charities, but also offers tips on how you can make money by giving it away, "Many of my clients, while we

were building their wealth, were seeing it dissipate as it passed from generation to generation," Jalbert said.

He began teaching his clients how to donate their money to organizations while maintaining the same amount of inheritance for their children. The only difference is that the amount of taxes would be lowered.

"Charitable giving is not just giving money away," he said. "It is a tool that can benefit yourself, your family and your community. I have found in working with hundreds and hundreds of people that they have never been given information from advisers about how charitable planning can be integrated into their income tax planning and their estate planning."

For example, estates in excess of \$1 million are taxed at 45 percent. You can eliminate that tax by donating to qualified charities.

You can also sidestep the capital gains tax when selling property. For instance, a \$100,00 nece or tnat inc

the \$400,000 increase. Now the net gain is \$420,000. However, setting up a charitable trust would allow you to keep earning on the \$500,000.

"Given the choice between a tax and a gift, which would you choose?" Jalbert said. "The public often doesn't know what choices they have. Most people think of charity as a hand coming into their pocket. The money goes out and the money never returns. It doesn't have to be that way."

#### **FAMILY FOUNDATIONS**

Another method of making money while giving it away is to set up private family foundations, like the one Jalbert designed for himself, the Russell Jalbert Family Foundation.

"At my death, my assets in excess of \$1 million will pass to my foundation and thereby eliminate taxation," he explained. "And my children are the trustees of my foundation so, they will control the management of those assets and the

community have the money rather than Washington D.C. I call it a triple win. I win. My family wins and my community wins. That's much different than someone going into my pocket and taking the money out. I call it philanthropic leverage." Jalbert estimates that since 1995 he has helped to raise about \$125 million by current and deferred gifts for public and private foundations. "That puts me, by the way, a little behind Paul Newman," he

said, pausing and laughing. "But, I hear his Italian salad dressing is doing well. If I help people understand philanthropy and they execute various concepts, I've done more than just make a living. I've touched my community."

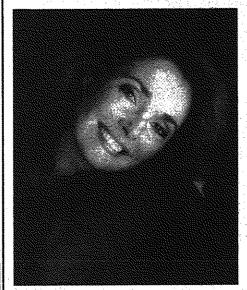
Charities that would like a free copy of Giving, Philanthropy for Everyone, should call (800) 552-5151, Ext. 104.

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review of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks appeals conducted by the American Red Cross. Evaluations for the guide are

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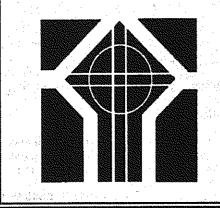
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#### **COMMUNITY LIFE**

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### Dance held for academy cadets

The 28th Michigan All-Academy Holiday Ball will be held Saturday, Dec. 28, at the Double Tree Hotel of Novi.

Held annually in metropolitan Detroit between Christmas and New Year's Day, the dinner-dance is designed to honor and entertain cadets and midshipmen from Michigan who attend the five U.S. service academies:

🖬 U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. U.S. Coast Guard

Academy, New London, Conn. 🔳 U.S. Merchant Marine

Academy, Kings Point, N.Y. This year's dinner speaker will be Cadet 1st Class Ricardo Turner of the U.S. Military Academy. In August, he was selected as the 144th Brigade Commander, or First Captain, of the Corps of Cadets for the 2002-03 academic year, the highest position in the cadet chain of command. He is the second African-American First Captain in the history of the

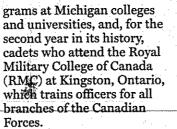
Academy and the first Michiganian since 1965. Cadet Turner grew up in

Detroit, where he attended Renaissance High School. After graduation in 1998, he joined the U.S. Army Reserve as an infantryman. During basic training, he was accepted into the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School and entered the Academy itself in 1999. He expects to graduate in June with a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

"Our cadets and midshipmen are tomorrow's military leaders," said Linda Bailey, of Berkley, chair of the Holiday Ball Planning Committee, whose son, Robert, is a fourthyear cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The ball gives us an opportunity to recognize their service to their country, and to provide them a rare opportunity to get together socially with cadets and midshipmen from the other academies."

The ball will also honor students who attend Army, Navy, and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) pro-



"We invited the RMC cadets for the first time last year as a show of solidarity in the War on Terrorism," Bailey said. "They were so well received and seemed to have such a good time - that we decided to invite them again this year. We hope it becomes a tradition."

The ball is a formal event, with cadets and midshipmen wearing their dress uniforms. They will be recognized individually during dinner and pose for a traditional group photograph before the dance.

Other expected guests include family and friends of the cadets and midshipmen, alumni of the academies, other active-duty and retired members of the Armed Forces, and members of Michigan's congressional delegation, which nominated the majority of the. cadets and midshipmen for their appointments to the service academies.

The evening will begin with a reception and social hour at

5:30 p.m. in the Hotel Atrium, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing in the Oaks Ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel, located at Novi Road and I-96.

The ball is sponsored by: U.S. Air Force Academy Parents Club of Eastern Michigan; U.S. **Air Force Academy Parents** Club of Western Michigan; West Point Parents Club of Michigan; Naval Academy Parents Club; Coast Guard Academy Parents Club.

**Representatives of these** clubs comprise the committee that plans the ball.

For further information, contact Col. John C. Diller, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), by phone at (248) 540-4382 or email at jdiller107176MI@comcast.net.





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#### **Cookie time**

Left, Girl Scouts Tiffany Browne of Redford (clockwise from front), Amy Witkowski of Livonia, Lindsey Williams of Garden City and Laura Marshall of Livonia are ready for the annual Girl Scout cook sale which runs Dec. 19 to Jan. 19 for order-taking and Feb. 8 to March 2 for booth sales. Above, Girl Scouts Jessica Brown, Taylor Brown and Samantha Kull, all Westland residents and members of Troop 602, Huron Valley Council, display two boxes of the most popular cookies: Thin Mints and Peanut Butter Patties. To order your Girl Scout cookies, call toll-free (800) 326-0309.

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La Vida, the Southwest **Detroit Partnership to Prevent Intimate Violence Against** Latina Women, has been awarded a grant of \$431,000 following approval by The Skillman Foundation's board of trustees at their annual meeting late last month.

The Board approved 29 grants totaling \$6,292,000 to benefit a variety of organizations in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

One of the key grants was made to Third Judicial Circuit Court in Detroit to assist noncustodial parents with child visitations.

"Our focus on children includes helping parents in every way possible and this

include the La Vida and District Court programs," said Kari Schlachtenhaufen, president and CEO of The Skillman Foundation

La Vida project manager, Delores Gonzalez-Ramirez says, "Through the funding from The Skillman Foundation, we are able to help improve the quality of life for our constituents.

La Vida provides programs to assist the entire family and, to date, we have been able to assist over 600 women and their families."

The La Vida mission is to ensure the availability, accessibility and utilization of a range of locally relevant, culturally competent domestic violence

prevention and support services for Southwest Detroit Latino Families.

Some of the other grants awarded include:

Children's Hospital of Michigan, \$150,000 for support and implementation of a parent education and family support component of the pediatric mobile team

The Guidance Center, \$300,000 for the Wayne County Child Advocacy Program

Lighthouse of Oakland County, \$250,000 for highquality pre-school program for low income and at-risk children

Volunteers in Prevention, Probation and Prisons, Inc., \$193.000 to help expand the

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number of youth served by the VIP Mentoring program For a full listing of all grants

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Founded in 1960, The Skillman Foundation is a resource for improving the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit.

The Foundation applies its resources to foster positive relationships between children and adults, support high quality learning opportunities and strengthen healthy, safe and supportive homes and communities.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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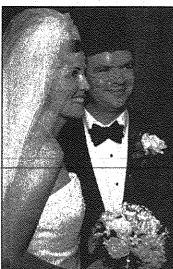
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#### Cahill-McLachlan

Ronald and Maureen McLachlan of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Melissa McLachlan of Troy to Brendan Cahill of Royal Oak.

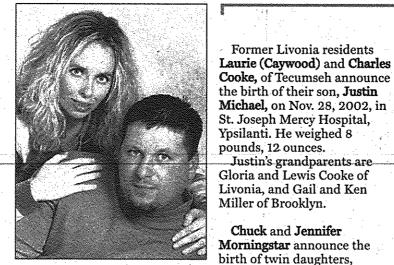
Melissa is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. She is employed as an account director at Doner Advertising in Southfield.

Brendan is the son of Daniel and Kathleen Cahill of Beverly Hills. He is a graduate of Birmingham Brother Rice High School,

the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan Law School. He is a corporate lawyer with Dykema Gossett in Bloomfield Hills.

Attending the bride were her sister, Laurie McLachlan, as maid of honor, and bridesmaids, Melanie McLachlan (sisterin-law), Katherine Cahill (sister of the groom), Denise Bryant, Christy Dixon, Melanie Heiber and Kathy Hein. Attending the groom was his brother, Daniel Cahill, as best man and groomsmen, Michael Cahill (brother), Joseph Cross, Edson Gallaudet, Gregory Ingrassia, Kevin Lennon and Jonathan Nahrgang. Ushers were Matthew McLachlan, Michael McLachlan and Joseph McLachlan (brothers of the bride).

The couple were married Aug. 24, 2002, at the Academy of Sacred Heart Chapel in Bloomfield Hills with the Rev. Michael Heppen celebrating Mass. A reception was at the Heathers Club in Bloomfield Hills. Melissa and Brendan spent their honeymoon in Italy and are making their new home in Royal Oak.



Amburgey-Bona

Mrs. Theresa Myles of Dearborn Heights announces the engagement of her daughter, Dallas Rebecca Amburgey, of Garden City to Michael John Bona of Whitmore Lake.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Darrell Amburgey. She is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College School of Nursing. She is employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor and Garden City Hospital.

Her fiance, Michael, is the son of Dino and Barbara Bona. He is employed as an electrician for Dino's Electric.

The couple are planning to wed February 2004.

Welcoming Sierra home are Dakota, 3-1/2, and Sharden, 23 months.

Her grandparents are Arlene Clark of Livonia, James Clark of Detroit and Jerry Greener of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Olga Clark of Westland and Helen Greener of Livonia.

Todd and Michelle Nabozny of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Marie, on Aug. 30, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 21 inches long. Alexis joins big brother,

Trevor, 2-1/2. Her grandparents are Patrick and JoAnn

#### **NEW VOICES**

Noll of Garden City, and of Garden City.

Nathaniel and Kimberly Fields of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Lee, on Oct. 9, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. Sheweighed 6 pounds, and was 18 inches long. Her grandparents are Ronald and Diane Carson of Livonia, Ronald Fields of Ashland, Ky. and Robin Morris of Ravenna, Ohio.

Chris and Kim Peters of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Loren Michael, on Oct. 10, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Loren joins big sisters, Cindy, 10, Christina "C.J.", 8, and Lily, 23 months.

Her grandparents are Tom and Carol Cinderich of Westland, and Edward and Peggy Peters of East Tawas.

Kevin and Tiffani Sheridan of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Michael Jordan, on Oct. 12, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19-3/4 inches long.

Michael joins big brother, Collin, 3. His grandparents are Robert Roberts of Southgate, Donna West of Taylor, and David and Nancy Sheridan of Dearborn Heights.

Christopher McCaffrey and Evea Arnold of Westland announce the birth of their son, Christopher James McCaffrey, on Oct. 13, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Lisa Luke

of Livonia and Barb Lahti of Detroit.

#### Garry Dickey and Ruth Shaw Daniel and Katherine Nabozny of Westland announce the birth of their son, Ethan William Dickey, on Oct. 22, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces, and was 18-1/2 inches long. Amanda, 13, Joe, 9, and Ayrel, 5, welcome Ethan home.

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His grandparents are William and Marlene Dickey of Westland.

Dave and Peggy Binkiewicz of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Kate, on Oct. 31, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Emma joins big sister, Hannan, 28 months.

Grandparents are Robert and Cathy Burns of Westland, Shelia Binkiewicz of Wayne, and **Robert Binkiewicz and Debbie** White of Livonia.

John Irwin and Christine Lane of Inkster announce the birth of their son, Daytona John Irwin, on Nov. 8, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds 8 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Welcoming Daytona home were Tina, 18, Casey 17, Sarah, 13, Abbey, 11, Ashley, 8, Chase, 5, and Dakota, 3.

His grandparents are Irene and Gary Lane of Westland, John Irwin of Southfield and Nellie Dros of Inkster.

Glen Kirk and Heather Tank of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Brandon Lee Kirk, on Nov. 9, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces, and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Brandon joins big brothers, Austin, 10, Čraig, 9, and David, 7. Grandparents are Linda Craddick of Tennessee, and Craig and Randa Kirk of Outer Banks, N.C.

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Cassar

Al and Rose (nee Borg) Cassar of Dearborn Heights recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a party hosted by their children at Amantea Restaurant. Guests included family

and friends. Al and Rose were married Jan. 14, 1943, at Holy Trinity Church in Corktown while the groom was serving in the Air Force. The couple have three children and several grandchildren.





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The old saying that "people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" is a picturesque way of saying that people shouldn't judge others for sins which they themselves are guilty of. This is the proverbial "pot calling the kettle black." It reminds us of Jesus' advice to take the log out of your own eye before trying to remove the speck from your brother's eye (Matthew 7:4). We often seem to have a blind spot for our own sins, though we usually are quite aware of these same sins in our neighbors. Again and again, Jesus tells us to "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). Perhaps one of the most memorable examples of

this in the Bible, is when a crowd brings to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put Jesus on the spot by saying that *"in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?"* (John 8:5). Jesus' response is simple and beautifully compassionate: *"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her"* (John 8:7). One by one, they went away, leaving no one to condemn her. Ultimate judgment is reserved for God alone, and while God was here on earth in the form of Jesus, He reserved his harshest wisdom for those who were hypocritically judgmental.

For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give with be the measure you get. R.S.V. Matthew 7:2

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#### **EVENTS**

Hayride The Presbytery of Detroit offers "Spirit of Christmas" at the Howell Nature Center 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19. Event includes "Wild Wonders" tour all aglow, living Nativity scene, havrides. hot cocoa and cookies. Tickets at the gate. Center is at 105 Triangle Lake Road, one mile south of Coon Lake Road, five miles south of Howell. Contact the center at (517) 546-0249 or Garden City Presbyterian Church at (734) 421-7620.

#### Hour of praver

St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, presents the last in a series of Advent Hours of Prayerful Reflection 7:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflective readings and music, reflective silence and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Call (734) 425-5950.

#### Birthday party

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia will hold a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party for children 11 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 22, after the 10 a.m. service. Cake, crafts, Christmas carols, fun and fellowship. Call (734) 422-6038. Pasties!

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will take orders for their homemade pasties 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Jan. 7, and Wednesday, Jan. 8. Pick-up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17. Call-in orders only. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored. Order early. Call (734) 422-0149.

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

#### Christmas Eve

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City, will hold Christmas Eve services Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. and a candlelight service at 11 p.m. Call (734) 427-3660. **Christmas Eve** 

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford, will hold a "Festive Carol Eucharist" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24. Come celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. Call (313) 537-3778.

#### Christmas Eve

MorningStar Church, 28463 Pardo, Garden City, will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24. Call (734) 367-3029. **Christmas Eve** 

#### Concerts

The Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, will present "When Love Came Down" 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 and Sunday, Dec. 22, by the adult choir. Concert interpreted for the hearing impaired. Call (734) 421-0472.

#### Live Nativity

St. Robert Bellarmine: 27101 West Chicago, Redford, will stage its second annual outdoor "Live Nativity" 5-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, featuring the eighthgraders, along with sheep, goats and assorted animals. Christmas carols and refreshments. Call Roxanne Hundsrucker at (734) 564-1366.

Christmas play Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will present a Christmas cantata 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. The church is at 8828 Wormer in Redford. Call (313) 537-7480. **Moravian Lovefeast** 

Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 9000 Woodward, Detroit (New Center), will conduct an "Old Moravian Christmas Lovefeast" 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. The Lovefeast derives from a 14th century Moravian custom in Germany. It tells the Christmas story through scripture, carols, and anthems. Public welcomed to this spectacular

service. Supervised, free parking available. Childcare available for pre-school children by phone reservation at (313) 875-7407. Concerts

**RELIGION CALENDAR** 

The First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood (between Wayne and Newburgh), Wayne, will present "The Light has Come" 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Presented by the Concert Choir. Children's Choir and various soloists. Organizers promise the best Christmas music from 20 years of concerts. Call the church at (734) 721-7410, Martin Whitehead at (734) 326-4342, or Jay-Young at (734) 523-9288.

Concert The "Praisemakers" Choir (ages 4-5) of Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will present the true Christmas story at their program "A Christmas Pageant" 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Come celebrate the season with our little ones. Call (734) 464-6722.

#### ONGOING

**Contemporary Worship** Contemporary worship services are held the third Sunday of every month at

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 13090 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Services

begin at 7 p.m. with an informal dinner at 6 p.m. Praise music, drama and scripture come together to create an inspirational and informal evening. Call (734) 422-6038.

Want to worship? St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia invites all those looking for a house of worship to attend Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The church is located at 27475 Five Mile Road (at Inkster). No obligation to join; no charge for grace received. Call (734) 422-1470.

Addiction support Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, offers a 12step support group for people recovering from or struggling with addictions through its A Safe Place ministry. The group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (734) 421-0472. Family members welcome.

#### Addiction support

Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark Road, Livonia, is hosting a "Reformers Unanimous" addictions program 7-9 p.m. Fridays. The program is open to all adults who struggle with an addiction or "stubborn habit." For more information, call (734) 261-6180. Calling young adults

Are you a 20-something looking for worship that speaks your language? "707." an interactive and multi-media praise and worship experience at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia, may be for you. Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road. Call (734) 427-2290. **Catholic Basics** 

St. Hillary Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford, hosts a series of classes to learn about the Catholic Church 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process in which candidates come and see, to discover what it means to be Catholic. For details, contact Sister Marie Miller, pastoral minister, at (313) 533-1560.

Widow/Widower

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, offers "The Next Chapter," a social club group for widows and widowers, 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month followed by entertainment and refreshments. Non-church members welcome. Call Jackie at (734) 981-7247 or Dee at (734) 453-0829. The church also offers grief counseling to anyone of any faith who has lost a love one. Those sessions meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. of every

month. Again, call Jackie. Women's Bible study Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, offers a "Bible Study for Women" series on Tuesday mornings and evenings. For information on courses, times, workbooks and costs, call (734) 455-0022. Register by e-mail: cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com. Childcare available on Tuesday mornings for children birth through kinderoarten.

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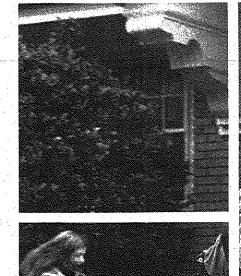
#### Widow/widower support

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m., at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at children, age 4-11, (248) 348-0115. Fibromyalgia

"Fibro-Friends & More," a support group for sufferers of fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, meets 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. Call Tina at (734) 495-0226 or Lucy at (734) 953-8576,

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Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, will hold a Candlelight Service 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Call (734) 721-9040.

#### **Christmas Eve**

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford Township, will hold a candielight service 7:30 p.m. The Chancel Choir, Cantus Choir, Handbell Choir, plano, guitar and organ will celebrate the Christ's birth with resounding joy beginning 6:30 p.m. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### Christmas services

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farminoton Road (between Joy and W. Chicago), Livonia, will hold Christmas Eve worship at the following times: 5:30 p.m., Children's Service; 7:30 p.m., Family Candlelight Service of Holy Communion; 11 p.m., Traditional Candlelight Service of Holy Communion. On Sunday, Dec. 29, services will be at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 31, a New Year's Eve Service of Holy Communion will be at 5:30 p.m. Call the Rev. Peggy A. Rose at (734) 421-0749. **Christmas Eve** 

Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, will hold **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 8** p.m. and 10 p.m. (Holy Communion served). Nursery care provided at 8 p.m. service. Call (734) 421-7620.

#### **Christmas Eve**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland, invites the public to celebrate Christ's birth on Christmas Eve at the following times: 5 p.m., Children's Service; 7:30 p.m., Lessons and Carols From Many Lands (the most festive service; and 11 p.m., a quiet candlelight service. Contact the Rev. Cynthia Stengel at (734) 722-1735. Christmas Eve

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard Road (at W. Chicago), Livonia, will hold two Christmas Eve services: A Family Service at 5 p.m. preceded by a children's concert at 4:40 p.m. and a Candlelight Communion Service at 10 p.m. Both services include musical drama. Call (248) 349-2065. Christmas Eve

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, will conduct a candlelight service at 11 p.m. Traditional choir, handbell choir, brass ensemble and various instrumentalists. Join us in singing Silent Night as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Call (734) 522-6830.

#### Christmas Eve

Memorial Church of Christ. 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will hold its Christmas Eve service 6:30 p.m. with singing, reflection and fellowship. Call (734) 464-6722.

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DO YOU QUALIFY? White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25970

LET STAY 2GETHER .... For ever. Single white male, 45, honest, faithful, trustworthy, caring, loving, up front, smoker, social drinker, 6', 165 lbs, look-ing for a white female, 35-50, on the slim side, 100-140 lbs, who has the same qualities as I do. Looking for a very senous relationship, no head games. Oakland County. BOX 26014

IS THIS YOUR NAME? Divorced white male, early 50s, dark hair, blue eyes, 6', looking Carol, Charlotte, Chris, Debble, Diane, Denise, Donna, Joy, Karen, Kathy, Linda, Lori. Nancy, Pat, Sally, Sandy, and Sue, I'd like to meet you. Ages

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45 yr old, single white male, 6'4", hazel eyes, brown hair. Loves going to church, reading, taking walks. Looking for a virtuous woman, must be Born Again Christian and spirit filled. BOX 26653

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28 yr old, professional white male, 6', 185 lbs, strawberry blonde hair, blue eves, verv outgoing. Enjoys meeting

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GEM SEEKS TREASURER Divorced, while professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes. dimples, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking divorced, white male, 59 to 65 attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor, BOX 31913

GET IN TOUCH 31 yr old female, 5'7\*, 136 lbs. Looking for someone to have some fun and adventures with. BOX 21120

#### QUALITY GAL

50 vr old, divorced female, 5'5". a lew extra pounds, long blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, playing cards, darts, tishing, boating, camping, movies, music, good conversa-tion, her hot tub. Seeks responsible, family oriented male, 45 to 60, good sense of humor. BOX 14762

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**BUBBLY & CLASSY** elligent, lit, 5'6", brown eyed blonde, passionate about life and laughing, enjoys golf, bik-ing, theater, boating and great conversations, interested in meeting tall. 50 to 58, financially/emotionally stable true gen-tleman with similar interests. Oakland county BOX 27010

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN Petite, divorced, white female seeks honest and secure, sin gle, white male, 49-55, who likes to lauch and have fun, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County BOX 35950

camping, walking, boating, flea markets, old cars, movies. Seeks gentleman 57 to 65 with TIRED OF GAMES County. BOX 27030 Attractive, divorced white female, 51, 5'4", long reddish

hair, smoker. Seeking gentle-man, 45 to 65, with a sense of Tall, slender, attractive, romantic, fun lady seeks honest, loyal, romantic, flexible gentle-man, that's 55 plus, over 5'10", humor for dinner thome cooked), movies, quality time and fun relationship. Oakland and fun to be with. Let's start as friends first. Oakland County BOX 27034 County, BOX 36013 ARE YOU ...

Looking for someone special LIFE'S SPECIAL 55 yr old female, 5', 150 lbs, shy, non smoker, enjoys outwho is sincere, honest, and fun loving, could be me. I am a divorced white female, 54, nondoor activities, walks in the park, camping and travel. Seeking someone with similar interests. BOX 30888 smoker, who likes to do almost ng. West Side area Let's talk! Wayne County BOX ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY

60'S GENERATION Fit, petite, well educated, pro fessional, attractive, honest, high energy, spontaneous, open minded, fun loving, artistic female, seeking man who is college grad, works out, likes himself, is happy financially secure communica tes clearly is there for the good and b limes. Wayne County. BOX

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36137 MOTOWN GAL ...Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term, monogamous relationship, I am old divorced lemale. I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Single parent with children at home. Likes drama, fine arts and dining. Seeks gentlemar who loves God and shows that in his lifestyle. Must also like children. BOX 20746





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SEEKS BETTER HALF Down to earth single attractive Asian female, 40, no dependents. Seeks attractive male 5'10" plus, health con scious, has a positive outlook on life, is ambitious and successful yet unpretentious for triends leading to long term relationship. Oakland County BOX 36057

TOUCH OF CLASS For sale, attractive, classy, out-going, divorced white female, 5'5", 130 lbs, dark hair, pretty eyes. Seeks top notch, tall, white male, 50 plus, to share fun, and special moments together. Your cost one phone call. Oakland County BOX 36059 I HAVE ELAN

Eclectic, attractive, slender, romantic, quality lady, enjoys most music, dancing, golf, ten nis, boating, sports and theater. Seeks special, non-smoking, gentleman, over 59, and 510 plus, that is honest, loyal and fun. Oakland county. BOX 36061

UNIQUE VEGETARIAN Pretty, 40's, 5'7", 119 lbs, spirit-ed, happy and degreed, loves yoga, living, food preparation linary arts grad. In search of a great connection, open he ed communicator who is loving self aware, healthy, love of dance music and this beautiful world are a plus. Oakland County, BOX 36076

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP Attractive, slender, tall lady o 55, warm hearted, cerebral, ewhat a quiet home body a smoker. Seeking a ger man, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, polite, truthful, a smoker, who enjoys dining and conversa-tion, Oakland County: BOX 36077

ARE YOU LONELY? Would you like to meet some one with a great personality, non-smoker, non-drinker, a person of good character, integrity, reputation? Who still believes in friendship, companionship and true love, seeking tall male 55 to 65. Oakland County BOX



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ARE YOU OUT THERE? JUST A CALL AWAY Single black male, west side of Detroit, own my home. Seeks elligent, witty, working, professio I, \$NCdown to earth lady, attractive dependable. 30 to 45, for friendship, relahealthy single white a 5'6", athletic build, bl iom ot tionship, I enjoy music, sports, romance, sharing and commuremance, sharing and commu-nicating. BOX 10924 hair, blue eye, no depend-ents, great sense of humor. Seeks outgoing, attractive, thin, happy, healthy, pro-fessional female. BOX LET'S HAVE FUN ... Nice looking, considerate, sin-gle white male, in my 40's. Seeks a single lady, in her 40's

or 50's, for dancing, dining and social events. BOX 20569 GETTING IT RIGHTI La Handsome teacher, 50, 6', 210 line, divorced, likes hunting, fishing, movies, playing the guitar, cooking, gardening, dining out and being with that special per-son. Seeks single female, 26 yr old male, 195 lbs, 511°, goatee, shaved head, business owner, Down River area. Looking for an attractive female, intelligent, funny, loyal, who likes to have fun, for good same interests for a lo times. Nothing serious at first BOX 30911 term relationship. NO HEAD GAMESI Children welred. BOX 21155

Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 57", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean beaches, LUCKY IN LOVE 41 yrs old, 6'2", 210 lbs maio, smoker, uoa-drinker, likes movies, dining out, travel. Seeks slim female spending quality time together Seeking friendship for monoga-mous relationship, 40 to 50. over 5'5". BOX 21163 mous reau BOX 35913

FATHER OF ONE ... ...in Livonia. Single white father of one, 39, 6'1", 190 ibs, fit, fun, honest, secure, brown hair, green eyes, Enjoys reading, running, biking, skiing, family activities. Looking for a posi-tive, fit and loving female, for great relationship. BOX 14942

YOU WON'T BE SORRY Single black Christian male, 5'5", 155 lbs, handsome, outgoing. Loves bowling, sports, jazz clubs, Looking for a special single female, any race, 26 to 38, who has a great sense of humor, very outgoing, college educated, professional, nonsmoker, Christian. BOX 26839

LIFE HAS JUST BEGUNI 57 yr old divorced male, 5'7", 175 lbs, fit, retired, silver hair and mustache, financially secure. Loves golf, movies, biking, travel, the beach, dining out. Seeks female, not too much baggage, thin to mediun build, non-smoker. BOX 26857

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TALL & HANDSOME 5'11" male with mustache. 180 male, 40s, enjoys fun times, laughter, romantic evenings. seeks female, 40 to 55. slender to average build who is Seeks a reasonably attractive Interested in travel, dinners, and energetic, lipstick wearin movies, quiet times at home romantic sweetheart. BOX casinos, boating and more Call if interested, BOX 12370 15863

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE? Fine, personable, single white /hite professional male, 5'8" fit, brown hair, blue eves, we educated no dependents for someone serious, settled Enjoys music, movies, reading tamily and friends, biking, jogfemale, 36 to 52. BOX 20424 ging, long walks. Seeks fit, emotionally available, white professional female, no dependents. For happy and 61 yr old male, looks and acts much younger, 5'9", 170 lbs, althy relationship. BOX light hearted, laughs a lot, very 1456

gentle. Likes camping, walking LOOKING FOR A MATCH good movies, flea markets, 60 yr old male, 5'9°, 170 lbs, brown hair and eyes. Likes old ujet nights at home. Seeks permanent relationship wit movies, country rides, cud female, under 59, slim to medidling, gardening, 50s/60s music, cooking and more um, attractive. BOX 20560 50s/60s Seeks petite to medium buil Hispanic male, medium build, lady with similar interests. BOX likes to have fun. Seeks female for dating. BOX 20672

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Late 40's, 6'4", male with mus-tache. Likes fireplaces, 50, attractive and healthy Harleys, dancing, social drinker and smoker. Seeks single, white female, 35 to 50, who vouthful and light hearted Enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places likes to have fun, BOX 21175 Seeks lady to spend time with and get to know. BOX 20745 END MY SEARCH

Live near I-94 in Telegraph, 63 yrs old, 5'9", 170 lbs, youthful. African American male, 6'1", light hearted, gentle. Enjoys camping, walking, flea markets, movies, quiet nights at home. weight proportionate, brown eyes, salt-n-pepper hair, mus-tache, beautiful smile, dark Looking for permanent relation complexion, handsome, Enjoys antiques, gardening, fishing walking. Seeks sweet, kind slim to semi-slin lady. BOX 10478 honest female who's smile can

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Widowed and lonesome male 5'9", 168 lbs, social drinker smoker, healthy, gentle and giving, Enjoys camping, lishing, travel, walking, games and quiet times at home. Seeks well put together temale, under 60 with a nice personality. 60, with a nice personality. BOX 12547

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LET'S TALK Senior white lady, seeking senlor gentleman for friendship. companionship and relation-ship. BOX 20441

WE MIGHT CLICK Attractive white male, 56, enjoys movies, antiques and romantic evenings. Seeks

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Open Skate

The City of Plymouth offers "Skate with Santa" from 4-5:50 p.m Sunday Dec. 22 at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. Event includes pizza, pop and open skate with Santa. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door.

**PCAC 70s Bash Tickets** Special Christmas pricing on tickets for the PCAC's annual dinner, dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, 2003 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth, By purchasing tickets before Jan. 1. PCAC members will save \$10 per/person or \$15 per person for a table of 10. Non-members save \$10 per person on a table of 10. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278. **Spring Youth Soccer Registration** The entire month of January at the Recreation Office of the City of Plymouth during business hours, 8 a.m./to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday All registrations require a birth certificate. Call (734) 455-6620 for further information.

#### Model Railroad Display

A fantastic display of model railroading will be coming to the Novi Expo Center for the Toy & Hobby Expo 2002 Dec. 27-29, featuring three collector shows in one location. Call (734) 455-2110 for hours.

#### **Nursery Registration**

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings for 3-4 year olds. One to three days per week. School located on Sheldon road in Canton. Call (734) 455-6250 or (734) 453-0595 for more information.

#### Classical Christmas

An evening of elegant enchantment. Come and enjoy the angelic voice of Rebekah Walker as she performs Classical and Christmas favorites. Being held at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18200 Merriman, Livonia at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Admission is \$8; \$10 at the door. Price includes refreshments during reception

#### **Plymouth Symphony**

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

**Entertainment Book Sale** Plymouth Optimists selling the 2003



Charity on wheels Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' bus drivers pose with a bus-load of Christmas presents they collected during a recent charity effort. The drivers collected nearly 800 gifts for needy children throughout the state in Operation Good Cheer. Tammy Sakcriska, a bus driver who helped organize the campaign, said they collected for 100 children of Child and Family Services of Michigan. The presents were gathered at Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools, Isbister Elementary, the school bus yard and Canton police.

#### **MOPS-Plymouth**

dren throughout southeast Michigan. Book offers up to 50% savings on dining and fast foods, theater, sports, travel, services and more. Price is \$30 and are home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

#### Free Blood Pressure Screening

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Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m.to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

#### **Recreation Registration**

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, tae-kwon-do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

#### CLUBS

#### **Plymouth VFW**

Fish frys continue every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price is only \$7 at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill. All you can eat for \$4.50. Holiday Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Only \$6 for a great meal.

#### SHURGARD STORAGE OF PLYMOUTH

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on JANUARY 6, 2003 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following Shurgard Storage locations:

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515

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#### **Colonial Kiwanis**

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman, (734) 414-0400. **MOPS-Westland** 

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact

#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479. La Leche League Breastfeeding information and support

group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, please contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197;

#### **Canton Rotary Club**

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org. TOPS

Are you unhappy with your weight? Why not join TOPS? We weigh in weekly and meet to share ideas about losing weight, exercising, etc. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton. For more information call (734) 459-4387.

#### Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

**MOMS Club** A local chapter of the MOMS Club wel-

comes interested stav-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at

Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good causes and having a good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the

group's monthly meeting. **Community Democrats** The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall, Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further infor-

mation, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845. Toastmasters

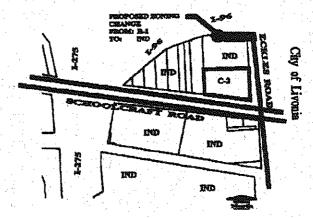
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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION: REZONE FROM: REZONE TO:** DATE OF HEARING TIME OF HEARING PLACE OF HEARING

AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP R-1, Single Family Residential District IND, Industrial District Wednesday, January 15, 2003 7:00 P.M. Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel 024-99-0029-001 from R-1, Single Family Residential District to IND, Industrial District.



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 135 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. 024-99-0029-001

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from Bevelopment Department, during regular business hours hour 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, audio tapes, and printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary **Planning Commission** 

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#### **Charter Township of Canton** -**Board Proceedings - December 10, 2002**

The regularly scheduled closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton met at 6:06 pm regarding pending litigation and employee negotiations.

Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, Yack, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Members Absent: Shefferly, LaJoy Staff Present: Director Durack Also Present: None Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter at 7:08 pm to move from

closed session to open session. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack

Members Absent: Shefferly, LaJoy Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin Staff Absent: None.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Regular Board Minutes of November 26, 2002. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Joint Study Session Minutes of December 3, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

Mr. David Newman was present this evening to address the Board regarding the vacancy for the Board of Trustee's position. Mr. Newman briefly stated his background, his qualifications, and indicated that he has submitted his letter of intent.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

General Fund	101	\$699,424.21	
Fire Fund	206	59,292.55	
Police Fund	207	107,563.61	
Summit Operating	208	14.375.07	Expenditure
Golf Fund	211	9,685.12	Recap for
Street Lighting	219	15,749.66	Dec. 3, 2002
Cable TV Fund	230	3,673.62	
Twp Improvement	246	1,850.00	
E-911 Utility	261	1,263.50	
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	18,325,21	
Federal Grants Fund	274	12,978.50	
Auto Theft Grant	289	37,332.17	
Downtown Dev Auth	294	9,054.60	
Post Employ. Benefits	296	21,086.81	
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Water & Sewer Fund	592	614,796.07	
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,660.00	a da da setter
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Total - All Funds		1,818,572.06	
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Board Member Reports: Supervisor Yack stated at the next regular. Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 2002 the Board will fill the position being vacated by Trustee LaJoy on December 31, 2002. The individual selected will take office immediately thereafter.

Supervisor Yack presented to Duren Guitierrez, Autrey Guitierrez and Jean Pirronello civilian citations for their heroic life saving actions that resulted in saving the life of another person.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. Establish Board of Trustees Meeting Date for 2003. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2003 as follows: first, second, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to be held at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. The following Township meeting will be canceled: Veteran's Day, November 11, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Consider Reappointments and Appointments to the Council for Community Excellence. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Township Supervisor's nomination of Judith Glotfelty and Pam Swiderek for reappointment to the Council for Community Excellence for three year terms effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005 and the appointment of Sandy Granowicz to the Council for Community Excellence for a three year term effective January 1, 2003 through December 1, 2005. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Budget Amendment - Engineering Services - Overtime. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following budget amendment in the Engineering Services budget to increase **Overtime:** 

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

#101-447-708-0000 \$ 1.000.00 Overtime

#101-447-818-0000 (\$1,000.00) Contracted Services Motion carried by all members present. Total \$ -0-

Item 4. Reappointment to the CDBG Advisory Council. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to reappoint Jeff Smith to the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for an additional two year term from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004. Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. Budget Amendment - Building Authority Debt Service

Fund. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Debt Service Fund for actual bond payments recorded in 2002.

Increase Revenues: Transfers from Golf Corse Fund

#369-000-676-2110 \$13,529 Increase Appropriations: Debt Interest #369-905-996-0000 \$13.529 The budget amendment increases the Building Authority Debt Service Fund budget from \$2,324,529 to \$2,338,058. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Consider Yerebeck Rezoning. Motion by Bennett, supported by Mclaughlin to approve the request of the petitioner to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #065-99-0010-701 to R-2, Single-Family Residential District. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Consider Mavi/Zdan Rezoning. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the petitioner to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #062-99-0021-0000 and 062-99-0022-000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Consider Amendment to Special Land Use Approval for Canton Mini-Mart. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of Canton Mini-Mart (Mobil), located at the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Lilley Roads (tax EDP #090-99-0001-701) to eliminate the restriction on the hours of operation subject to submittal and approval of modifications to the canopy lighting plan and photometric study which demonstrates compliance with the current lighting standards. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. First Reading of the Repeal of Pool Ordinance No. 110. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish the first reading of the repeal of the Pool Ordinance No. 110. Motion carried by all members present.

#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

- TO REPEAL POOL ORDINANCE NUMBER 110 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE POOL ORDINANCE NO. 110; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 110. That the Pool Ordinance, Ordinance No. 110 be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of the Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. SECTION 3. 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

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment 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 to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. [Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours.]

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Thomas J. Yack- Supervisor Terry G. Bennett-Clerk

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Getting ready to see Rocamadour are Will and Allene Boughton of Plymouth.

## Art-based trip takes travelers to France

#### **BY DOUG JOHNSON** STAFF WRITER

Frameworks in Plymouth sponsored their second trip to Europe, taking travelers to southwest France and the Dordogne Valley this fall.

The trips are the brainchild of Plymouth Frameworks manager Sue Gallas, of Livonia, and David Groen, a retired Livonia Public Schools French teacher.

"This time we chose Three Musketeers country." Groen said. "The Dordogne abounds in castles. This is the setting for much of the 100 Years War between France and England, and then you add in the sweeping splendor of the panoramas along the Dordogne River – it makes for a wealth of surprisca"

The trip took the group to La Rochelle, location of the largest pleasure boat marina on the Atlantic, to Medoc, home of the famous red wines of the same name, and to Saintes, once a Roman outpost. The group also climbed dunes at Pyla and visited Cognac, where they distill the noted after-dinner drink. "We stayed at the beautiful

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and serene Chateau le Lout, and ate regional specialties every night," Groen said.

The Dordogne Valley is also famous as the site of the discovery of Cro-Magnon man and caves that contain some of the world's finest prehistoric art.

Some of the travelers took a hot air balloon ride above the vertical or "wall" city of Rocamadour.

"The city almost looks like it was created by movie special effects artists," Groen said.

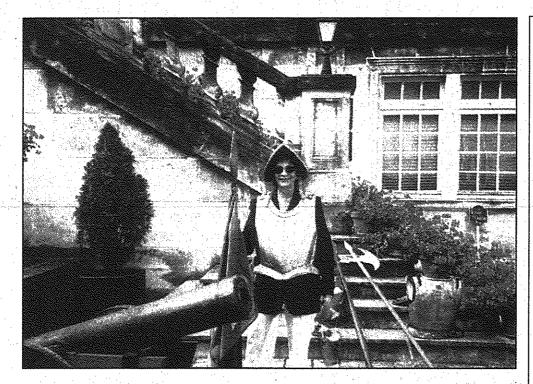
The next Frameworks trip will be this spring to northern Italy's lakes region: Lake Como, Lake Garda, Lake Maggiore, and also Venice. The May 14-24 excursion will include private boat rides and visits to alpine villages. Groen has been learning Italian in his spare time; his knowledge of all things French comes in part from his college years of study at Strasbourg University (east of Paris).

Frameworks has stores in downtown Plymouth, Canton and Livonia. Contact Groen through Carlson Wagonlit Travel, (734) 455-5810.

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David and Carla Perry of Livonia, Susan Emerick of Allen Park, and Mary Jane Bevelheimer and John Broderick, both of Plymouth, pause outside a French chateau after dinner.



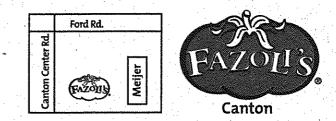
Frameworks manager Sue Gallas of Livonia got to try on some armor.

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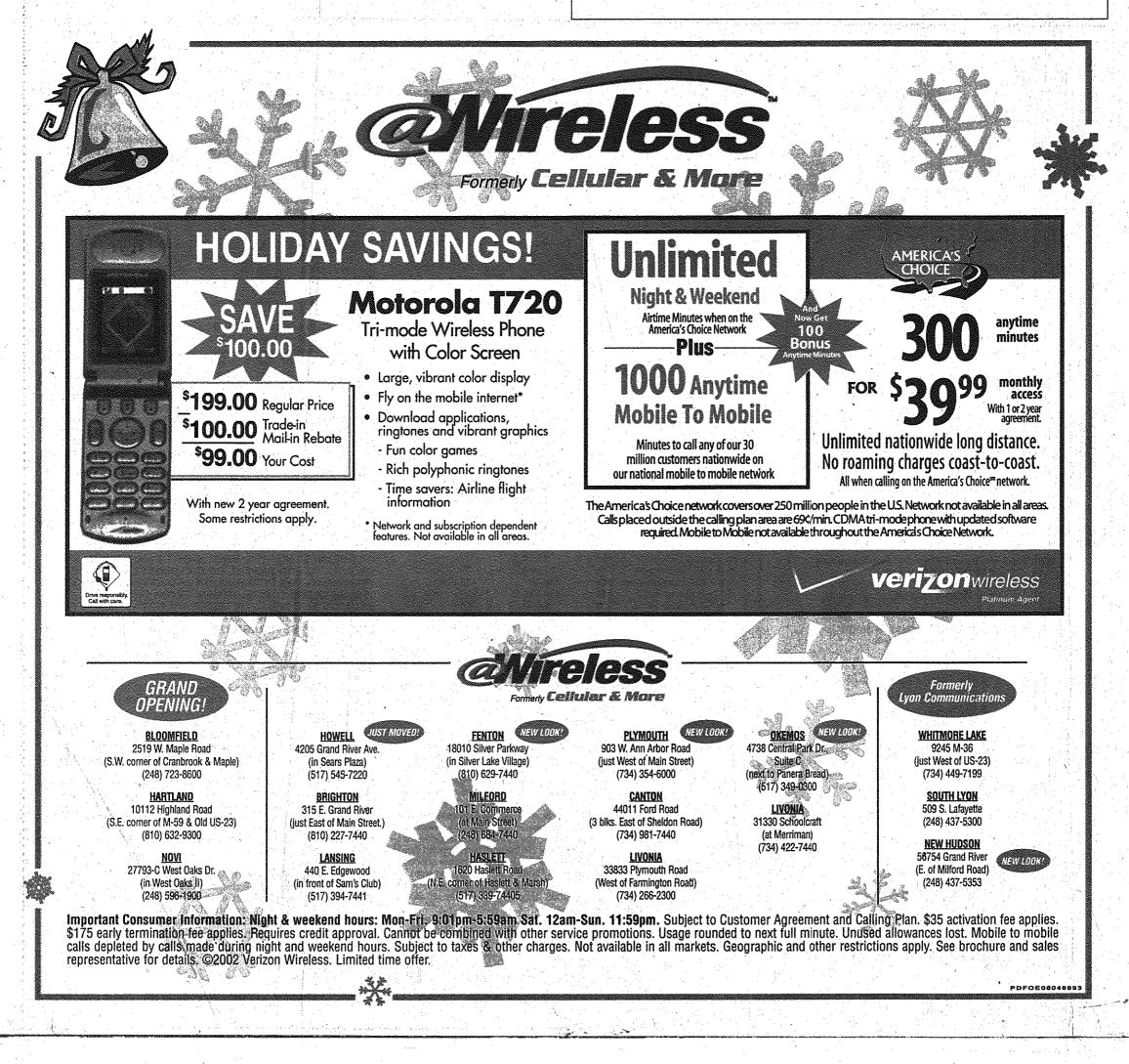
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#### Best in WHAC

Lindsay Simmon, a senior forward on Madonna University's women's basketball team, was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week for last week. Simmon collected 54 points, 22 rebounds and nine assists in two games for Madonna last week. She had 30 points and nine boards in an 83-80 loss to Central State. For the week, she averaged 27 points per game, shooting 62 percent from the floor.

#### Madonna camps

Any softball players interested in sharpening their hitting skills, take note: Madonna University will be hosting a pair of hitting camps from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 21-22, in the school's gymnasium. Cost is \$25 per session. Included are two hitting cages and one live pitching station, with work off tees and soft toss, slap, bunting and more. Sessions are limited to 20

sessions are limited to 20 girls. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball and mailed to Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150-1173. For more information call coach Al White at



#### Tops in league

Salem wins WLAA Relay meet. Results, **D3** 

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PREPS RECREATION OUTDOORS

## Chiefs stumble in loss to Huron, 47-36

Just what they didn't need to have happen.

After an impressive victory over Southfield last Friday, Canton took a step backwards Tuesday, getting bounced by Ann Arbor Huron 47-36.

In fact, Chiefs' coach Jeremy Rheault said it was more than just one step. "We took two-to-three steps backwards," he said: "We didn't handle the pressure, we didn't handle their zones very well, we were outrebounded and we turned the

#### BASKETBALL

ball over.

"It was a lack of teamwork. We played terrible."

The River Rats, who improved to 2-1, led 13-7 after one quarter and 22-9 by halftime. It was 33-18 after three quarters; Canton doubled its point total in the final period, scoring 18. The loss left Canton at 1-3. Huron's Albert Reed led all scorers with 16 points. Brad Waidmann and Devin Thomas scored six points apiece for the Chiefs.

Agape 72, Life Summit 36: Jordan Napier riddled the Novi Life Summit defense for 27 points Tuesday at Discovery MS as Canton Agape Christian improved to 2-1. Life Summit fell to 1-3.

The Wolverines led 20-10 after one

quarter and 29-16 at the half. It didn't get any better for Life Summit in the second half; Agape outscored their foes 24-9 in the third quarter to take a 53-25 lead entering the final period.

Napier also had eight rebounds and four steals. Johnny Estrada scored 11 points, Joel Hays netted 10 and Charlie Henry totaled seven assists. Agape had eight three-pointers in the game.

Danny Rossi's 16 points led Life Summit.

#### Work in progress Girls hockey team aiming to improve BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER One can't expect miracles when a team is starting its first season ever. Especially when many of those on the team have never played an organized version of the sport.

That's the case facing the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins, a combined girls hockey team in its first varsity season. Girls ice hockey is a fledgling sport, just beginning to win acceptance in high schools around the state.

The Penguins, made up of girls from all three high schools, started their first season dramatically. After losing 9-3 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood Nov. 16, they celebrated their first-ever home-opener Nov. 26 at the Arctic Edge in Canton by beating Bloomfield Academy of Sacred Heart 5-2.

PCS has not won since, including a 9-0 trouncing by Grosse Pointe North

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#### (734) 432-5783.

Madonna University will conduct three girls fastpitch softball clinics in January and February at Madonna. Each clinic lasts four weeks. Session One is on consecutive Sundays, from 2-4:30 p.m. on Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Session Two is on consecutive Saturdays, from 9-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15; and Session Three is on Sundays, from 3:30-6 p.m. on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Each camp consists of all phases of fastpitch softball: hitting, bunting, infield/ outfield play, base-running, pitching/ catching and defense.

Price for each four-week clinic is \$100. Advance registration is required; each clinic allows a maximum of 30 girls.

Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball and mailed to coach AI White, softball office, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI, 48150-1173.

For more information, call coach White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719, or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.

#### 🔳 Skate with Santa

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Division will host a Skate with Santa from 4-5:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth.

The event includes pizza, pop and an open skate with Santa. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Skate rental is not included. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

## Moving up is Canton's objective

#### BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

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#### Another step.

Penguin goalle Amanda V

Last season, Canton's volleyball team took another step back toward respectability, finishing 17-17-7 overall. Gone from that team are Courtney Jarman, a starting middle blocker; Stephanie Johnson, a starting outside hitter; and Jenny Crudele, a transfer from Texas and a part-time starter at outside hitter.

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

If that's the bad news, well, there's a good deal more good. The Chiefs have eight returnees from their academic all-state squad, including Cindy Rotramel, a 5-foot-9 outside hitter who coach Steve Anderson called "our best player since Jessica Orleman (in the mid-90s). She has the capability for all-state."

What Canton will have is size, a commodity that's been lacking for the past few years. Kristen Lake, a 5-11 senior and a returning starter, will be at middle blocker; so will 5-11 senior Jessica Templeton, who figures to be Lake's back-up.

Another returning starter is 5-5 senior outside hitter Colleen O'Brien. "What she loses in height, she makes up for in intelligence," said Anderson. "She's a smart player."

Those three are the team's captains. They are also the only seniors on the squad.

Anderson will use his eight juniors extensively. They include Kristen Lillie, a 5-7 junior who is starting her

PLEASE SEE CANTON, D4

## Despite losses, Salem will be in hunt

PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

#### BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

The heart of last year's record-setting team is gone. Salem has lost its three best volleyball players: Katie Good, MaryLou Liebau and Kelly Jaskot. Also gone is serving specialist Maggie Jones.

Does that mean it's time to rebuild? Rocks' coach Tom Teeters winces at that term. Even "reloading" has been overused as a substitute. After some thought, the best description he could

#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

give this season's team is "new blood." "We've got some pretty good young ones coming in," said Teeters, who just guided Schoolcraft College's volleyball team to a second-place finish at the NJCAA Tournament. "Now it's just a matter of not only how well they play, but how well they can get other people to play."

It sounds like Teeters is asking a lot

from a young team — he has just six seniors on his 16-player roster — and he is, intentionally. He plans on using a lot of different combinations and situations, then paring things back after he sees what works and what doesn't.

Among the players who figure to be in Teeters' rotation of players at the start of the season are, well, just about everyone. Jordan Falcusan, a 5-foot-5 junior, was the starting setter a year ago; a team co-

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D4

## Chiefs get win over Salem

on against a swarming hunch of North players. Watkins was tested often in the 9-0 loss

#### BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

Maybe it was because it was Canton's second meet of the season, while Salem and Plymouth were just starting out.

Whatever the reason, the Chiefs' gymnastics team got something they haven't had in quite a few years — a dual-meet win over Salem. At Monday's tri-meet between Canton, Salem and Plymouth, the Chiefs emerged with a 136.3 point total, compared to Salem's 134.9. Plymouth had 108.95.

"That's the first time I've beaten Salem in maybe five years," said Canton coach John Cunningham.

While the win was satisfying, Cunningham pointed out it was the beginning of the trail, not the end. He has perhaps his most talented team since — well, since he last beat Salem.

In the all-around, the Rocks still had the best two performers in Bethany Bartlett, who placed first with 36.15 points, and Ashley Aquinto, who was second with 35.75.

But at this point in the season, Salem lacked the depth necessary to beat Canton.

Bartlett finished first in two individual events, capturing the vault (9.0) and balance beam (9.4); Aquinto won the floor exercise (9.35).

The Chiefs only individual win came in the uneven parallel bars, from Jessi Bates (9.1). Bates was also third in both the vault (8.75) and beam (8.8), which enabled her to place third in the all-around (35.15). Other strong performances for the

Chiefs came from Kara and Audra Ahern. Kara was second in the floor (9.05) and fourth in the vault (8.5), bars (8.4) and beam (8.7); Audra placed second in the beam (8.9) and fourth in the floor (8.85).

For Plymouth, Alie Saker was fifth in the floor (8.6) and sixth in the bars (8.05). She placed fifth in the allaround with a 32.65.

Monday's performance, at the new Plymouth HS, continued a promising start for Canton. Last Saturday, the Chiefs defeated Vassar 133.75-107.40 at Vassar.

Kara Ahern's 34.65 all-around was best of the meet, with Audra's 33.7 second. Andrea Nyberg was fourth

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Canton's Audra Ahern placed second on the beam and fourth in floor exercise. She scored 7.75 on the bars.





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#### **2002 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL**

## Solid group highlights all-area hoop squad



Katie Cezat Canton

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**Ruth Sventickas** Livonia Ladywood

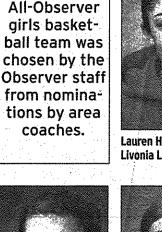


**Stephanie Phillips** Salem

Kristen Lake

Canton





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Lauren Hesano

Livonia Ladywood

Alesha Ockerman

**Garden City** 



Terra Russell Garden City



#### BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

Basketball and Blohm - they go hand-in-hand.

Bob Blohm has been coaching basketball at Canton High School for 14 years, and since he's been at the school, one thing has been assured: The Chiefs will be dangerous to any other Western Lakes Activities Association rival.

They were this season, which is why Blohm was chosen as the Observer's coach of the year for girls basketball. Canton did this season what Salem did last year - the Chiefs captured the WLAA title without suffering a

single loss in league play. They finished the 2002 season with a 22-3 record, winning a district crown and advancing to the regional final before falling to West Bloomfield. All the way there, Canton exhibited the same attributes a Blohm-coached team always possesses: strong fundamentals, man-to-man defense and a motion offense that is designed to keep the ball moving until an open shot is found.

The Chiefs don't always have the best talent. They aren't the biggest team, or the quickest. But they are well-schooled.

This season's team wasn't necessarily Canton's best, but no other Chiefs team finished the WLAA season unbeaten.

"I really don't compare them," Blohm answered when asked how his current team matches the two that went to the MHSAA Final Four (1989, 1991). "You just try and do the best you can with each team, get them to improve as season goes on. This team got better defensively and competed very hard."

There were some defining moments to the season, according to Blohm. The back-to-back games at Walled Lake Western and at Walled Lake Central early in the WLAA schedule were both major.

#### **2002 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**FIRST TEAM** Katle Cezat, 5-11 So. F, Canton Amy Henry, 5-3 Sr. G. Canton Agape Ruth Sventickas, 6-1 Sr. F, Liv. Ladywood Alesha Ockerman, 5-10 Sr. F. Garden City Lauren Hesano, 5-6 Sr. G, Liv. Ladywood SECOND TEAM

Kristen Lake, 5-10 Sr. C, Canton Stephanie Philips, 6-0 Sr. C, Salem Terra Russell, 5-7 Jr. G, Garden City Ashley McCall, 5-10 Sr. C, Liv, Franklin Martina Franklin, 5-10 Sr. C, Redford Union

THIRD TEAM Bethany Jury, 6-3 Jr. C. Liv. Ladywood Alex Dooley, 5-6 Sr. G. Red. Thurston Alyssa Guerin, 5-6 So. G. Salem Sara Tyree, 6-1 Sr. C, Westland Glenn Briana Wolcott, 5-8 Sr. G.Canton FOURTH TEAM

Robyn Johnson, 5-5 So. G, Liv. Churchill Marissa Martin, 5-10 So. C, Clarenceville Ellen Canale, 5-7 So. G, Salem Kiki Young, 5-7 Sr. G-F. Redford Union Lauren Merian, 5-7 Sr. F. Huron Valley

Ruth Sventickas, Sr. F, Liv.

a district title and reached the

Sventickas, who made all-Observer

last year, averaged 71 percent from the

free-throw line and 41 percent from

the field. She also averaged two

player," Ladywood coach Andrea

Gorski said of the all-Catholic League

pick. "She's always been a scrappy

type of player. She always knows

because she can create shots and has

hasn't reached her potential vet."

'She does a nice job offensive

"She has a great work ethic and

Alesha Ockerman, Sr. F, Garden City:

Ockerman was a force on the court for

the Cougars. The 5-10 senior forward

was all-Mega White for the second sea-

son in a row and lead the team in scor-

ing with 14.5 points per game. She shot

48.6 percent from the floor, averaged

10.9 rebounds, had 39 steals, 27 assists

"We worked our offense through

"Ruth is a late-bloomer kind of a

assists and 1.5 steals per game.

Catholic League finals.

where the ball is.

a nice outside touch.

#### COACH OF THE YEAR Bob Blohm, Canton HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Churchill: Kelly Verellen; Livonia Franklin: Ashley Sako; Livonia Stevenson: Tracy Taylor, Lauren Trosell, Lauren Brodie; Livonia Clarenceville: Emily Collins; Livonia Ladywood: Amber Willoughby, Amy Jacovetti; Lutheran Westland: Sarah Hausch, Jenna Hess, Samantha Wiemer: Westland John Glenn: Jennifer Thauvette, Krystal Davis; Wayne Memorial: Renita Price; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran: Rebekah Schultz; Garden City: Leah Woloszyk, Andrea Dunn; Thurston: Dominique Bowen, Ariel McKissick, Theresa Clark; St. Agatha: Linda Strohmer, Heather Velliky; Bishop Borgess: Natosha Smith; Redford Union: Shantia Brown, Negan Davison; Plymouth Christian Academy: Amanda Saagman, Shannon Murray; Canton Agape Christian: Lisa Ther; Canton: Christina Redd, Jessica Johnson, Rachele Guastella; Salem: Carly Schwan.

Ladywood: The three-year starter and captain averaged 12 points and nine just big for both teams." rebounds per game as the Blazers won

Asked if there was anything different this team did, Blohm said. "The key for this group was steady improvement each year together. They maximized their skills and abilities.

"They couldn't have done any more."

This season's all-Observer basketball team is represented by 12 schools, including two 20-plus winners in Canton and Canton Agape Christian. The only conclusion is some players learned their basketball lesson very well.

#### **FIRST TEAM**

Katie Cezat, Soph. F, Canton: Katie Cezat has plenty of attributes that make opposing coaches envious, none more impressive than her sophomore status.

The 5-foot-11 forward led the Chiefs in both scoring (16.4 points) and rebounding (10.7). She connected on 52 percent of her shots from the floor and 65 percent of her free throws, earning all-conference and fourth team Class A all-state honors.

her." Cougars coach Barry Patterson

and 12 blocks.

game) and a capable scorer (9.5 points), which enabled her to earn allconference honors.

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"She was an excellent post defender," Blohm said. "Krissie played well-" with her back to the basket and got to A the offensive glass well. This year she improved her jump shot from 12 to 15 feet.

"She's a strong, aggressive young kid. And she could run the court."

Lake was also an all-Metro West? selection. She was named to the all-" Observer team last year, too.

Stephanie Philips, Sr. C, Salem: Last year, when Salem was undefeated dur- 5 ing the regular season, Philips was one piece of the puzzle. This season, with the other starters from that team aone, she's the alue that held the puzzle together - well enough that the Rocks went 13-9 for the season.

A three-year varsity player and twoyear starter, Philips led Salem in scoring this season with just under nine points a game, and was the Rocks' second-leading rebounder with eight a p dame.

"The younger players needed that kind of leadership, definitely," Salem coach Fred Thomann said.

The statistic that most impressed Thomann: Salem won 35 games in Philips' last two seasons.

Terra Russell, Jr. G, Garden City: Russell's season ended early, thanks to a torn anterior cruciate ligament. But 🤉 while she was in the lineup, Russell was one of the leaders for the Cougars.

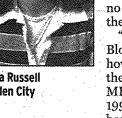
The 5-7 guard - an all-Mega White selection - averaged 8.8 points per game, 4.5 rebounds, had 47 steals and 58 assists on the year, but Russell's game didn't revolve around numbers.

She picked up her scoring, but she was our main defensive player," a Patterson said. "We had he on the opponent's best perimeter player. She really set the tempo for us defensively in the full-court press."

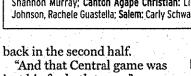
Ashley McCall, Sr. C, Liv. Franklin: The 5-10 senior averaged 13.3 points per game and 8.8 rebounds per game en route to all-Western Division honors in the WLAA.

She scored nine points or better in -19 of 22 games. She made 45 percent of her shots from the field and was a # 63 percent free-throw shooter."

'This year Ashley took a bigger leadership role as far as helping the vounger kirls on in the floor and helping them work together," Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen said. "She played in the post 100 percent of every game and was one of the best offensive rebounders we've had in a while." Martina Franklin, Sr. C, Redford Union: The Panthers made a 12-game improvement from 2001 to 2002 and Franklin, an all-Mega Blue selection, was a big reason why. "Without her we might have won four or five games," said RU coach Jim Novicka, whose team was 14-7 this season. "She just makes things difficult for the other team. A lot of times, they had to defend her with two or three players and she was still able to score."



"In that Western game,"





Already considered perhaps the said. "We struggled when she didn't best player in the WLAA, Cezat has dis- score. But she spent a lot of time this summer improving her game with the rebounds and turning them into back to the basket. And her points weren't scoring underneath. She played mid-high post instead of low post and hit 12-, 14- to 15-foot jumpers most of the time."

Lauren Hesano, Sr. G, Liv. Ladywood: The 5-6 senior guard saved her best basketball for the stretch run.

The team captain, an all-league pick, averaged 10 points; 3.2 assists, two steals and two rebounds per game. She shot 38 percent from the field, but an eye-popping 43 percent from 3-point range. Her free-throw percentage was 78.

"All season long Lauren was pretty consistent, but she stepped up her game in the playoffs," Gorski said. That's when she played her best basscored 1,400 points in that span as the ketball. She was a good defensive player as well."

#### SECOND TEAM

Kristen Lake, Sr. C, Canton: A 5-10 Amy's father, when asked what her senior center, Lake was the kind of player a winning team needs if it is to succeed.

Lake gave Canton a physical presfive steals a game. The Wolverines ence inside, allowing her teammates to get open for shots. She was also a

Franklin averaged 14.5 points per game, nine rebounds and was second in the team in assists.

"For a center, those are pretty good stats - especially the assists." Novicka said. "There were a lot of times when she realized that she couldn't get the shot off and got it to open players. It made our offense better."

Staff writers Brad Emons and Paul Beaudry contributed to this story.

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#### **LOCAL SPORTS**

At the seven-team Salem

better than Catholic Central.

winning the title with 281.5

points to CC's 260. Saline was

And Salem? The host Rocks

were in the middle of the pack,

finishing fourth with 207. Novi

The Rocks had one champi-

on: Pete Bobee emerged with a

pound weight division, pinning

Several other Salem wrestlers

reached the finals. At 103, Ryan

Stump was pinned by CC's Sean

Dong in 3:52; Mike Goethe got

to the championship match at

135 before losing to Novi's Josh

Belleville's James Erickson in

first-place finish in the 125-

was fifth (180), followed by

Adrian (147) and Wyandotte

Saturday, Belleville proved a bit

Wrestling Tournament

third with 242.5.

Roosevelt (105).

the final.

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#### **AREA WRESTLING RANKINGS**

**OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS** TEAM RANKINGS: 1. Redford Catholic Central: 2. Westland John Glenn: 3. Wayne Memorial: 4. Livonia Stevenson: 5. Livonia Churchill.

#### INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

103 pounds: 1. Sean Dong (Redford CC); 2. Saif Naber (John Glenn); 3. Ryan Stump (Plymouth Salem): 4. Dan Rabe (Stevenson): 5. Aaron Landry (Redford Union).

112: 1. Matt Steintrager (Redford CC): 2. Dan McAuliffe (Stevenson); 3. Jake Davis (Garden City); 4. Steve Russo (Farmington); 5. Justin Smith (Churchill).

119: 1. Charlie Rabaut (Stevenson); 2. Matt Koziara (Redford CC); 3. Mike Dendrinos (Salem); 4. John Moore (RU); 5. Ray Stratos (Livonia Franklin).

125: 1, Brian Clement (Churchill); 2. Pete Bobee (Salem): 3. Craig LaBoron (Redford Thurston); 4. Nader Al-Mooshi (Livonia Clarenceville): 5. Drew Conner (John Glenn).

130: 1. Tim Hammer (Wayne): 2. Jon Swartz (Farminoton): 3. Jim Moore (RU): 4. Allen Mivnek (Salem): 5. Kris Felice (Churchill).

135: 1, Mike Goethe (Salem); 2. John Gourlay (RU): 3. Mario Perez (Garden City): 4. Rex. Fugaban (Wayne); 5. John McCahill (John Glenn).

140: 1. Nate Rodriguez (Redford CC); 2. Rece Cox (John Glenn); 3. Dan Leith (Stevenson); 4. Rich Russell (Garden City); 5. Paul Cavanaugh (Wavne).

145: 1. Jason Fischer (Stevenson); 2. Enrique Garcia (John Glenn); 3. John Dobbins (Wayne);

4. Dan Baseley (Lutheran Westland); 5. Tony Stratt (Salem).

152: 1. Lev Mergian (Churchill); 2. Daron Cruickshank (John Glenn); 3. Jeremy Sparks (Garden City); 4. Butch Choraszewski (RU): 5. Mike Kish (Farmington).

160: 1. Trevor Stewart (Redford CC): 2. Dario Mainella (Stevenson); 3. Brandon Noble (Lutheran Westland); 4. Emilio Perez (Garden City): 5. Cam Murtland (Farminoton).

17t: 1. Steve Wallace (Wayne); 2. Dan Haller (Lutheran Westland); 3. Eric Schambers (John Glenn): 4. Dan Freeman (Churchill): 5. Courtland Bartlett (Farmington).

189: 1. Scott Swartzlose (Redford CC); 2. Neal Kemp (Lutheran Westland); 3. Jake Fairchild (John Glenn); 4. R.J. Ramsey (Wayne); 5. Nick Belsky (Farmington).

215: 1. Alex Murray (Churchill); 2. John Harrington (Thurston); 3. Pete Rodriguez (Redford CC): 4. Jake Galindez (Lutheran Westland); 5. Matt Salley (RU).

275: 1. Jason LeDuc (RU); 2. Pat Clark (Redford CC): 3. Paul Bargerstock (Stevenson): 4. Jeremy Walker (Salem); 5. Pat Draheim (Churchill).

Note: Rankings are compiled by RU coach Jim Carlin with input from area coaches Dave Chiola (Franklin) and Aaron Davis (Garden City). Any guestions, call (248) 427-9530 or email CarlinJT30@aol.com.

## Tigers trip CC at Salem tourney

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Churella, 10-3 (Churella was one of two MVPs in the tournament); and at heavyweight, Jeremy Walker was pinned by Saline's Kyle Schuyler, the tournament's second MVP, in 3:08 in the final.

Besides Dong, CC had three weight class champs: Matt Steintrager at 112 with a pin of Novi's Craig Hearn in 4:38; Nate Rodriguez at 140 with a 13-3 decision over Belleville's Steve Brey; and Dan Curmi at 160 with a 10-2 decision over Belleville's Jeff McCumber.

The Shamrocks also lost a few. At 119, Matt Koziera was beaten by Belleville's Tim Davis, 6-2 in the final; at 152, Brad Bartram was pinned by Saline's Ryan Stephens in 4:47 of the final; and at 189, Eric Vojtkofsky was pinned by Belleville's Chris Watson in 5:22 of the final.

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Salem competes against CC and Clio Friday at Clio.

#### SALEM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Dec. 14 at Salem

Team results: 1. Belleville, 281.5 points; 2. Catholic Central, 260; 3. Saline, 242.5; 4. Salem, 207; 5. Novi, 180; 6. Adrian, 147; 7. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 147.

Championship match results

103 pounds: Sean Dong (CC) pinned. Ryan Stump (Salem), 3:52; 112: Matt Steintrager (CC) pinned Craig Hearn (N). 4:38; 119: Tim Davis (B) defeated Matt Koziera (CC), 6-2; 125: Pete Bobee (Salem)

pinned James Erickson (B), no time available; 130: Joe Caudill (B) def. Mike Mullins (Saline), 9-1; 135; Josh Churella (N), d. Mike Goethe (Salem), 10-3: 140: Nate Rodriguez (CC) def. Steve Brey (B), 13-3; 145: Ryan Furness (B) def. Joe Craigmile (Saline), 5-2; 152: Ryan Stephens (Saline) pinned Brad Bartram (CC), 4:47; 160: Dan Curmi (CC) def. Jeff McCummber (B), 10-2; 171: Cody Waters (A) def. Adam Stephens (Saline), 8-5; 189: Chris Watson (B) pinned Eric Vojtkofsky (CC), 5:22; 215: Jeff Rochon (B) def. Dan Martin (WR), 7-5; 275: Kyle Schuyler (Saline) pinned Jeremy Walker (Salem), 3:08.

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Tournament MVPs: 103-140 pound divisions - Josh Churella (Novi)

145-275 pound divisions - Kyle Schuyler (Saline).

#### WLAA RELAY RESULTS

#### WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION **BOYS SWIM RELAYS**

Dec. 14 at Northville TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 238 points; 2. Canton, 223; 3. Northville, 215; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 208; 5. Walled Lake Central, 160; 6. Wayne Memorial, 127; 7. Walled Lake Western, 102; 8. Livonia Churchill, 101; 9. Livonia Franklin, 94; 10. Walled Lake Northern, 70; 11. Westland John Glenn, 58; 12. Plymouth, 6. FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400-yard medley: 1: Salem (Jeff Nevi, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo, Bill Clark), 3:58.23; 2. Canton, 4:09.89; 3. Northville, 4:10.24; 4. Stevenson, 4:16.76; 5. W.L. Western, 4:17.31; 6. Churchill, 4:30.69; 7. W.L. Central, 5:48.03; 8. Franklin, 5:50.52.

400 freestyle: 1. Salem (Matt Vivian, Joe Aumiller, Jurak Matthew, Nick Dixon), 3:31.11; 2. Canton, 3:45.37; 3. Northville, 3:47.39; 4. W.L.Northern, 4:04.64; 5: Stevenson, 4:04.73; 6. W.L.: Western, 4:06.91; 7. John Glenn, 4:10.16; 8. Franklin, 4:12.13; 9. Wayne, 4:13.31; 10. Plymouth, 4:21.48; 11. W.L. Central, 4:24.64; 12. Churchill, 5:20.63

200 breaststroke: 1. W.L. Central (Ryan Booms, Brian Wolak, Jeff Kotowski, F. Fenwick), 2:04.09; 2. Salem, 2:06.88; 3. Stevenson, 2:09.69: 4. Franklin, 2:13.88: 5. Wayne, 2:16.12: 6. Canton, 2:16.24: 7. Northville, 2:17.62: 8. W.L. Western, 2:31.10; 9. John Glenn, 2:33.05; 10. W.L. Northern, 2:38.88.

200 backstroke: 1. Northville (Brad Farris, Hunter Schwartz, Brad McIntosh, Joe Lunn), 1:53.49; 2. Canton, 1:55.03; 3. Salem, 1:55.19; 4.

Stevenson, 2:04.67; 7. John Glenn, 2:08.09; 8. W.L. Northern, 2:12.75; 9. Wayne, 2:29.79; 10. Churchill, 2:56.03; 11. Franklin, 3:09.81.

200 butterfly: 1. W.L. Central (Booms, Joe Kutney, Phill Walkins, Justin Fernwick), 1:48.60; 2. Churchill, 1:51.81; 3. Salem, 1:52.54; 4. Canton, 2:00.34; 5. Stevenson, 2:00.46; 6. Northville, 2:04,42; 7. W.L. Western, 2:19.40.

Diving: 1. Franklin (Dan Rais, Ed Moore), 382.40; 2. Northville, 346.45; 3. Stevenson, 301.90; 4. Canton, 291.15; 5. Salem, 271.65; 6. Wayne, 248.70; Churchill, 222.60.

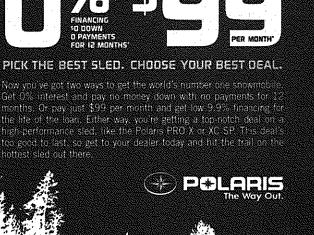
400 medley: 1. Stevenson (Kristopher Kinsvater, Christopher Brown, Brendan Cummings, Garrett Baringhaus), 4:08.35; 2. Salem, 4:09.02; 3. Canton, 4:18.93; 4. Northville, 4:55.97: 5. Wavne, 5:02.44.

500 freestyle: 1. Salem (Mike Higgs, Kevin Kilgore, Aumiller, Dixon), 4:35.76; 2. Canton, 4:38.54: 3. Churchill, 4:50.11: 4. Northville, 4:57.55: 5. W.L.Western, 5:01.77; 6. Wayne, 5:24.61; 7. Stevenson, 5:34.56; 8. Franklin, 5:39.67; 9. W.L.Northern, 6:15.04; 10. W.L.Central, 6:26.38

200 medley: 1. Salem (Nick Yee, Casey Johnson, Działo, Vivian), 1:48.64; 2. Wayne, 1:58.66; 3. Canton, 1:59.87; 4. Stevenson, 2:00.99; 5. Northville, 2:04.60; 6. W.L.Central. 2:05.89; 7. W.L.Northern, 2:09.89; 8. Churchill, 2:20.25; 9. Franklin, 2:39.23. 200 freestyle: 1, W.L.Central (Wolak, Kutney,

Jeff O'Donnell, Jack Oliver), 1:42.66; 2. Northville, 1:44.41; 3. Stevenson, 1:44.81; 4. John Glenn, 1:47.68; 5. Canton, 1:48.04; 6. Wayne, 2:00.42; 7, Franklin, 2:09.24; 8. W.L.Northern,

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#### VOLLEYBALL

#### SALEM

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captain, she'll do some outside hitting this season.

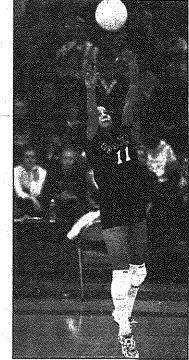
Nicole Genrich, a 5-8 senior co-captain, is "very flexible. She'll be a primary passer for us." Macy Lepper, a 5-7 senior co-captain, is a defensive specialist with a good serve, and Tiffani Erickson, a 5-8 left-side hitter, is the fourth team captain.

Now for everyone else. What Salem won't be lacking is size. "We're not tiny, just new," said Teeters. "We're going to try a lot of different things and try to score in a lot of different ways.'

Jill Niemi, a 5-4 junior, will be tried at setter. Ellen Canale, a 5-10 sophomore, is "doing very well," according to her coach, and Mandy Bradley, a 5-11 senior, will be used as a right-side hitter or middle blocker.

Then there's Kristen O'Beirne, a 5-9 junior who has the same qualities as Bradley. "They're interchangeable at this point," Teeters said, "and they could be on the court at the same time." And Maggie Tudor, a 5-8 senior right-side hitter with some experience, "can do almost anything."

Susan Woodard, a 5-6 senior, is a back-up outside hitter and defensive specialist, but her serving is her strength. And Lauren Price, a 5-11 freshman, has a lot of CYO and middle



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Jordan Falcusan was a very effective setter for a Salem team that won 44 matches last season. She'll do some hitting this season, too.

#### school experience; she'll be at middle block or outside hitter.

Others who could crack the lineup are Lauren Marsonek, a 5-9 junior outside hitter; Michelle Jurcak, a 5-7 junior outside hitter; Alyssa Borowy, a 5-11 junior middle blocker; Courtney Edwards, a 5-5 junior outside hitter/defensive specialist; and Caitlin Epley, a 5-5 junior outside hitter.

The Rocks have a lot to aspire to. They won the Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season title last season, finishing 44-6-2 after being eliminated in the state regionals by Adrian.

Can they recapture that glory with such an inexperienced side? "That will be tough," said Teeters. "Walled Lake Central is strong, (Livonia) Churchill is strong, and maybe (Westland) John Glenn. Churchill has a nice group of kids, and (coach) Mike Hughes always does a good job.

'The key for us is consistency. I think we'll be a primarily outside hitting team. We're going to have to have another hitter step up — that'll be Jordan (Falcusan) and Lauren Price and Ellen Canale on the left side."

Two of those three will be oncourt at the same time. But going to an outside attack will be a switch. "We've been a middle-hitting team, so this will be a different look," Teeters said.

He also emphasized that the "serving's going to have to be good."

In the final analysis, Salem has plenty of potential but not much experience. It'll be a month before the Rocks know if they have enough of either element.

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### CANTON

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third season on the team and will be beginning her second season as the starting setter. "A year after running the floor for a whole season, her defensive skills and confidence have grown," said Anderson.

Kelly Baker, a 5-9 1/2 junior, will be the "opposite," a position from which she must be the second setter and an outside hitter in a 5-1 set-up. Katie Esper, a 5-10 middle blocker, will be Lake's "opposite" up front.

This is the first year I've had three players over 5-10 in the starting lineup," said Anderson.

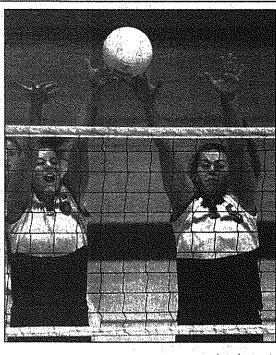
Others who figure could crash the lineup are Kara Jones, a 5-6 junior outside hitter; Katie Mills, a 5-7 defensive specialist/opposite with an exceptional serve; Andrea Johnson, a 5-7 sophomore outside hitter who so far "is so much an athlete, she's going right past the juniors," said Anderson; Heather Richardson, a 5-4 junior who will be a back-up at setter; Annie Rosales, a 5-4 junior defensive specialist; and Elizabeth Alexander, a 5-4 junior defensive specialist.

"I see so many positives and, as a coach, I see a lot of negatives," said Anderson. "I will say this: We're vastly ahead of our last two years. Understanding how to win is now one of our biggest assets.'

Canton, which was 10th two years ago, placed fifth in the conference last season. "I think we'll be competitive," said Anderson. "I'm not going to pretend we should be state-ranked - not even close.

"But we can be in the mix in the conference." Anderson figures Livonia Churchill should be the pre-season favorite. Walled Lake Central should be up there, too, if the Vikings can overcome the loss of coach Mike Lindstrom, who passed away after suffering a heart attack.

After that there's defending league champ Salem, who Anderson figures will be part of the equation with Lauren Price, the best new fresh-



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Two reasons for optimism at Canton are Kristen Lillie (left) and Kristen Lake. Both started last season as juniors.

man in the conference.

And then? "Then us," answered Anderson. "I think we're capable of being near the top. Maybe not first or second, but in the top four.

"Our specialty has always been our serving. If our serving is on we can play with anybody. I don't know how strong our offense will be, and I don't know how strong our defense will be.

"But if our serving is on, we'll do well. I'm cautiously optimistic."

The ingredients are there to make the Chiefs a contender, at least in the conference. The key is to keep building and don't take a step back.

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Canton opened its volleyball season at the Allen Park Tournament Saturday, and opened it quite well.

The Chiefs posted a 10-3 record in pool-play games, with wins over Livonia Stevenson 15-7, 15-10; Melvindale 15-6, 15-3; and Lutheran Westland 15-13 15-6 They also split wit

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Kristen Lake contributed 29 kills (.313), seven blocks and 31 digs, and Colleen O'Brien had 38 digs. Kristen Lillie finished with 96 set assists and 10 kills. "We played rather well considering it was the first day of the season," said Canton coach Steve Anderson. "The seniors played above expectations with Rotramel, Lake and O'Brien "I feel the pool play schedule played to the advantage of Jackson in the finals. The did a lot more resting and watching late in pool play as opposed to the other three teams in the

ment play and a tougher road to the finals, we just began to run out of gas and some of the players started to cramp up.

"All those factors make a world of difference when it comes to rally scoring in the third and final game of the tournament. Let's just say, I think the outcome would have been different if we could have traded our pool play schedules."

The tournament was a memorable one for Anderson. The pool-play win over Lutheran Westland was the 100th of his

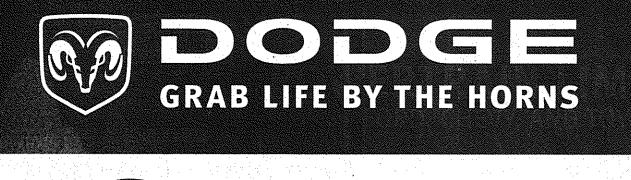
#### **AGAPE GETS 1ST WIN**

Canton Agape Christian outlasted Taylor Light and Life Tuesday in the first game of their match at Light and Life, edging the Crusaders 17-15. The second game, however, was easier for the Wolverines, who beat Light and Life 15-3. The win gave Agape a 1-3 record.

Lisa Ther paced the Wolverines with 20 kills in the match. Amy Henry added 16 digs and Andrea Hough ignited her team's second-game surge by serving seven-straight points. The Agape varsity is idle until Jan. 4, when it plays in the Oakland Christian invite.

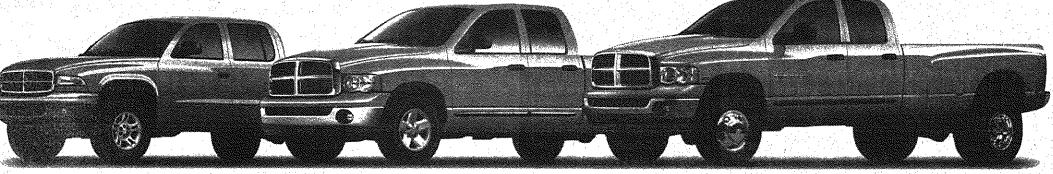
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### LOCAL SPORTS

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Tuesday at the Edge. But that doesn't mean Penguins' coach Chad Roy is unhappy or displeased with his team.

Not at all.

"Scores don't mean anything to me right now," he said after Tuesday's loss. "Right now, we're just trying to get some experience for them."

The Penguins have also suffered a 7-2 loss against Port Huron Dec. 3 and a 7-2 defeat by Livonia Ladywood Dec. 11. Combined with Tuesday's setback, they are 1-4 for the year.

But to Roy and many PCS fans, the season is a success so far. The loss to the Norsemen was the first time the Penguins had been shutout, but even in that game Roy pointed out it was just 1-0 after one period.

Many followers still remember that victory over Sacred Heart. Olivia Pennebaker, a sophomore forward, scored a goal in each period, getting a hattrick to lead the Penguins to victory. Jessica Rzetelny and Kara Marsh accounted for the other two PCS goals. Meghan Depp and Sarah Skonieczny each had two assists in the game, with Marsh and Pennebaker getting one apiece.

A victory can relieve a lot of tension. The results that game have not spread like a virus,

infecting other games and turning them into victories for PCS. But the program seems to be traveling in the proper direction.

Although Cranbrook handled the Penguins in their season-opener, they did get two goals from Pennebaker and a third by Kelli Bargowski. In the 7-2 loss to Port Huron, Skonieczny and Marsh accounted for the goals with Kelli Bargowski earning two assists.

Laura McKernan got two third-period goals against Ladywood.

The place where Roy has seen the most improvement so far is in the goaltending.

"She's come a long way," he said of the performance of junior Amanda Watkins in goal. "Her save percentage is one of the best in the

league." Of course, Watkins faces more shots than anyone else. Against North, the Penguins rarely ventured out of their end of the ice. They had trouble with puck possession against the more experienced team.

That will change. McKernan and Depp are the only seniors on the current Penguin team, which means 15 of the 17 players will return next sea-

And hopefully, they'll remember everything they learned, and put it to use.

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## **Crusaders prove tournament worthy**

Madonna University brought home a first-place trophy Saturday, capturing the Bethel (Ind.) College men's basketball invitational with a 90-82 win over Indiana University-South Bend. The Crusaders, who defeated Andrews University in Friday's opening round, are 7-5 overall after a 100-69 victory Tuesday over Marygrove.

Forward Dan Kurtinaitis and center Noel Emenhiser each scored 21 points for MU, which led 48-41 at halftime.

Forward Chris Behrns added 16 points, while guard Aaron Cox contributed 12.

Paul Sammons came off the bench to lead IUSB with a game-high 22, while Jeremy Herring added 16.

MU hit 50 percent of its shots from the floor (29-for-58) and 82 percent from the free

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ght throw line (27-for-33).

In the win over Marygrove, MU surpassed last year's sixwin total. Emenhiser scored a season-high 26 points for the Crusaders, while Kurtinaitis (15), Cox (14) and Chad Nadolni (11) also scored in double figures. Nadolni also had a team-high nine rebounds, while Kurtinaitis dished out six assists.

Chris Colley (Schoolcraft College) and Rodney Credit each had 14 for Marygrove.

#### **DORSEY LIFTS 11-0 OCELOTS**

Ronald Dorsey came off the bench to score 19 points, leading unbeaten Schoolcraft College to a 91-76 victory Monday over host Kirtland Community College. Schoolcraft, ranked No. 7 in

how good they can be." Only Jill Rakovitis is gone from last season's Canton squad. Returning are Brigit Fitzgerald, a sophomore and state qualifier last season; Bates, also a sophomore; Laura Hamilton and Heather Wagner, both sophomores; and Melissa French, a senior and the team captain.

Thus far, Fitzgerald has not competed. Another commitment delayed her starting the season, and last week she was ill, delaying her further. Still, as Cunningham pointed

out, "I think the 136.3 we scored (against Salem) was higher than we scored all last year."

He has set some of his goals.

the latest NJCAA Division I poll, is 11-0 overall, while Kirtland, guided by former Schoolcraft coach Glen Donahue, is 4-5. Dorsey, a 6-foot-5 forward

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from Detroit Pershing, scored 16 points in the second half.

Guard Dion Sherrell (Detroit Henry Ford) added 17 points, while forward Andre Scott (Washington, D.C.) and pointguard Gary Johnson (Wayne Memorial) added 14 apiece.

Eugene Phillips had 19 for Kirtland, which trailed 46-35 at halftime. Schoolcraft hit 14 three-point shots in the game.

"Kirtland did a good job of slowing the game down," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs. "They played a 1-3-1 zone, and at times we did a good job of getting the ball to the good spots for open shots."

"This early in the season, we're short a few people," he noted. "But our first goal is to hit 140, then see where we go from there."

A key point in the season will be Feb. 1, when the Chiefs host the Canton Invitational.

"All the best teams in the state will be there," said Cunningham. "That will be a true test for us."

Then he added, somewhat warily, "I think this team has the potential to be in the top five."

That's a position the Chiefs have not seen in quite a while. A trip back would be welcome.

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with 31.75. Audra still won two individual events, placing first in the beam (9.15) and floor (9.0). Kara won the bars (8.35) and was second in the vault (8.75), beam (8.75) and floor (8.8).

The only event the Chiefs didn't get a win in was the vault. Mina Tirzadeh was second for Canton (8.85).

The strong start has Cunningham plotting his plans. "It's going to be an interesting

year," he said. "I'm looking forward to it. "These kids are like rough

diamonds. They don't know

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TOY DRIVE

High Velocity Sports in Canton will collect new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls younger than 6 and older than 13 through Dec. 20. All toys will be donated to Children's Hospital of Michigan this holiday season.

"I can't imagine how tough it must be for a child to spend the holiday season in the hospital," said Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, managing co-owner of High Velocity Sports and director of coaching for the Canton Soccer Club. "If there is any way for us to alleviate even some of the discomfort for even one child, then I think the toy drive is worth it.

"Canton has always been a giving community, and we expect an outstanding response."

As a token of appreciation for each donor's generosity, HVS management will give a coupon for a free box of popcorn and small pop at the HVS concession stand.

High Velocity Sports is at 46245 Michigan Ave. (on the south side, just west of Canton Center Road) in Canton. A drop-off bin is located at the front office. For more information on the toy drive, please call (734) HV-SPORT or visit www.hvsports.com

#### **RECREATION CLASSES**

The city of Plymouth is now accepting registration for its winter recreation classes. Youth programs include a jump-arama play program, gymnastics, dance, tae kwon do and ceramics. Adult and senior programs include gardening, creative writing, hammer dulcimer, fitness and more.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

#### YOUTH SOCCER SIGN-UP

The city of Plymouth's **Recreation Division will accept** spring youth soccer registrations from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, throughout the month of January at the recreation office, which is in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth.

All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for under-6 through under-8 years divisions is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$70 for non-residents; for under-9 and older divisions, the cost is \$55 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

#### **BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Baseball Club - 8-andunder and 14-and-under — will be held through the month of December.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

#### **HIGH VELOCITY CAMPS**

A series of soccer camps for players of all ages are offered at the High Velocity Indoor Soccer facility, under the instruction of former pro player and college coach Andrew Crawford, a Livonia resident.

Small Stars is for 3-4 yearolds, just starting out. The class encourages parent participation and works on the basics: dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting.

Kicks with Kids, for 4-5 and 6-7 year-olds, will teach the basics plus the proper techniques for turning with the ball and volleys.

Skill Acceleration Camp is for 8-9, 10-11, and 12-15 yearolds. This clinic focuses on oneon-one moves to beat an opponent, combination passing and volleys.

Striker Camp participants will work on shooting drills, including volleys, side-volleys and creating space with and without the ball. Striker camp is available for 9-12 year olds.

Goalkeeper Camp teaches advanced goalkeeping techniques to 9-12 year olds and

distribution and is intended to increase skills and develop technical awareness.

The Women's Clinic concentrates on the basic skills of soccer, building a strong foundation of dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting. This program is designed for the beginning to intermediate player.

All the above clinics begin with instruction and end with a scrimmage. Individual and team training is also available.

To learn more about High Velocity Sports Instructional includes shot-stopping and ball Soccer Clinics, visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) 487-7678.

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#### SOFTBALL OPENINGS

The Thunderbirds Softball Incorporated (TSI) Girls Fast Pitch Softball has player openings for the 2003 season.

Parents with girls between the ages of 7 and 16 may call either Mike Roberts (734) 397-1355, Tom Ciotti (734) 748-6081, Brian Starling (734) 718-3360 or Ray Barnes (734) 981-7281, or visit the Web site at Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod. com



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# Lady Crusaders lose in Orlando

First day was bad. The second wasn't any better.

Hopefully, Madonna University's women's basketball team enjoyed Disney World on their trip to Orlando, Because the Lady Crusaders two games there weren't much fun.

On Sunday, Madonna was trumped by Xavier (La.) College, 74-45. On Monday, it was North Georgia College that did the honors, thumping the Crusaders 60-47.

Madonna fell to 2-12 with the two defeats.

Xavier led 38-23 by halftime on Sunday. The difference in the game: Madonna outrebounded Xavier, 40-35, but the Crusaders committed 40 turnovers to Xavier's 18.

Loriann Tschirhart and Lindsay Simmon led Madonna with 10 points apiece; Simmon also had eight rebounds. Courtney Rehbine led the Crusaders with 11 boards.

Eleven players scored for Xavier, none in double figures. Portia Jones and Jackie Tucker each netted nine; two others scored eight.

Against North Georgia College Monday, the Crusaders' turnover problem did not improve much: They committed 31 to North's 20.

Courtney Rehbine's 12 points topped Madonna; she also had eight rebounds. Sarah Thomson added 11 points and seven boards.

North Georgia got 17 points from Katie Williamson, 16 from Raena Ellis, 12 from Angelyn Love and 11 from Nijia Warren. North Georgia improved to 10-1 with the win.



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It took just 53 seconds of

overtime for the Plymouth

wanted Sunday at Kingston.

After surrendering two

at 3-all, defenseman James

Wisniewski, the Canton HS

graduate, scored his second

goal of the game to give the

Whalers a 4-3 overtime win

at 10-50 of the opening period

answered less than three min-

utes later, Chad LaRose scor-

with Wisniewski assisting.

an unassisted goal from

Wisniewski at 7:30, then

Kiser and John Mitchell). But Kingston battled back

with a pair of third-period

and Justin McCutcheon.

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ing on the power play at 13:57,

Plymouth assumed control

in the second period, getting

going in front 3-1 with a score

from Jason Fiedler (from Nate

Sunday at Kingston.

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### LOCAL SPORTS

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### OUTDOORS CALENDAR

#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

#### OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at http://go.to/ocsa for more information.

#### DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river rat122@home.com.

#### **METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

#### MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets

at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

#### FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 or send him an e-mail at ikudei@aol.com. **HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS** 

#### The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

**CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS** The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated

# **Plymouth Whalers stop Kingston in OT, 4-3**

#### **OHL HOCKEY**

Wisniewski's game-winner came from Karl Stewart.

Jeff Weber was in goal for the Whalers, now unbeaten in their last 11 games. Dwight LaBrosse was in the net for Kingston. On Friday, the Ottawa 67s

and Plymouth played it close right to the end, with their Kingston opened the scoring game ending in a no-decision.

Ryan Ramsay scored midway through the third period for the Whalers, tying the game at 2-2 - and that's the way it ended.

Combined with their 4-4 draw at Peterborough the night before, the Whalers were 20-6-5-1 (46 points), first in the OHL's West Division and unbeaten in their last 10 games. Ottawa is 23-4-3-0 (49 points), first in the East Division and in the OHL overall.

Matthew Albiani scored both goals for the 67s, the first coming at 12:11 of the opening period (from Matt Foy and Kyle Wharton). Plymouth tied it with a score from Chad LaRose at 6:34 of the second period (from Taylor Raszka and Jimmy Gagnon), but Ottawa went back in front with a power-play goal by Albiani (from Karol Sloboda and Russ Moyer) 57 seconds later.

Ramsay's unassisted tying goal came at 10:18 of the third period. Paul Drew was in goal for Plymouth; he made 30 saves. Lukas Mensator had 24 stops for Ottawa.

On Thursday, a wide-open first period was followed by a more controlled second and third as the Whalers and Petes played to a 4-4 tie.

Peterborough (11-13-7-2, fourth in the East Division) drew first blood when Greg Chambers got his first of two goals on the power play at 6:13 of the first period. The Whalers then scored

three-straight, with John Mitchell getting the first at On Friday, Ottawa and **Plymouth played it close** right to the end, with their game ending in a no-decision. Ryan Ramsay scored midway through the third, tying the game at 2-2.

8:00 of the opening period (from Jonas Fiedler and John Vigilante). LaRose (from Karl Stewart and Ramsay) made it 2-1 with a power-play score at 11:07, and Stewart gave Plymouth a two-goal lead (from LaRose and Ramsay) just 30 seconds later.

However, it didn't last. Evgeny Kadatskiy pulled the Petes to within one at 13:57 of the first, and Lukas Krajicek

knotted it at 3-all at 14:46. The Whalers regained the lead at 2:10 of the second period on LaRose's second goal of the game. Chambers got the tying goal for Peterborough with just 4:31 left in the third.

Drew made 23 saves in goal for the Whalers; David Currie had 40 stops for the Petes.

Last Saturday (Dec. 7), the Whalers got two goals from Ramsay and LaRose in defeating host Sault Ste. Marie 5-3.

Ramsay, Cole Jarrett and LaRose each scored in the first period to give Plymouth a 3-0 lead, but the Greyhounds got three scores in the first half of the second period to tie it.

Ramsay's second goal, with 56 seconds left in the second period, proved to be the gamewinner. LaRose added an insurance marker with just under seven minutes left in the third.

LaRose, Jarrett and Ramsay each had one assist in the game as well. James Wisniewski (from Canton) and Stewart had two assists apiece.



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#### METROPARKS

#### **METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

#### OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS** Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (248) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

#### **STATE PARKS**

#### STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake **Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation** Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (248) 229-7067.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to 248-644-1314.)

#### **CLINICS**

The Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, is offering a roller hockey clinic for youths 9-and-under from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2; and for ages 10-14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 3.

Players will work on skating, positions and scrimmaging. This is a fun league and scores will not be recorded. Pizza and pop is served for lunch.

Cost is \$40 for members and \$55 for non-members.

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## Sage advice usually has cost factor

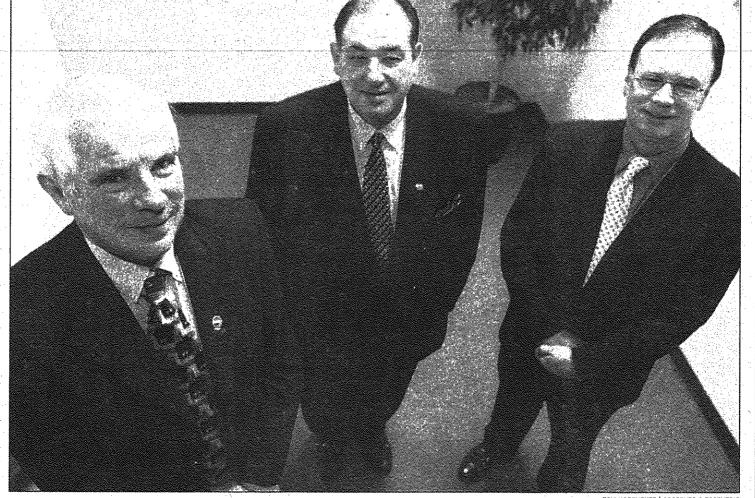
**Q: We have construction defects** at our condominium and we want to engage an attorney. However, one of the board members thinks that he can get free legal advice without having to retain an attorney in an effort to determine whether we have a valuable claim. I'm trying to convince him that it isn't practical. What are your thoughts?

Generally speaking, the old adage that you get what you pay for applies to legal advice being provided on a consulting basis at no charge.

Personal injury attorneys will interview a prospective client to determine the value of a case because they normally will only accept good cases on a contingency basis.

Attorneys who charge for their time on an hourly basis generally won't provide detailed legal advice at no charge since they must thoroughly examine the matter and determine whether, in fact, there is a basis for you to prosecute the case.

No doubt there are attorneys in the world who will consult with a client at no charge. Generally speaking, however, my experience has been that the type of analysis which you require may involve a



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Dick MacIntosh (left), Gary B. Arini and Lou Ronayne have been chosen Realtors of the Year.

# Top Realtors excel in work

#### **BY DOUG FUNKE** STAFF WRITER

They bring experience, involvement in their professional associations and service to the community. They're also good at and love what they do.

The three recipients of Realtor of the Year honors this year for boards within the O&E coverage area have been licensed to buy and sell real estate for nearly 78 years in total.

All three have sales and

tion. There's a lot of classes out there. Get out and know people. Wherever you go, the real estate topic seems to come up.

Ronayne: A strong will to succeed, not take no for an answer. They have to have a thick skin, have to enjoy being around people.

They definitely have to like what they're doing because they work such long hours. You have to be honest.

Arini: Just being honest and sincere in your everyday business. Keep yourself on the cutting edge. Q: What can buyers and sellers do to make a real estate transaction easier? Ronayne: Be informed. Buyers, we still pre-qualify for mortgages. (Sellers) have to listen when we tell them to fix something, make the house presentable, change the carpet, clean closets. MacIntosh: If they don't know someone (Realtor) already, they need to talk with two or three people and get comfortable with them. You're going to get down to some real touchy things ... incomes, savings. By the time the transaction closes, you're part of the family, sometimes. Arini: If you don't have a Realtor, interview a couple, three. Ask how long they've been in the business. How long they've worked with the company. How much listing inventory do they keep. What's the team like. Once you find a Realtor, listen to what she or he tells you. Q: What advice would you give to someone thinking about becoming a Realtor or a relative newcomer to the business? Arini: Find a broker who has

a program ... a structured training program ... in-house to train you. Not only training, but mentors assigned to new agents to help along bumps in the road.

Ronayne: Go to a company that will give you the tools to be successful. The Internet and technology, right now, are the most important things to be successful in our business.

MacIntosh: If you're making money, you're working a lot of hours in the business, but working smart, too.

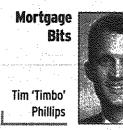
#### MacIntosh, 66, has been licensed for 36 years and has worked in the residential and commercial ends of the busi-

ness. He's also a builder. He's a two-time president of his board, 22 years a director, and has served on virtually all of its committees. He also was North Oakland's Realtor of the Year in 1981.

MacIntosh enjoys tennis and visiting his Florida home. He lives in Waterford and is dad to Suzanne and Paula.

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## Refinance effort yields thousands

n his book "Secrets of Power Negotiating," author Roger Dawson explains that there is a huge financial benefit in knowing how to negotiate price. He asserts that knowing how to effectively negotiate is one of the most profitable skills a person can acquire.

Let's say you are shopping for a major appliance and you notice that the price on the model you desire is \$200 higher than you wish to pay. Rather than pay the full price, you ask your salesman to drop his price \$400. He says no, but he can cut it by \$300, and you shake hands.

It took a total of five minutes, and you saved yourself \$300, which equates to over \$400 in earned pre-tax dollars. In other words, you paid yourself about \$4,800 per hour to negotiate for those five minutes. What a great return for such minimal effort.

The bigger the item, the more your potential savings. Since your mortgage is probably your largest purchase, any effort you make to better it is likely to yield the highest personal financial dividends per unit of time invested. Let's say you have been holding off on refinancing your \$150,000 mortgage because you can only improve your current interest rate a little bit. You plan on staying in your home for a very long time, but you do not think it's worth the effort for a seemingly nominal reduction in your interest rate. Here's the math. At a 7 percent interest rate, you pay about \$209,000 in interest on \$150,000 over 30 years. A drop to 61/2 percent has your total interest payments at about \$191,000, and a 6 percent rate drops you to about \$173,500. If in the worst case it takes you 60 minutes to complete a mortgage application, another hour to track down some supporting documents, and an hour to close your new loan, your refinance efforts have you making about \$6,000 per hour. Of course, you will realize this "income" as money "not spent" over 30 years, but I think it's a compelling reason not to delay your refinance. Don't you?

number of hours of time expended by the attorney in order to render a proper opinion.

As the old saying goes, "He who charges least knows best what he's worth," and that may well apply here.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice,

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management experience and two have been selected Realtor of the Year previously. The winners for 2002:

Dick MacIntosh, broker/owner, The MacIntosh Co., a property investment and management firm in Waterford. He was chosen by the North Oakland County Board of Realtors. Gary B. Arini,

broker/owner, Century 21 AAA, Eastpointe. He was tapped by the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors.

Lou Ronayne, associate broker and team leader, Keller Williams-Northville. He was picked by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

The three recently got together for a group photo and interview. Here are edited excerpts from the conversation. Q: What qualities make for a successful Realtor?

MacIntosh: I've always told people who work for me, be honest, be involved and be informed.

Be updated with procedures. Computers changed our business. Stay on top with educa-

Your ears are always open. You never know where your next buyer or seller will come from. If you're informed and out and about talking to people, you will be successful. Q: What's the biggest enjoyment you get out of your work?

MacIntosh: The closing and meeting people. After the closing, hearing them say what a good experience it was and how they love their home. It gives you a super feeling.

I've gotten cards from people telling me how much they love the schools, love the neighborhood. Obviously, the (commission) check is vital, but it's nice to have people take the time to thank you.

Arini: I'm not out there every day now listing and selling. I'm a broker. Growing the company from six people to 65 real estate agents today, watching them flourish and succeed with the programs and policies we put in place, it's what I've enjoyed the last 17-18 years.

Ronayne: For the first time in 20 years, I'm an office manager. Now, it's a big responsibility for educating, training and helping other people be successful.

Arini, 47, has been a licensed Realtor for 22 years. He's incoming president of his association and has served on various committees including government affairs, professional standards and public relations.

Arini was Realtor of the Year for the Macomb association two years ago. That board has since merged with Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland to become Metropolitan Consolidated.

He's married to Liz, dad to Emily, Leo, Kenneth and Jeanelle and resides in St. Clair Shores.

Arini enjoys fishing, hunting and is active with Boy Scouts of America.

Ronayne, 47, has been a Realtor nearly 20 years. His professional involvements include government affairs and political action.

Ronayne lives in Northville. He's married to Debbie and dad to Jacki, Katie and Louie.

When not working, Ronayne enjoys following the hockey and dramatic exploits of his kids, playing golf and traveling.

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## Larson Realty Group, DRA Advisors buy Southfield office plaza

PRNewswire - Larson Life Insurance Co. Realty Group and DRA Advisors Inc. announced Dec. 17 that a partnership they have formed bought Onyx Office Plaza in Southfield from Northwestern Mutual

Onyx Office Plaza is at 29777 Telegraph, on the west side of Telegraph just north of 12 Mile. The four-story office building, built in 1983, comprises 270,488 total

square feet and 259,340 square feet of net leasable area. The building is 88.8-percent

The Larson Realty Group-DRA Advisors partnership, doing busi- our purchase of Onyx

ness as G & I III Onyx LLC, completed the purchase Dec. 10. Larson Realty Group plans to make a variety of improvements.

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Office Plaza, and we look forward to developing strong relationships with our tenants and neighbors," said Eric Larson, president and CEO of Larson Realty Group.

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHO@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



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Wendy Patton, a broker/builder, present a real estate investors conference Friday-Sunday, Jan. 17-19, at the Northfield Hilton, Crooks at

Topics include negotiations, tax issues and rental cash flows. Packages range \$59-\$149.

To register, call Gott at (248) 394-0150.

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Walled Lake Community Education sponsor a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 6-15, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail.

Oakland Builders Institute and

Cost is \$205, plus \$20 for a textbook and sample questions. To reg-ister, call (248) 956-5000.

#### **SELL HOME CLASS**

**PRE-LICENSE CLASS** 

Alma Mathley of Professional Real Estate Title sponsors a free, no-obligation class, "For Sale by Owner," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main Street two blocks north of 14 Mile, Clawson, To register, call Mathley at (248) 851-2975.

#### **COMMERCIAL FORECAST**

GVA Strategis, a Southfieldbased commercial brokerage, and the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors co-host the 12th annual Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar noon Friday, Jan. 17, at the Centerpoint Marriott Hotel, Pontiac.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door. To register, call Sandi Melki at (248) 262-8000.

#### **INVESTORS CONFERENCE**

Michael Gott, a Realtor, and

Michigan sponsors its 11th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Friday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens. Children under 12 are free.

On-site parking is available for an additional charge. For more information, call (248) 862-1019.

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

#### FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a nonprofit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership \$50.

For information, call the center, (313) 963-1274.

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

#### PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the **Community Associations Institute** can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

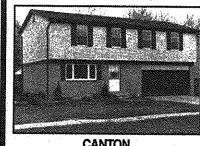
"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www. caionline. org.

#### SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

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Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

The Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects recently honored several members during its annual Awards Recognition Program.

Eric J. Hill, FAIA and Ph.D., received the Gold Medal, the institute's highest honor given to an architect who demonstrates distinguished leadership to the profession over time.

Hill is vice president and director of urban design and planning with Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit.

His projects include Detroit **Opera House interior renova**tion, Grand Circus Park renovation, Detroit Riverfront Promenade and Wayne State University Master Plan.

Hill has co-authored a book

with John Gallagher, AIA **Detroit - American Institute** of Architects Guide to Detroit Architecture, and is an adjunct professor of architecture at the University of Michigan.

He received bachelor and doctoral degrees in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

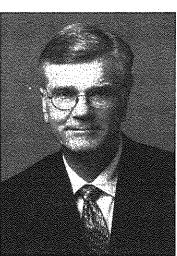
He's also conducted research in urban design at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Hill lives in Bloomfield Hills.

Peter D. Cummings received the Charles A. Blessing Award for demonstrated commitment to improving the quality of life and built environment of Detroit.

Cummings is principal of Ram Development, a real estate management and development services company in Detroit.

He's board chairman of the **Detroit Symphony Orchestra** and has been involved in the expansion of Orchestra Hall,



Eric J. Hill

the new High School for the Fine and Performing Arts and 3600 Woodward, a mixed-use residential/retail community.

Dorian A. Moore, AIA, received the Young Architect (under 40) of the Year Award for demonstrating talent, commitment to the profession and leadership in the community.

Moore, president of Detroitbased Archive D/S, has design and planning experience with **Detroit's Community Investment Strategy**.

He has also been involved

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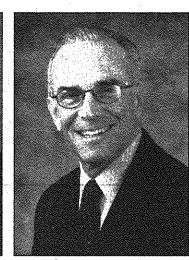
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Peter D. Cummings

with the Wayne State University Undergraduate Library, Canfield Lofts and Ferris State University College of Art and Science Facility.

Moore teaches architecture and urbanism at Lawrence Technological University, WSU and University of Detroit-Mercy.

He has a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Michigan and attended the Studies in Urbanism program at Technical University, Vienna, Austria.



Dorian A. Moore

Moore lives in Windsor. Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara was inducted as an Honorary Affiliate Member.

He was cited for expanding Wayne County Detroit Metro Airport, efforts to build Comerica Park and Ford Field and contributions to the Rouge River clean-up.

McNamara lives in Plymouth Township.

Jon Savoy, CCIM, SIOR, senior vice president at Grubb & Ellis, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, has been appointed chairman of

the Oakland County Economic Development Corp.

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Savoy, a 23-year veteran, holds the professional designations of Certified **Commercial Investment** Member and Society of Industrial and Office Realtors.

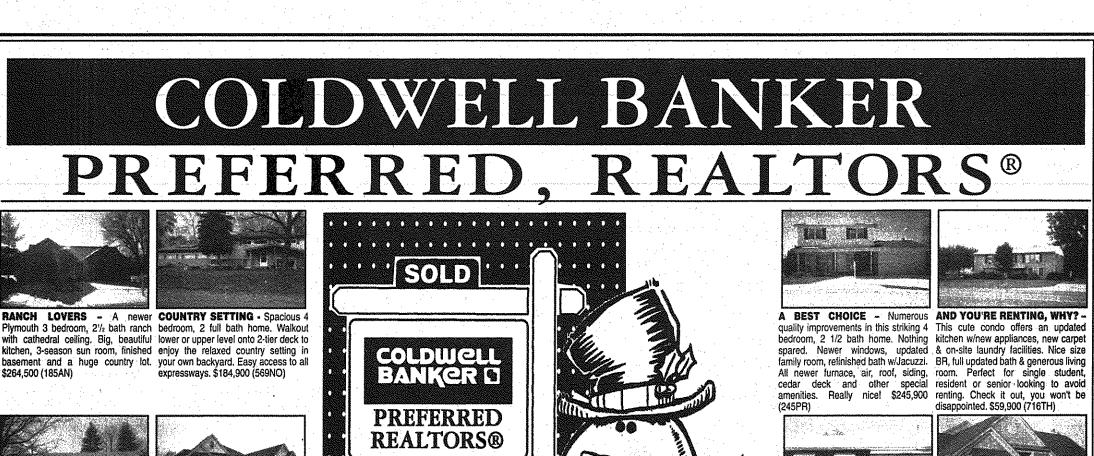
He's twice won his firm's **Circle of Excellence Award** and was CCIM RCommercial Realtor of the Year in 1995

Grubb & Ellis has licensed a branch office in Ann Arbor. The office will be headed by Neal Warling, senior vice president with 17 years commercial real estate experience, and Deborah Pearson, a marketing specialist.

The law firm of Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller in Southfield, whose practice includes real estate transactions, announces several appointments.

John E. Jacobs and Michael B. Perlman become shareholders.

Richard M. Mitchell, Joseph N. Ejbeh, Danielle M. Spehar, Christopher A. McMican, Geoffrey N. Taylor, Brian A. Nettleingham and Nicole E. Wilinski become associates. Walter J. Goldsmith becomes of counsel.



## **MOVERS & SHAKERS**

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LIVONIA ROYAL POINTE WEST - CapeCod RANCH - 1,344 sq. ft. includes on premium lot siding "commons formal living room, country area"! Features 18 ft. volume celling, 'GR' w/2-way room, natural fireplace, etched glass windowed/doorwalls to custom 500 sq. doorwall to patio, 3 bedrooms, 11/2 ft. 2-tiered brick paver patiol Dual dr baths main floor, newer carpeting, entry master w/his/her vanities, finished basement and attached Jacuzzi w/adjacent shower! Minor exclusions. \$432,000 (550PO)



SIZE - Great family home located in Great floor plan, 1962 sq. ft., 1st floor Franklin Palmer Sub. Featuring a master bedroom, lott overlooks great family room with a fireplace, a 2-car room, 21/2 baths, walkout basement, attached garage and a new roof and and a 21/2 car attached garage. siding. \$179,900 (486FR)





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UPDATED DELIGHT - All newly HISTORIC plan, C/A & carport. (306NE)

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NORTHVILLE! redecorated in neutral decor-2 Award winning gardens lead to this gentler time reflect in the wraparound Plymouth cape cod w/over \$200,000 - Clean & neat ranch home in Garden SETTING - Anderson windows, 2 buildings each fully occupied, have bedrooms plus new oak kitchen with mature, charming 4 bedroom, 3 bath porch, parlor, kitchen gathering area in extras. Granite counters, custom City w/remodeled kitchen & bath, sprinkler new stove/dishwasher, new carpet, home. Unique, updated w/designer w/FP, butter pantry & oversize wood moldings, cabinets, mantel & wet bar. finished basement, newer windows & new vanity & fixtures in bath. flair & quality. Exquisite master suite trim. Situated on ½ acre & offering 5 Spectacular landscape package & updated electric. All appliances stay & Immediate occupancy. Open floor w/balcony, Guest quarters w/kitchen & bedrooms & \$139,900 bath. Special features include granite construction. \$549,900 (832SA) floors, custom cabinets & fixtures.



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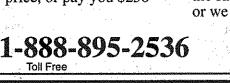
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# Average mortgage rate in U.S. drops Homes for the gov

(AP) — Mortgage rates around the country fell last week for the first time since the middle of November.

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The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 6.04 percent for the week ending Dec. 13, Freddie Mac reported in its weekly nationwide survey. That was down from 6.19 percent in the previous week.

Last week's rates marked the first time rates for 30-year, 15year and one-year adjustable

rate mortgages fell since the week ending Nov. 15.

At that time, rates on 30-year mortgages dropped to 5.94 percent, the lowest level since the mortgage giant began tracking them in 1971.

Rates on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, dipped to 5.46 percent last week, down from 5.60 percent.

Low mortgage rates this year have been feeding a refinancing boom.

Also, home sales – powered by low mortgage rates — are expected to post records this year.

"Freddie Mac's most recent economic forecast indicates that next year's housing sector, though slower than this year's, will nevertheless continue to thrive," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Rates on one-year adjustablerate mortgages decreased to 4.18 percent last week, compared with 4.21 percent last week.

Mortgage rates don't include add-on fees known as points.

Thirty-year mortgage loans and 15-year mortgages each carried an average fee of 0.5 point this week. One-year ARMS carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week.

A point is 1 percent of the amount borrowed.

A year ago, 30-year mortgages averaged 7.09 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.57 percent and one-year ARMS stood at 5.19 percent.

Here are some facts about the homes owned by the state of Michigan for the governor.

The governor's primary residence is in Lansing, it's a 1950s-era ranch home on three acres of land that was donated to the state in 1969. The house has four bedrooms, is 6,300 square feet. The state paid \$250,000 for the antique furniture it contained.

There is also a summer residence on Mackinac Island. It's a Victorian-era cottage built in 1902, and cost the state \$15,000 to buy in 1945. The cottage has 11 bedrooms, and views of Mackinac Island harbor.

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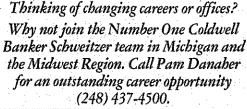
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# Fireplace mortar can be lightened up

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Maurice and Geneva ask: We love our family room corner fireplace with rock but hate the color of the grout. The grout is dark to medium gray, and we prefer light gray, which we think would look better as our decor is mauve, cream, and light gray. Can the fireplace grout be regrouted over the existing grout? We also have a lot of black metal exposed around the brass-trimmed glass doors, between the fireplace opening and where the rock starts. Can a coordinating marble or tile be adhered or affixed to this metal front?

The term grout is more commonly used with ceramic tile installations. What you have surrounding the stone at your fireplace is most certainly mortar. Whereas grout is used to fill joints between tile, mortar is used to join stone together.

Besides providing a solid bond between the stone, it also can add to the design and interest of stone or brick. In any case, you can change the color of the mortar a couple of ways. If the mortar is just a

touch too dark and you want to lighten it up a wee bit, start with a 10-percent solution of muriatic acid. Apply the solution to the mortar joints only, using a small bristle brush or similar device. A little of this mild acid on the stone or brick will usually not hurt as long as you don't allow it to remain for very long.

Allow the acid to remain on the mortar joints for at least 5 minutes or until it has stopped fizzing. Rinse the area completely and allow it to dry.

You might need to wait a few days until the mortar has dried completely to determine if the process worked. If the mortar has lightened but the desired result has not been achieved, give the mortar another acid treatment and allow it to dry.

Remember: Safety first. Wear rubber gloves and eye protection and make sure that there is plenty of ventilation in the area when working with acid.

Another way to change the color of the mortar is by removing about a quarter-inch layer from the surface of the existing mortar,

using a hammer and chisel and applying a new layer of mortar in its place. Powdered pigment can be mixed in with the new

mortar to create a color to suit your decorating needs. You should first make a few test samples of the mortar on a board to make sure that you have the desired color. Be sure to allow the mortar sample to dry completely since mortar typically will lighten as it dries.

The black metal that you are referring to is the front face of the prefabricated metal fireplace that was installed before the stone. We understand your unhappiness with the appearance of this metal trim but recommend that you do nothing to alter it. This trim frequently contains intake vents or air exchange vents that might be harmed if surrounded by stone or tile.

We believe that a safer way to deal with this problem would be by painting the trim with a heat-resistant spray paint that is close in color to either your stone or the new mortar color.

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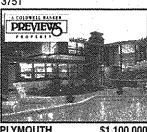
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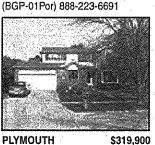
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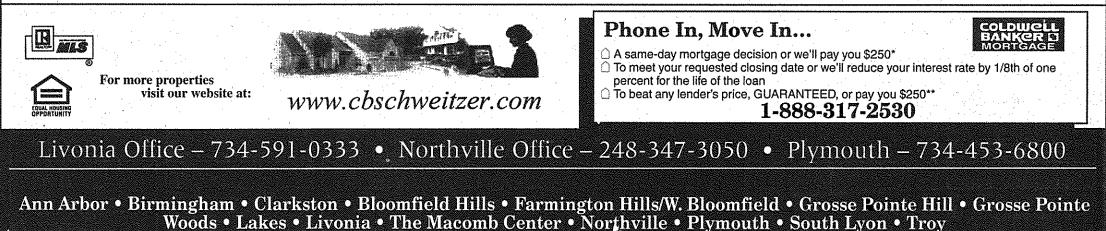
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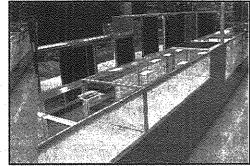




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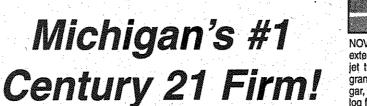


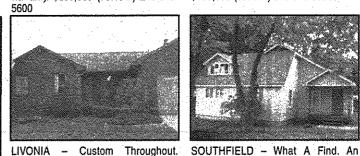
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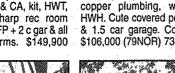


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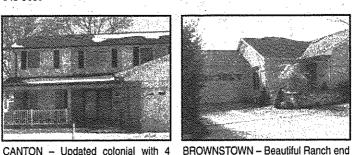
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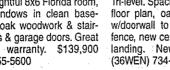


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## Urban growth puts the squeeze on horse-keeping tradition

(AP) - Each morning, Lynn Brown saddles up Cleopatra, her black Tennessee Walking horse. and rides through a narrow concrete tunnel.

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Above them, thousands of cars race along a busy freeway connecting downtown with Burbank, Glendale and the San Fernando Valley near Los Angeles.

Within minutes, Brown is riding the high trails of a park, where each turn brings a dramatic view of neighborhoods, highways, film studios and the downtown skyline.

Like legions of horse lovers throughout the West, Brown does her riding in close quarters to urban communities.

And like many of those riders, she finds herself increasingly fighting developers and city officials who want to put homes across traditional horse paths or new neighbors who don't find the smell of horse manure as appealing as she does.

"I have fought a constant battle for 15 years against developers, against being zoned out of existence," Brown said. "We have won a lot of battles, but you have to pay attention all the time."

About a year ago, The Bloomfield Open Hunt Club here sold off about 40 acres of its property to pay off debt to renovate facilities.

The club no longer hosts major competitions. People still ride and board horses there. The club also has expanded its on-site lesson programs.

In California, Arizona and Montana, state horse councils lobby regularly in city halls and legislatures to preserve trails and trail access for riders.

We're really losing a lot of our rights to keep horses," said Gini Richardson, of the California State Horseman's

In addition, many trails on public land are being closed in response to complaints by hikers and environmental organizations who don't want to share the trails with horses, said Charles "Toby" Horst, a Fresno ranch owner who helped form the California Equestrian Trails and Lands

Coalition. In Boulder, Colo., urban encroachment and land use regulations may be part of the reason the number of horses dropped from 16,000 in 1982 to 8,000 in 1999, according to a recent count. "We've lost our horse population to abusive land use regulations, purchasing of open space and development," said Eloise Joder, president of the Colorado

Horse Council. "Regulations are coming

down on us."

There are more horses in California now than 100 years ago - at least 275,000 pleasure horses alone, state organizations estimate - but their owners are finding

fewer places to ride. "There are more people than ever involved with urban horsekeeping," said Randy Witte, publisher of Western Horseman magazine. "And that means more issues about keeping horses.' Brown, who has written articles for Witte's magazine, titled her first article, "Dealing with your local

bureaucracy." Brown's tips: Don't yell unless necessary; thank them when they do something good; and cooperate with groups such as the Sierra Club and neighborhood organizations, which are interested in preserving open space.

"The secret of our success was making those coalitions," Brown said.

One of those successes was blocking plans for a children's museum on one of the last flat areas in hilly

in our park," Brown said. Los Angeles, like other Western cities, has a long tradition of urban horsekeeping.

Film stars such as Bette Davis and Ida Lupino kept horses in the Rancho area that runs along Griffith Park and crosses through the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Los Angeles.

Hundreds of B-Westerns were filmed farther north around the Santa Susana Mountains near Chatsworth.

And in the northeastern San Fernando Valley, around Lake View Terrace, a thriving horse community borders the San Gabriel Mountains and the Angeles National Forest.

Houses in horse neighborhoods range from modest to mansions, but all have barns and stalls in the back yard.

In parts of the valley, horses and riders are common sights along busy streets, where crossing buttons on traffic lights are set at rider level.

Grocery stores sell 25pound bags of horse-grade carrots, and in Burbank a local dry cleaner offers a tack-repair shop in the back.

While special zoning protects many urban horsekeeping areas, those rules often are subject to change.

If developers win variances, neighborhoods begin to lose their horse-keeping majority, said Wendy Greuel, a Los Angeles City Council member who has proposed an ordinance protecting current areas zoned for horse-keeping.

"We've had conflicting and inconsistent policies within the city that threatens our horse-keeping traditions," Greuel said.

"Politicians give all this hollow, false rhetoric about preserving the horse-keeping lifestyle, but then we drive by and we're seeing housing community after nousing community

# A slice of history sold at auction

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(AP) - It took less than 20 minutes for auctioneers to sell a piece of history - the home where Goodyear rubber company founders Frank and Charles Seiberling were born near Akron, Ohio.

Guy and JoAnn Kitchen, who live near Cleveland, paid \$315,000 for the property, which includes a 1839 Greek revival-style home, barn, three-car garage and five acres of land.

The home is known locally as the "pillar home," because of the four large pillars that adorn its front. Auctioneer Harold Farnsworth tried to open the

bidding at \$500,000 but got no takers.

The opening bid came in at \$100,000 then shot to \$200,000 with several people outbidding one another. Prospective buyers dropped off as the price inched toward \$300,000.

Kitchen said he read about the house sale in a farm and dairy news publication but acknowledged it was scary to buy something under the kind of pressure created by the auction.

He and his wife were looking to move to the country now that their five children are grown. They didn't know about the Seiberling connection until after they started looking at the house, he said.

Frank and Charles Seiberling's grandfather, Nathan, built the house in 1839. His son, John, moved his family into the house in 1857.

Experts warn against excess lighting

(AP) - Revelers should find another outlet when they light up the Christmas night - another electrical outlet.

Electricians report an increase in calls for assistance each year after homeowners string hundreds of feet of colorful lights outside their homes.

"People are going completely crazy," said electrician Dan Mahon. "They are doing things with Christmas lights that you wouldn't believe.'

One of the most common problems occurs when homeowners string a multitude of extension cords end to end to reach that distant tree in the yard, he said.

"The longer you run them, the more heat you generate," Mahon said.

stores, which sell Christmas lights, said homeowners can be both merry and bright if they simply read the directions that come with every box.

She said the phones begin ringing for her as well during the holiday season.

"People will buy a set of lights, plug it in, and think they can run their hair dryer, the microwave, the washer and dryer and the George Foreman cooker at the same time without blowing a circuit," she said.

Directions included in lighting sets outline the number of strings that can be connected (usually three), whether they are outdoor or indoor lights and the type of extension cords that should be

Nearly 500 people attended an open house a week before the sale, said Bryan O. Adams, the home's owner. Adams and his late wife paid \$210,000 for the

It was extensively renovated after it was sold again

home in 1991 after admiring it for years whenever driving by.

Frank Seiberling was born there in 1859 and

Akron in 1865. The house stayed in the family until

Charles was born in 1861. The family moved to

After his wife's death, Adams moved to another historic home in Wadsworth, Ohio, and decided to auction the Seiberling home after he was unable to sell it for the price he wanted through a real estate agent.

The Kitchens got one freebie with the house - a blanket with pictures of various historic homes on it, including the one they'd just bought.

When the auctioneer held up the blanket, the crowd insisted it be given to the Kitchens.

"They should give it to them after what they paid," said one of the onlookers.

Farnsworth asked if there were any objections and was met with a resounding "no" from the crowd.

> Frank Nelson spent almost 20 hours over two days installing

12,000 lights outside his home in North Huntingdon near Pittsburgh.

Did he read the directions? Well, not really," he said. "If they're doing good, then I say, what the heck, let's try four, and if that works, sometimes I'll string five together."

Common sense also plays an important role in stringing outdoor lighting, Mahon said. He received a call from one hapless homeowner who strung an extension cord across a frozen pond, which melted.

Mahon has retrieved extension cords that became so hot they melted like taffy, he said.

## Simple test can help when selecting carpet

#### BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Shopping for carpet? Not all carpet is created equal. The type of and the

relates to the amount of yarn used. Here's a simple density test that you can make when carpet shopping: bend the carpet and note how close the individual tufts are o each other and how much of

The stronger the backing, the better the carpet.

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Janie Long, a buyer for Pool City used, she said.





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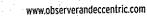
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